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AGM and Membership

As August approaches, we're gearing up for our Annual General Meeting (AGM), tentatively scheduled for Sunday, the 18th, at 10 AM. Please mark this date on your calendars, with final confirmation on the time and location to follow soon.

Your attendance and participation are crucial as we discuss important matters concerning our community. Alongside this announcement, attached to this newsletter is the Fosca renewal form.

To streamline the process, we kindly request that you make your payments directly into our account, ensuring to include your surname as a reference.

Specific details can be found on the attached form, and we greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this matter to facilitate a smooth renewal process for all members.

Bringing History back to Life

In a heartfelt gesture of preservation and community spirit, Philipp House, a cherished part of Shalom Court, has unveiled a collection of previously homeless historical plaques.

Anna Nathan and David Williams took on the task with admirable dedication, meticulously cleaning, framing, and arranging these plaques, which bear familiar names such as David and Janet Pezaro, Dian and David Ross, Raye Freedman, and Sonia Adler, among others. Their efforts have transformed the Philipp House foyer into a living testament to the enduring legacies of community members.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Anna and David for their initiative and commitment. Their swift response to showcasing these plaques not only honours our shared history but also invites everyone to reconnect with our past. We encourage all to visit and take a nostalgic journey through the stories these plaques tell.

The Philipp House foyer now stands as a beacon of remembrance and reflection, thanks to the dedication of Anna Nathan and David Williams. Their initiative underscores the importance of preserving community heritage for future generations to cherish and celebrate.



THANK
YOU



From the Chair

Our Second FOSCA for 2024 and we are already at the end of June. I am delighted to say that our 3 yearly audit went extremely well, and we had excellent results. Thanks to the hard work by Marlene and her team, as well as Jasper from HBH who was here both before and during the audit to ensure that we ticked all the boxes.

There has been a lot of construction happening at Shalom Court. The lower units have had the roof finally completed (on the right hand side) as well as extensive painting. They are continually being rented out by immigrant nurses and it's wonderful to see that area in full swing again after so many years of them being obsolete.

We will see new carpet being laid in all the common areas in both Philipp House and Albert House in August- I'm very excited about that and it will give Shalom Court a new, vibrant look.

The old plaques that have now found a new, permanent home in the entrance to Philipp House. A huge thank you to Anna Nathan and David Williams who spent a lot of time and artistic ability to create this. So many wonderful names that evoke many memories. It was a dream for me to see these up again, and when you come to visit, please take the time to have a look.

Purim was enjoyed and we purchased Hamentashen (cookies) from the Shule Shop which were delicious and added to the festival feeling.

Recently we celebrated Passover and Judi Lubetzky and Roy Nates were incredible in leading the Seder. The residents and some of their families enjoyed this immensely, and I thank them very much for participating. We had the Seder on the first day (not the eve) which worked well, and we also incorporated a separate table for those residents who wanted to eat matzo for 8 days. With the diet/digestion of our elderly residents, we have to consider everyone. Therefore we came to the wonderful solution of a separate table which everyone was happy with.

Shavuot was celebrated on Tuesday 11th June, and a very tasty meal prepared by Albert (our amazing cook) of smoked salmon and avocado, challah, fish, followed by cheesecake. Roy Nates came to do the service, and it was an enjoyable evening. I ensure that all our festivals have the appropriate food, and ask some residents what their preferences are.

Our volunteers who work tirelessly for Shalom Court, are hugely appreciated. Each and everyone of them does their utmost to assist us and our residents in many ways possible. From the bus trips to the afternoon teas to the word building, to the visits etc. Our two Boards work hard behind the scenes to ensure that everything runs smoothly, and again, my thanks to everyone for their support, input and care.

Sunday 30th June will be our Grandparents Day and we warmly invite families to come and enjoy. Photos will be in the next FOSCA - thank you to Adele and EMS committee for organising this, including a Mr Whippy van.

Shalom Court Board is working on a major fundraiser which will hopefully be around March 2025. We haven't had anything significant for many years, and many on the Board think the time is right to organise a special fundraiser that all can enjoy. A few ideas have been floated and we are working on something exciting.

August is the time for our AGM - probably Sunday 18th at 10am. So please pencil that in, time/date to be confirmed. Fosca renewal form is attached to this newsletter, and we would be very appreciative if you could put your payments directly into our account, along with your surname as reference. Details on the attached form. Thank you.

Our premiums will have to go up in August, and we are expecting an increase in subsidies as well around that time, which means that all private paying residents will also need to increase their fortnightly amounts. We will keep you posted.

Finally, we welcome any articles written by you that you would like to publish if you'd like to contribute. I wish you all a very happy few months and I look forward to seeing many of you at our AGM in August.

Warm regards,
Esther Haver

**Our wonderful
board chair
celebrates her 68th
Birthday, wishing
you many blessings
for the year ahead.
Happy Birthday
Esther.**



More on the Memorial Garden Box and Plaque

The last issue of FOSCA news carried an article about the addition to the grounds of Shalom Court, of a small elevated garden. The garden was funded by Adele and Wally Hirsh and constructed by their son-in-law, Pete Jaspers.

Margot Hirsh and Martha Horn, sisters-in-law, were residents at Shalom Court from 1987 until they passed away, a few months apart, both aged 96. They had been residents for 17 years. Fleeing from Nazi Germany, Margot arrived in New Zealand, in November 1938. Her husband Ernst, and two small sons were with her. The family first settled in Milton, South Otago, and after 10 years there moved to Dunedin. Ernst became the acting Rabbi for the Dunedin Jewish community from then for the next 40 years. He was the eldest in a family of 6 and did his best to rescue other members of that family from the strengthening antisemitic grip of the Nazis. Martha, (Ernst's younger sister) and her husband Joe, followed and were sailing to New Zealand in May 1939 when the 2nd World war broke out. They were interred in Colombo for a short time. But then managed to travel on to New Zealand.

Margot and Ernst, Martha and Joe, were a strong "foursome" who played a major role in the well-being of the Dunedin Jewish Community and the large number of Jewish students studying at Otago university, the only university in New Zealand at that time, with a medical school, dental school, home science, mining engineering et al. They did this with love and passion for almost half a century. Martha and Joe did not have any children, so they accommodated Jewish students year after year. Strong bonds were established with the students who were with Martha and Joe for at least 5 years. The Hirshes and Horns lived in humble homes, quite close to each other in Kaikorai Valley and Wakari.

Martha and Margot were very capable in the sewing crafts. When the opportunity arose to purchase the lovely haberdashery store in neighbouring Roslyn, the families jumped at it. The ladies grew this business to a very pivotal standing in this hill suburb. They became very well-known and widely respected. After some years running Roslyn Draperies, and at the age of 78, they retired. Meanwhile Wally (Margot's son) and his wife Adele, had moved to Auckland from Wellington, for Wally to take up the position of Race Relations Conciliator. In the intervening years both Margot and Martha had become widows and were living together in a lovely flat on Highgate. On a visit to Auckland in 1986, family discussions were held about the future for Martha and Margot. The group visited Shalom court and were very impressed. It took only a couple of weeks to make the decision to move north and this happened in 1987.

It was the right decision. The ladies settled in at shalom court almost immediately and were very happy with their spacious accommodation. They began their long stay in the 2 bedroom and 1 sitting room, unit 16 out the back. After a number of years there they moved to another 2 bedroom apartment which had to be removed when the Albert house building project began. Their final move was to adjoining rooms in Philipp house. They were happy in all 3 spaces. They were always complimentary about the quality of care and nursing. They took an active part in the activities on offer and keenly supported anything which helped make their home a Jewish home. Their lives were enriched by being at Shalom Court for so many years and they in turn contributed to life there too. Margot will be remembered for her "deutsche punctlishkeit" (clock watching) and her generosity. Martha will be remembered for her calm and gentle disposition.

Now, when we harvest tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, silver beet, red peppers and other vegetables, we will remember them and their many years of contentment, great care and happiness at Shalom Court.

Wally Hirsh O.B.E

May 2024

Kadimah School Spreads Joy at Shalom Court

Shalom Court residents were pleasantly surprised on Friday, 22nd March, when students from Kadimah School arrived bearing parcels of food as a gesture of goodwill and community spirit. The students, accompanied by staff members, extended warm greetings and shared these thoughtful gifts with residents, brightening their day with kindness and generosity.

The visit from Kadimah School not only brought smiles but also fostered meaningful connections between the younger generation and residents of Shalom Court. The thoughtful initiative was a testament to the school's commitment to community service and outreach, enriching the lives of those at Shalom Court with their presence and thoughtful gifts.

In addition to the food parcels, residents were treated to an enlightening Purim talk delivered by Rabbi Rube. His engaging discussion on the significance of Purim traditions and the timeless lessons of courage and faith resonated deeply with everyone present. Rabbi Rube's talk provided an opportunity for reflection and celebration, reinforcing the community's shared values and spiritual unity during this special time.

The combined efforts of Kadimah College and Rabbi Rube exemplified the spirit of compassion and camaraderie that thrives at Shalom Court. Such gestures of kindness and meaningful interactions enrich the fabric of community life, leaving a lasting impact and fond memories for residents and visitors alike.



PASSOVER CELEBRATION

On the 23rd of April, Philipp House came together in joyous celebration of Passover with a memorable luncheon. Roy Nates and Judi Lubetzky led the Seder, guiding everyone through the traditional rituals and recounting the poignant story of liberation. Their leadership and dedication to ensuring a meaningful experience for all attendees were deeply appreciated.

Special recognition goes to the diligent staff members whose meticulous planning and dedication ensured that the Passover luncheon proceeded seamlessly. Their efforts behind the scenes were instrumental in creating an atmosphere where residents and guests alike could feel the warmth of community and tradition.

Chef Albert and his culinary team delighted everyone with a sumptuous meal that perfectly complemented the occasion. From traditional dishes to specially baked macaroons, every aspect of the meal was prepared with care and attention to detail, adding to the festive spirit of the day.

The Passover luncheon not only nourished the body but also nurtured a sense of unity and belonging among all who gathered, marking it as a cherished event in the annals of Philipp House.

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Happy Birthday

EVERYONE



Ruth's 88th



Vernon's 82nd



Earl's 87th



Kathy 82nd

Lindy Davis Transforms Historic Waipū Bank into Nova Scotia Junction

On Thursday, 2nd May, Shalom Court was privileged to host Lindy Davis, a renowned Author, Journalist, and Creative Writer, who shared her inspiring journey of restoring the old Waipū National Bank of New Zealand building.

Designated as a Category 2 historic place by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, the project faced stringent preservation guidelines, but Lindy's vision and determination prevailed.

Despite setbacks such as Covid-19 restrictions disrupting her initial plans, Lindy courageously assumed the role of project manager and assembled a dedicated team of local tradespeople and builders.

Her expertise in research and management was evident as she navigated the complexities of restoration, transforming the deteriorating structure into Nova Scotia Junction—a vibrant community hub in Waipū.

During her engaging presentation, Lindy captivated the audience with before-and-after photos that showcased the building's remarkable transformation.

Her commitment to preserving heritage while revitalizing community spaces left a lasting impression, making the morning both enlightening and deeply inspiring for all who attended.

Dianne Levy



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Residents Delight in Outing to The Kosher Deli in Remuera

Recently, residents of Shalom Court were treated to a delightful outing to The Kosher Deli in Remuera, marking a joyful day out for all involved. Thanks to the generosity of volunteers who dedicated their time and sponsored the event, residents were able to enjoy a change of scenery and a chance to socialise outside the community.

The outing was made possible by the thoughtful support of volunteers who not only accompanied the residents but also ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience throughout. Their efforts in organising and overseeing the trip exemplify the community spirit and care that enriches daily life at Shalom Court.

Residents savoured the opportunity to explore The Deli in Remuera, savouring its ambiance and perhaps indulging in some culinary delights.

The outing provided not only a break from routine but also fostered connections and created lasting memories, highlighting the importance of community support and engagement in enhancing the well-being of all residents.



Residents Enjoy Sunshine and Ice Cream on Outing

Shalom Court residents embarked on a delightful bus trip recently, treating themselves to a day of outdoor fun that included a picnic and a special Mr Whippy ice cream treat.

Lucille, Maureen, Pamela, Eileen, Ruth Ketko, Raoul, Harry, Kathy, and Valentina A were among those who savored the sunshine and camaraderie during this memorable excursion.

The outing was made possible through the support and dedication of those who organised and assisted, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

The picnic provided a perfect opportunity for residents to relax and enjoy nature's beauty together, while the Mr Whippy ice cream treat added a sweet touch to the day's festivities.

The event not only brought joy and laughter but also strengthened the bonds of friendship within the Shalom Court community. Residents expressed their gratitude to everyone involved for making the outing a wonderful and cherished experience.



Editor's Note: Celebrating Community Contributions

As we reflect on the recent editions of our newsletter, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed their stories, experiences, and insights. It has been truly inspiring to witness the wealth of wonderful experiences shared by our residents and community members.

From the joyous celebrations of Passover and Purim, which were truly memorable occasions filled with warmth and tradition, to the various outings, projects, and events that have enriched our community, each contribution has played a vital role in capturing the essence of life at Shalom Court.

Looking ahead, we anticipate our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in August, a crucial event where we come together to discuss important matters and chart the course for our community's future. Your active participation and input are invaluable as we navigate these discussions and decisions.

I encourage each of you to continue sharing your stories, achievements, and upcoming events with us for the newsletter. Whether it's a personal milestone, a community initiative, or simply a reflection on life at Shalom Court, your contributions make our newsletter a vibrant reflection of our shared experiences and community spirit.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and involvement in making our newsletter a cherished resource for all.

With warmest regards,

Chris Harris
Editor, Shalom Court Newsletter



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Building a Future of Care and Community: Support Shalom Court Today

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we navigate through the ever-changing landscapes of life, it's crucial to remember the values that anchor us: compassion, generosity, and community. At Shalom Court, these principles are not just words; they are the cornerstone of everything we do. Today, we invite you to join us in our mission to provide care, support, and a home for those in need.

Shalom Court is more than just a residence; it's a haven where individuals find solace, dignity, and a sense of belonging. We are committed to ensuring that everyone who walks through our doors receives the care and attention they deserve, regardless of their circumstances.

There are several ways you can contribute to our cause and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents:

- 1. Donate Now or in Your Will:** Your generous donations help us continue our vital work in providing high-quality care and support services. Whether you can give a little or a lot, every contribution makes a difference. Consider including Shalom Court in your will, leaving a lasting legacy of compassion and kindness.
- 2. Support Our Brick Campaign:** Instead of receiving traditional birthday presents, consider asking your loved ones to donate towards our Brick Campaign. By purchasing a brick, you're not just supporting our organisation financially; you're also leaving a lasting mark on our community. It's a gift that truly keeps on giving.
- 3. Explore Our Living Options:** If you or someone you know is seeking a comfortable and caring living environment, we invite you to explore our independent living apartments. Our recently refurbished, one-bedroom apartments offer a cozy and secure space for individuals looking to maintain their independence while receiving the support they need. Limited apartments are available, so don't hesitate to schedule a viewing today.

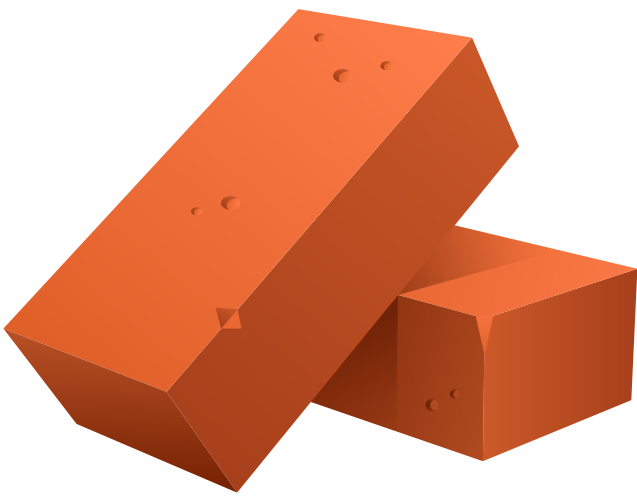
Whether you're considering a donation, supporting our Brick Campaign, or exploring our living options, your involvement makes a significant impact on the lives of our residents. Together, we can continue to build a future filled with care, compassion, and community.

For more information or to get involved, please contact us at generalmanager@shalomcourt.co.nz. Your support is truly appreciated.



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BRICK DONATIONS

If you are wanting to honour or celebrate a family member, friend or organisation then contact our operations team Roberta Tills – 521 7325 or email: accounts@shalomcourt.co.nz or click on the link on our website.

The perfect gift for someone.

This past month we honour:

3 Bricks presented to Ariel and Roni Hacoen in appreciation for their talk at Shalom Court in March

3 Bricks presented to Lindy Davis in appreciation of her talk at Shalom Court in May

*Thank
You*

I have found that among its
other benefits, giving
liberates the soul of the giver. .

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