

# Yeshivah board looks forward

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THE Yeshivah Centre's roof board, Yeshivah Centre Ltd (YCL), has said it will work towards "modelling good leadership" and ensuring that all boards within the organisation have the "best practice in governance".

When Yeshivah's three boards, YCL, Yeshivah Beth Rivkah Schools Limited (YBRSL) and Chabad Institutions of Victoria Limited (CIVL) marked 100 days in office recently they expressed their future visions to *The AJN*.

"The board aims to ensure financial stability so that all the mosdos (departments) are able to thrive and continue to serve the community, oversee establishment of policies and procedures to ensure the welfare and safety of those we have the privilege of serving and ensure the ethos and practices according to Chabad teachings are upheld," the YCL board told *The AJN*.

Those sentiments were echoed by the YBRSL board, which oversees the running of the schools.

"For the short-term, plans are in place to meet with teachers in leadership positions in the near future as well as engage with some of our generous donors and explore new opportunities to develop increased financial security," the YBRSL board said.

"We have two major capital projects underway, being the Beth Rivkah Primary building and the Trade Skills Centre.

"We are working on ensuring these new facilities are well managed



Yeshivah College.

Photo: Peter Haskin

and integrated into the school, and that we continue to ensure there are appropriate facilities across the school campuses."

The board said it will continue to work on the Jewish and secular educational programs and has started implementing healthy food guidelines in cooperation with the Yeshivah Beth Rivkah Parents Association.

The CIVL board, which has attracted unwanted attention because it continues to pay Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Telsner 18 months after he resigned, said that serving the community is always a challenge but all members of the board will continue to work towards an innovative and exciting future.

"The board has been focusing on strategic plans for all areas of the organisation including Ohel Chana (our women's tertiary learning institution); Kollel (our men's tertiary

learning institution); our Kashrut authority; Chabad Youth and our synagogues," the board said.

The CIVL board has already drafted policies to permanently embed proper governance, to ensure the correct treatment of victims of any crime and it has appointed several sub-committees.

"We want to build a relationship with our community – that includes the Chabad Community and the greater Melbourne Community.

"We want to see a Lubavitch organisation that well understands and anticipates future challenges; that has strong relationships throughout the rest of the Jewish and general community; that provides a centre of spiritual care and engagement for all members of the Jewish community and the public at large.

"We can achieve this by continuing to strengthen the transparency and governance processes."

# Collaborating on dementia research

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AN Australian medical researcher has teamed up with an Israeli professor to find a treatment for a common type of dementia.

With dementia currently affecting more than 50 per cent of Australian nursing-home patients, and no treatment or cure available, this research has wide appeal.

Research collaboration has been assisted and funded by AUSiMED, a local not-for-profit organisation that facilitates and encourages medical collaboration between Australia and Israel.

The research project is being led by Professor Ashley Bush at Melbourne's Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health and Professor Bernard Lerer at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Hadassah's Dr Amit Lotan, an AUSiMED research fellow, played a key role in bringing together the Australian and Israeli research teams.

The research collaboration focuses on vascular dementia, the second most common form of the disease after Alzheimer's, and seeks to determine whether iron, which excessively accumulates in the brain with ageing, contributes to the onset of vascular dementia.

The Florey team has experi-



Professor Bernard Lerer of Hadassah Hospital.

ence working with treatments that inhibit iron in the brain and Hadassah has unique ways to examine the effect of these new treatments on vascular dementia.

AUSiMED chair Antony Cohen said: "We are very fortunate to have two highly skilled teams collaborating on this project. Neither team could do this work without each other's support. It's a great combination of skills and knowledge from Australia and Israel, which is what AUSiMED does best."

The research will initially be funded from two major donations by Australian families on the occasions of two simchas, one a 60th birthday and the other a wedding.

To find out more about funding further stages of this project at a simcha or from a donation, please go to [www.ausimed.org](http://www.ausimed.org) or contact AUSiMED on 9272 5699.

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