The 'Zeffert Experience' Award

The Award for the month of January was presented to Mohammed Salaheldin (Salah). Many residents nominated Salah for his kind and caring nature. He is always happy to assist, working with a positive can-do attitude. Congratulations, Salah, and thank you for your ongoing hard work and committment to our residents.

The Award for the month of February went to Romee Baniya, our Clinical Nurse Manager. Romee was nominated for raising the clinical standards and for her consistent professionalism in all things clinical. Well done, Romee!

Introducing Sharon Cherny - our new Wellbeing Manager

We are delighted to welcome Sharon Cherny to the newly created role of Wellbeing Manager. As Wellbeing Manager, Sharon will identify the general and spiritual interests, dreams and needs, and the family and community connections of each resident with a focus on maximising their experience at Maurice Zeffert. The management of our volunteers is part of her portfolio and she has already begun to contact old and prospective volunteers. She is looking forward to growing the volunteer cohort now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

Our staff know how easy it is to be enveloped by the Maurice Zeffert magic, and Sharon has already experienced it. Her first impressions say it all: *My first week was fantastic. It is always nervous starting a new role. I met residents and staff. Dancing with staff and residents and watching games for birthday club. I was so excited to celebrate Purim with a community organisation, I had been thinking of themes and costumes for weeks. It is amazing how quickly residents can become so important to you.*

Welcome to our New Staff

In February and March we welcomed the following new staff members:
Yoke Chong – Accountant, Namgay Wangmo – Enabling Companion and Kavita Pun – Registered Nurse.

February/March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following residents:

Ron Toister	Jack Helfand
Rita Weiner	Leon Midalia
Ron Muhlmann	Bernard Thompson
Sonia Grant	Rita Saddik
Rosemary Bennett	Ada Kitay
Jacqui Katz	Ida Wingens
Rebe Atlas	Rita Fihlebon
Ruth Lewy	Ann Bordoni
Alex Bloch	Marlene Glaizner
Beverly Silbert	

Australia Day Lunch - 25 January

We celebrated 25 January with an Australian Day themed barbecue lunch, a singalong and dancing. Residents and staff dressed up (or down) for the occasion and a g'day was enjoyed by all.

Tree Planting Day - 6 February

Residents and staff joined Rabbi Dan Lieberman in the Shule garden as he planted and blessed two palm trees to celebrate TuBishvat.

Magical Memories - 14 February

Our residents were treated to a delicious morning tea, live music, and a slide show of beautiful wedding photos of residents and staff organised by Naz and her amazing Therapy Team. Thank you to everyone who shared their magical memories with us and made the event so special.

Shabbat with Heart

Every Friday night's Shabbat meal is important, every bracha is meaningful, lighting the candles each week is a ritual that reminds us of the times our grandmothers and mothers brought our families together. It is also good to create new Shabbat memories and so we have introduced a monthly Shabbat with Heart at Maurice Zeffert. The inaugural Shabbat with Heart took place on 17 February in Shalva Dining Room, and we invited Risa Silbert's nephew and niece, Ian and Illana Klevansky, and Philippa Hinton (CEO) and Yvonne Goldman (Operations Manager) as our first guests. The residents attending this communal dinner, the first in approximately six years, thoroughly enjoyed their first Shabbat with Heart, as did those who attended the second Shabbat with Heart on 17 March.

Staff BBQ - 16 February

Sam Hayward, Manager of Residential Services, and Nima Dema, HR Coordinator, organised a staff barbecue and a prize draw with fantastic prizes in recognition of everyone's contribution to caring for our residents. Sam showed off her barbecuing skills and Chef Manager Yeshey and her team provided tasty salads. Thank you to everyone who assisted on the day and all who attended.

Purim - 7 March

Purim 2023 was thoroughly enjoyed by our residents and staff. This year we welcomed back the Purim parade and were delighted when the Year 5 Carmel School children came in with bells and whistles wearing their costumes and singing.   We loved listening to Rabbi White read the Megillah and we celebrated with a Purim Seudah. The Hamentashen, made by residents and staff, were delicious and abundant. A huge thank you to various volunteers, staff, madrichim and shlichim in assisting to make this day so special.

Romee Baniya - Our Clinical Nurse Manager

Romee's role is to ensure the clinical care at MZH is to the appropriate standard and in line with the Aged Care Quality Standards. Romee ensures MZH is meeting all reporting requirements in a timely manner, and leads and supports the clinical team in providing a high level of care for all our residents.

Other News

Updated website – Please have a look at our new website when you have a moment – it can be found at the following link – https://mzh.org.au/. We would be happy to receive your feedback and any suggestions for improvement.

Linen Donations – In January, High Care Coordinator Kathy Williams organised a collection of old and worn facility linen to donate to worthy charities. Shalom House, RSPCA WA Malaga and Morley Vetcentre were extremely appreciative of the donation. Thank you Kathy!

Family Advisory Committee – The Family Advisory Committee (FAC) was reconvened in January. The Committee is comprised of current and recent relatives of residents and meets on a quarterly basis. The aim of the Committee is to consult and ensure appropriate mechanisms are in place to capture feedback from residents and families, and assist with service design and improvement. If you are interested in joining this Committee please email CEO Philippa Hinton at phinton@mzh.org.au

Snapshots from January and February