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The ongoing situation in Israel is having significant flow-on effects for Jewish communities around the world including the Victorian Jewish Community.

In view of this, Jewish Community Crisis Management (**JCCM**) is mobilising to coordinate key services and initiatives across the Victorian Jewish Community.

JCCM has been operating for two years with a mission to increase crisis resilience in the Victorian Jewish Community by facilitating a strategic coordination, collaboration and centralisation of information, services, and initiatives in times of need.

JCCM is the Victorian Jewish Community's crisis control group, with an established Crisis Management Team and an independent Community Crisis Leadership Group (**CLG**). JCCM is auspiced under CSG Victoria and authorised by the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (**JCCV**). It is comprised of a team of professional recovery and resilience staff, with a surge capability that includes crisis, disaster and emergency management experts, community leadership, and representatives from various community sectors, that standup when needed.

What is JCCM doing?

Since Sunday 8 October 2023, the community's CLG has held a watching brief on the situation in Victoria. From today, we will fully mobilise to coordinate and centralise key services for the Victorian Jewish Community, ad hoc and ongoing volunteering, welfare, community information, advocacy, and community representation in the media. These activities will remain focused on the Victorian Jewish Community and will not deal on matters in Israel.

We are standing up now to preclude the duplication of services, to strategically coordinate efforts, and to ensure no-one is left behind. This work will also enable our community resources to maintain their usual operations.

Additionally, JCCM will be facilitating a consolidated platform through the jccm.org.au website, to host trusted information on community services, advocacy, charity, volunteering, and community news.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will be building on this offering, with an initial focus on coordinating welfare activities and communications, and an emphasis on community resilience and empowerment.

We know that the community is seeking opportunities to volunteer their time and resources, and we have commenced work to connect organisations and volunteers.

What's next?

We will continue to communicate via email to community organisations, on social media platforms including The Social Blueprint and through the JCCM website.

If you would like to get in touch with us, please contact us via office@jccm.org.au.

Background to JCCM

*"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I?
And if not now, when?"*

- Hillel

Over the past two years, JCCM has been working to move our community forward on crisis planning, response and recovery. JCCM works by leveraging the lived experience and existing expertise within the community, through strong relationships and by building influence at all levels.

JCCM is apolitical and works equally for the benefit of all members of the Victorian Jewish community irrespective of religious and political association, nationality, geography, age, ability, gender, and socioeconomic status.



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