

## MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous AGM held on 27 June 2024

- The meeting confirmed the minutes of the previous AGM held on 27 June 2024.

### 2. President's Report - Joe Tigel

- The President tabled his report and outlined key events and achievements for 2024, noting an active and high-profile year including the production of *Yentl* at the Sydney Opera House, which broadened exposure of and access to Yiddish theatre.
- Despite challenging conditions for Jewish organisations in Australia, Kadimah continued to promote and provide offerings of Jewish culture, nurturing resilience and identity.
- The President thanked Board members for their active contributions, and in particular Co-Chair Lin Bender for her work with the Kadimah Theatre Company and the productions of *Yentl*.
- Staff changes were noted, including the departure of CEO Rachel Chrapot and the appointment of Business and Operations Executive Jeff Robinson.
- Sincere appreciation was expressed for the contributions of staff members Jeff Robinson, Shelley Seligmann, and Shelley Krape.
- Volunteer Hannah Greenberg was thanked for her contribution to financial management.
- Outgoing Board member Miriam Bass was acknowledged for her broad contribution and in particular her work on the Governance and Development and Finance Committees.
- Gary Abrahams and Josh Reuben were thanked for their professionalism and contribution to Kadimah's operations and cultural productions.
- An update was provided on the Jewish Arts Quarter, noting ongoing challenges in precinct development and funding. Architectural planning continued, with no major announcements expected before 2026. Discussions were ongoing with the Holocaust Museum and the Classic Cinema on potential collaboration.

### 3. Honouring Deceased Members

The meeting honoured members who passed away in 2024: Susie Ehrman, Eva Ehrmer, June Factor and Freda Freiberg.

A tribute was paid to Cesia Goldberg, who led the Wednesday Club for 25 years and was recognised for her longstanding contribution to Kadimah's cultural life.

### 4. Appointment of Life Member

Beni Gothajner was recognised for his leadership in Yiddish literature, including the meticulous preparation of annotated texts and his contribution to maintaining Yiddish language and culture in the Kadimah and beyond and was appointed as a life member of the Kadimah.

### 5. Adoption of Annual Report

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The Annual Report was adopted. The meeting noted progress against the Kadimah strategy established in 2021, focused on sharing Yiddish language and Jewish culture, with measurable objectives to ensure sustainability and impact.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was presented and noted by members

## **7. Adoption of Financial Report**

The Financial Report was tabled and noted by members. The Chair thanked auditors LZR, Michael Zylberman, and Rebecca Rosario for their support.

## **8. Discussion and Motions**

No special motions were raised.

## **9. Election of Board of Management**

The Board of Management was elected as follows:

- Co-Presidents: Joe Tigel and Lin Bender
- Board members: Kathy Laster, Renata Singer, Mandi Katz, Or Davidovitch.

## **10. Any other business that may arise**

No additional business was raised.

