

Leifer returning to Melbourne 26 January 2021



The Jewish Community Council of Victoria welcomes the news that after protracted delays, the extradition of Malka Leifer to face 74 counts of child sexual abuse in Melbourne has finally arrived.

The Interim President, Frank Greenstein stated, “We are relieved that the Israeli Justice Minister Nissenkorn paved the way for Leifer’s to Australia.”

Judy Fetter, Executive Director JCCV, “applauds the strength, determination and resilience of Dassi Erlich, Nicole Meyer and Elly Sapper and clarifies that the JCCV stands firmly together with all victims of abuse in our community and across Victoria.”

The JCCV understands that such a high-profile case of sexual abuse may cause many in the community significant distress. Dr Michelle Meyer, JCCV Executive member and past CEO of TZEDK noted, “Leifer’s return to Melbourne may encourage disclosures of abuse from survivors, some for the first time in relation to this case. Others may disclose about an unrelated case.”

The JCCV encourages those who are directly affected by, whether you are a survivor of abuse or a family member, to seek counselling.

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