

# "Child protection is everyone's business"

On Thursday, 17 October over 50 guests gathered at the Jewish Centre for Australian Friends of Hebrew University's important talk, *Protective Behaviours in our changing world*. Child protection experts Prof Peter Winterton and Family Therapist Lisa Dare joined forces to empower the diverse audience of future parents, mums, dads, and grandparents on how to teach our children to protect themselves.

Prof Winterton, who is a physician in the Child Protection Unit of Princess Margaret Hospital, believes that protecting children is everyone's business and the best way to protect our children is to teach them to protect themselves. He spoke about the horrifying statistics of child abuse and neglect in the world and educated the audience on what happens once a child has been suspected of being abused. He showed a variety of heart-breaking images of abused and neglected children in order for the audience to be aware of child abuse in our society.

Family Therapist Lisa Dare started her talk with the basis of protective behaviours: We all have the right to feel safe all the time and nothing is so awful that you can't talk about it with someone. With this in mind, she gave the audience useful tips and tools to teach their children and grandchildren how to protect themselves in public and private places.

After the talks, guests had an opportunity to find out more about protecting our children from the dangers of the Internet with *Parent Power*, a Perth-based company with innovative software to control your children's Internet usage. Visit [www.parentpower.com.au](http://www.parentpower.com.au) for more information.

The WA Division of Australian Friends of Hebrew University would like to thank both dynamic speakers for giving the audience invaluable child protection information and advice. After all, we are all responsible for the children in our community.

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Prof Peter Winterton, Family Therapist Lisa Dare and Susanne from Parent Power.