



THE VOICE OF THE NSW JEWISH COMMUNITY

Who we are?

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies is the official elected leadership of the Jewish community of New South Wales, representing 61 constituent organisations.

Recognised by the NSW government, the media and other ethnic and religious groups as the spokesbody for the NSW Jewish community, the Board speaks on all matters affecting the status, welfare and interests of New South Wales Jewry.

The Board is affiliated to the:

- Executive Council of Australian Jewry
- Jewish Communal Appeal
- NSW Jewish War Memorial
- Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW
- Sydney Alliance

The vision of the Board is a united NSW Jewish community, adequately resourced, enjoying physical and political security as part of a harmonious, inclusive, democratic Australian society.

The governing body of the Board is the elected plenum of 147 Deputies, who represent the broad reaches of New South Wales Jewry and meet monthly to consider issues of communal importance.

What do we do?

The Board represents the NSW Jewish community and speaks on its behalf to state government, media and all other organisations.

REPRESENTING and **ADVOCATING** on behalf of the NSW Jewish community

ENSURING political security of NSW Jewry

COMBATTING antisemitism and racism

ADVANCING understanding of Israel

PROMOTING social inclusion

WORKING for a cohesive community

STRIVING for the continuity of a vibrant community

SNAPSHOT OF OUR WORK

Respect, Understanding, Acceptance (RUA):

A schools harmony program which annually brings together 2000 students from a broad range of cultures and traditions to foster intercultural understanding and social cohesion.

Talking About Israel: A 10-hour program offering the history of Israel and advocacy skills. The aim is to increase the number of people equipped to talk about Israel in a way which promotes understanding.

Overseas experts: Utilising international experts to strengthen relationships with opinion-makers and increase understanding of Israel.

Journalists Mission: An intensive program which facilitates visits by senior journalists to Israel.

Shoah Remembrance: Organising Holocaust remembrance on behalf of the Jewish community.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Luncheon Club: providing an 'off the record' forum in which the Jewish community engages with opinion-leaders in a boardroom setting.

Passover Dinner: Engaging with leaders from across the spectrum in an informal setting, promoting the shared values of freedom and human rights, while imparting key elements of Jewish history, customs and beliefs in a positive manner. Themes to date include: Trade Unions, Interfaith, Educators, Local Government & NGOs.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Cocktail Reception: The largest outreach event in Sydney and a major public relations event for the Jewish community, attracting 600-700 leaders of society, including the Premier.

Board Committees

The work of the Board is carried out by professional staff and the following committees:

Education: Works to improve Jewish educational opportunities both within and outside the day school system.

Holocaust Remembrance: Organises Holocaust remembrance ceremonies for the Jewish and wider communities.

Social Justice: Raises awareness of human rights and social justice issues.

Public Affairs: Interacts with the media and government on Jewish and Israel-related issues.

Non-Government Relations: Builds strategic relations with NGOs, faith groups and others.

Membership Development: Encourages members of the community to join the Board.

Member Benefits

- Share in the work of the Board
- The Board's Diary and Communal Directory
- The right to run for office and vote in Board elections
- Access to information on Israel and the Middle East
- Member-only events
- Access to skilled speakers

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The Board also administers these websites:

www.ijs.org.au (Israel & Judaism Studies, the education website of the Board of Deputies)

www.holocaust.com.au (Australian Memories of the Holocaust)

Regional NSW Speaking Tours:

Includes intensive engagements with political, civic and church leaders and Rotary clubs, as well as thousands reached through newspaper and radio interviews.

PUBLICATIONS

Hand in Hand: Jewish & Indigenous People Working Together

The Holocaust: The Nazi Genocide Against The Jewish People

Understanding Judaism

The Arab-Israeli Conflict and Peace Process

At The Board: a regular publication which gives the Jewish and wider communities insight into bridge-building work undertaken by the Jewish community.

Weekly News Review: compilation of information about the Jewish world, disseminated to Board members.

