



ANNUAL REPORT

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This page: Ben Adler plays the violin at the NSWJBD annual Kristallnacht Commemoration.

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Vision and Mission

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies (NSWJBD) is recognised by the NSW government, its agencies, NGOs, unions, the media and other ethnic, cultural and religious groups as the representative roof-body of the Jewish community. It leads, speaks and advocates on behalf of the NSW Jewish community, with 55 major communal organisations as its constituents.

Our goal is a united NSW Jewish community, adequately resourced, enjoying physical and political security as part of a harmonious, inclusive and democratic Australian society. More specifically, we work to:



- Ensure the political and physical security of the NSW Jewish community.
- Maintain the unity, cohesion and vibrancy of the NSW Jewish community.
- Promote and foster social inclusion and cooperation between all segments of NSW society.
- Combat and respond to incidents of antisemitism and other forms of racism.
- Represent and advocate for the interests of the NSW Jewish community.
- Increase understanding of Israel and its importance to Jewish life.

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies comprises of two organisations, as follows:

- NSW Jewish Board of Deputies Ltd.; and
- NSW Jewish Board of Deputies Harm Prevention Foundation Ltd. (registered charity).

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It gives me great pride to present the Annual Report for the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies (NSWJBD). The past twelve months have again demonstrated the importance of the NSWJBD to the Jewish community of NSW and the effectiveness of the NSWJBD as an organisation.

The NSW State Election was the NSWJBD's primary focus during the past year. Elections invariably present both challenges and opportunities, and this is particularly the case in an election where there is a change of government, as there was this year.

The NSWJBD set itself three primary objectives in the lead-up to the election – obtaining operational funding commitments to assist with our community's safety and security needs, securing our community's burial needs and addressing the rise of antisemitism in schools.

In relation to safety and security, not only does the security threat against our community remain elevated, but the cost of securing our institutions and events has increased in recent times. Whilst the Jewish community has been the recipient of capital grants for security in recent years from both the Federal and State Governments, the community continues to largely self-finance our operational security costs. During the election campaign, both sides of politics – for the first time – committed to assisting the community to meet these ongoing costs. The Minns Government has pledged \$15 million over the forward estimates to support faith communities to meet their recurring security expenses. Securing this funding has been a key objective for the NSWJBD and represents a significant milestone for our community.

We are also delighted that construction has now commenced at Macarthur Memorial Park, a new cemetery in Varroville in south-west Sydney, after a three-year hiatus during which the former Government undertook a review of the regulation of the sector. Our community faces a critical shortage of burial space and, in many ways, this issue was our community's most consequential

immediate challenge. The new cemetery is expected to provide for the burial needs of Sydney's Jewish community until the end of the century. Identifying and securing this burial space has been a key priority of the NSWJBD over many years and we are indebted, as a community, to the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust for their efforts to advance this project in a timely manner as well as David Knoll AM who continues to dedicate a significant amount of time to this issue.

During the year, we also became aware of a disturbing rise in antisemitic and religious-based bullying in both private and public schools across NSW. The NSWJBD received reports of Nazi salutes being performed in school playgrounds and Jewish students being taunted with offensive references to Jewish religious practices and the Holocaust. Vile antisemitic content was also posted on social media with the intent to intimidate and humiliate Jewish school students. The NSWJBD responded on a regular basis to reports of such incidents, whilst engaging with both sides of politics to deal with what is evidently a systemic issue.

Off the back of the advocacy of the NSWJBD and our allies in the faith sector, the Liberal-National Coalition and the Labor Party both took policies to the election to respond to religious-based bullying. With the election of a Labor Government, we look forward to the establishment of a Premier's Prevention Panel on Racism and Extremism to address the safety concerns of faith and culturally and linguistically diverse communities in NSW. The Panel will include senior representatives of all relevant NSW agencies and will have a mandate to develop whole-of-government responses to addressing racism and extremism at all levels – from preventing hate crimes through to tackling racial and religious bullying in schools.

The Government has also pledged to improve the reporting of incidents of religious vilification and bullying, ensure that every public school has a trained Anti-Racism Contact Officer and support the development of curriculum resources to ensure the best-practice teaching of the Holocaust in all NSW schools.

Complementing these initiatives, the NSWJBD was also pleased to assist the Sydney Jewish Museum to secure additional funding commitments, on a bipartisan basis, for its redevelopment plans. This much-needed funding will ensure the Museum can eventually double its annual intake of visitors and continue its vitally important educational role for the NSW community.

The NSWJBD also successfully lobbied for legislation making it a criminal offence to knowingly display a Nazi symbol in public without a reasonable excuse. With the rise of far-right extremism, this was a particularly important development and we thank all Parliamentarians for the unanimous passage of this legislation.

The NSWJBD worked tirelessly to secure bipartisan support on all of these issues. As a community, we are blessed to have genuine friends across the political spectrum and we should never take this for granted. This support was evidenced in October when a motion was passed, with multipartisan support, in the NSW Parliament recognising the important work of the NSWJBD in both the Jewish and broader community.

I thank the Liberal-National Coalition for their support of our community during their time in Government. The NSWJBD looks forward to working just as closely with the newly-elected Minns Government.

I also recognise the NSWJBD's many friends in the NGO sector, including leaders of other faith and multicultural groups, who we work with on a daily basis. The relationships we enjoy with these organisations have gone from strength to strength over the past twelve months and are critical in promoting and fostering social cohesion in NSW.

The past year saw the NSWJBD mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel by holding a cocktail reception attended by over 650 leaders from within and outside of our community. The reception was an event which befitted the significance of the milestone – with the most Ministers, Parliamentarians, and leaders of civil society in attendance for many years.

Our Committees continue to function strongly, with the Shoah Committee successfully arranging outstanding Shoah commemoration events. This included Kristallnacht where journalist Nick McKenzie delivered a riveting address about his efforts to uncover Neo-Nazi cells operating in our midst, and the NSWJBD's annual Yom HaShoah event where over 1000 people attended an event headlined by Thomas Keneally, the author of Schindler's Ark.

The past year has marked a full return to the normal operations of the NSWJBD following the disruption of COVID. We have arranged a young leaders' mission to Israel, held regular luncheon clubs with political and civil society leaders, redoubled our efforts to strengthen our relationships with other faith and multicultural communities, ran our flagship We Are All Sydney program and recognised the important history of members of our community with Sephardi and Mizrachi heritage. As an organisation, we have also continued to play an important leadership role within the Jewish community, with the NSWJBD providing consistent support and assistance to our constituent organisations.

None of the work of the NSWJBD would be possible without the hard work, professionalism and commitment of the NSWJBD's staff and we owe them our collective gratitude. In particular, I acknowledge and thank Darren Bark for his service during his tenure as CEO of the Board and pay tribute to Michael Gencher for recently stepping up to the role of Acting CEO.

I also pay tribute to the NSWJBD's Directors, Committee Chairs and members, Honorary Life Deputies and Rabbinical Consultants. I am in awe of the time and commitment you dedicate to the NSWJBD and our community on an ongoing basis and you have my enduring thanks. I likewise thank our Elected and Constituent Deputies and Associates – your ongoing support and participation is vital to the work of the NSWJBD.

I also acknowledge the excellent work of the ECAJ and CSG, two organisations which the Board works closely with on a daily basis. I particularly pay tribute to ECAJ President Jillian Segal and CJS President Peter Wise, whose respective tenures are scheduled to come to an end later this year. I thank Jillian and Peter for their extraordinary service and dedication to our community over many years.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge and thank the JCA, the Giving Forum, and the other generous donors in our community. Our work is entirely dependent on your support.

I am immensely proud of what the NSWJBD has achieved over the past year and have complete confidence that, working together, we will continue to effectively and successfully represent and advance the interests of our community going forward.

David Ossip
President



Year in Review



Building Respect, Understanding & Acceptance

The NSWJBD's signature school harmony program 'Respect, Understanding, Acceptance' (RUA) was once again held in person this year, bringing together over 1,000 students from 25 schools across Sydney. Eight separate workshops included students from Jewish, Christian, Catholic and Islamic Independent Schools and Government Schools, with programs held at new locations this year, including at schools and synagogues in our community. These workshops continue to receive excellent feedback from the students and teachers who participate – with participants citing an increase understanding that, despite their different backgrounds, they are all young adults going through similar challenges. The RUA Program provides participants with a deeper understanding of the experience of Jewish school students in Sydney, which assists in minimising antisemitism in school communities and building a more tolerant and harmonious society.



Nazis Uncovered

The annual Kristallnacht Commemoration was held on 9 November at the Moriah College Auditorium. The keynote speaker was award-winning investigative journalist Nick McKenzie who shared his experiences of uncovering Australia's largest neo-Nazi cells. Tribute was also paid to former Wollongong Councillor Michael Samaras for uncovering the Nazi past of a high-profile benefactor to Wollongong art gallery, Lithuanian-born Bob Sredersas. With the event held both in-person and recorded for later viewing, over 1000 people were able to participate in this year's Kristallnacht commemoration.

Year in Review



A historic ban on Nazi symbols

The NSWJBD played a key role in the passage of the bill to ban the public display of Nazi symbols without a reasonable excuse across New South Wales. Passed with unanimous support in August 2022, the bill specifically does not define the term 'Nazi symbol' to ensure that all relevant symbols associated with Nazism are covered – not just the Nazi Hakenkreuz. Working together with the Hindu Council of Australia, our historic joint submission on the proposed bill addressed mutual concerns, including the appropriation of the sacred symbol for the Hindu, Jain and Buddhist communities. Since the implementation of the bill, three men have since been charged with knowingly displaying a Nazi symbol without an excuse.



Stories from Morocco

Nearly a million Jews were expelled from Islamic countries in the 20th century. They were forced to flee their homes and the lands where their families had lived for centuries.

At this year's annual commemoration event for Jews from Arab and Islamic lands, the NSWJBD focused on the stories, experiences and dispersion of 260,000 Jews from Morocco. This story is an important part of modern Jewish history which often fails to receive the attention it deserves.



Celebrating Light

Over 100 members of the Jewish and Hindu communities came together for a joint Chanukah/Deepavali event, organised by the the NSWJBD and the Hindu Council Australia. The event was an opportunity for our communities to celebrate our close friendship and achievements over the past year, including an opportunity to properly recognise and thank those involved in the banning of the public display of Nazi Symbols.

Year in Review



Spotlight on Sephardi & Mizrahi Heritage

The June 2022 plenum focussed on commemoration and awareness of the Farhud, as well as launching the Board’s long-awaited Sephardi Mizrahi Resource Pack. The Resource Pack assists teachers of all backgrounds and teaching areas in integrating Sephardi/Mizrahi history and culture into their classroom through the provision of resources, lesson plans and guides.



NSW Faith Communities Forums

The NSWJBD spearheaded "Town Hall" style forums with both former premier Dominic Perrottet and his successor Chris Minns ahead of the March 2023 NSW State Election. The forums allowed members of faith communities across NSW to hear directly from the leaders of the two major political parties.

The "Town Halls" were a part of the NSWJBD's election forum series aimed at informing Jewish community members about the State Election, with candidates from areas with significant Jewish populations invited to share their pledges with our community.



Year in Review

SUSAN AND ISAAC WAKIL ISRAEL TOUR

In November, the NSWJBD took a delegation of young professional non-Jewish Australian leaders, who work in media and government to Israel on a tour sponsored by the Susan and Isaac Wakil Foundation, our first mission to Israel since the COVID-19 pandemic.

With briefings from leaders on the ground, academics, activists, and politicians, the group were able to experience some of the diversity that makes up Israeli religious and civil society.

“This visit has left me with a greater appreciation for how civil society and the ongoing conflict have and continue to shape each other – a perspective only possible because of the incredible candour and generosity of our hosts and partners.”

Megan Lane, director of communications and government affairs at CyberCX and a former Labor adviser



Financial Report

REVIEW AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The NSWJBD is a public company limited by guarantee. For the year ended 31 March 2023, the NSWJBD recorded an operating surplus of \$182,000.

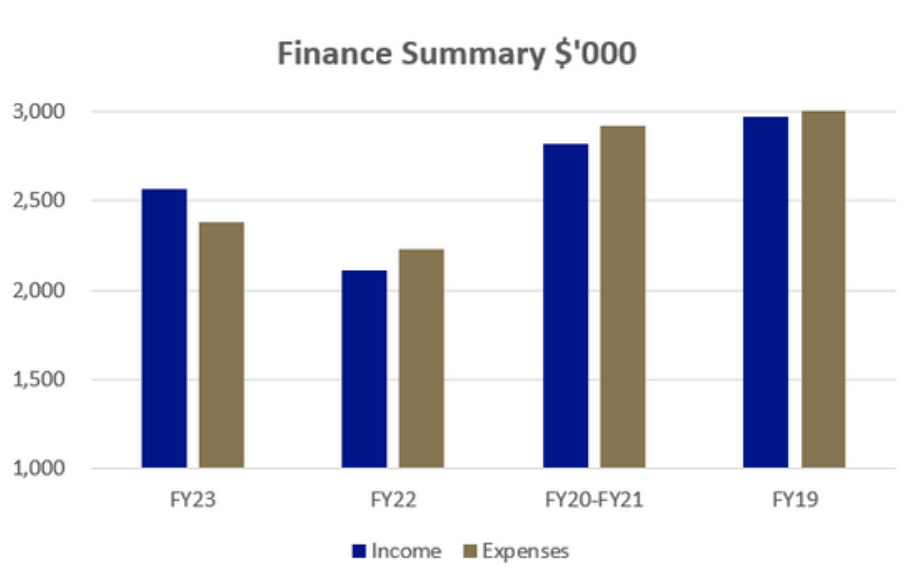
This surplus is the result of prudent and efficient management of expenditure, with a focus on the most effective allocation of scarce community resources.

Despite organising its regular programs and running special events for the State Election, the NSWJBD successfully lowered its cost base to a level \$0.5 million lower than the pre-pandemic period.

The income received was primarily derived from communal funds allocated to the NSWJBD by the Jewish Communal Appeal and the generosity of other donors.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the NSWJBD aims to ensure its operating expenses are covered by the income it receives, without planning to achieve a surplus. As such, the NSWJBD is expected to have a balanced budget for the year ending 31 March 2024.

As at 31 March 2023, NSWJBD was in a sound financial position with combined net assets in excess of \$650,000.



Deputies may, by notice in writing to the Company, elect to receive a copy of the annual financial reports of the Company and the report of the auditor. Please provide requests to mail@nswjbd.org.au

OUR PEOPLE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The individuals below all held office during the period this report covers, financial year 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023. The Annual General Meeting was held in August 2022, resulting in a number of Executive changes.



DAVID OSSIP

PRESIDENT (ELECTED AUG 22), PREVIOUSLY VICE PRESIDENT

David was elected as President of the NSWJBD in August 2022. Prior to this, David served as Vice-President of the NSWJBD and Chair of its Public Affairs Committee. He is a Vice-President of the ECAJ and a Director of the Council for Jewish Community Security. David is currently a senior executive at a software company. Previously, David worked in funds management and as a solicitor at a commercial law firm. David served as Deputy Mayor of Ku-Ring-Gai from 2015-2017. David holds a Bachelor of Laws, a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of International Relations from the University of Sydney.



LESLI BERGER

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (SINCE AUG 22)

Lesli served as President of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies from 2018 - 2022, and as Vice President from 2016-2018. Prior to this, he was elected Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee in 2015. Lesli was a Trustee of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust from 2012 to 2016 and was a Governor of the Centennial Parklands Foundation. Lesli is a past Chairman of the Double Bay Chamber of Commerce and served as a Councillor on Woollahra Council from 1999 to 2004. Lesli completed a Bachelor of Arts and Law at UNSW in 2000.



RICHARD GLASS

VICE PRESIDENT (SINCE AUG 22)

Richard is the President of Wolper Jewish Hospital, having served full terms as Honorary Secretary and Vice President. He is a Trustee Director of the Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation and Chair of Gift of Life Australia. Richard has held senior leadership roles, incl. CEO and COO, within ASX Top 50 companies and unlisted public companies operating across international markets. He now advises clients on strategy and business development and sits on a number of advisory boards. Richard was elected Vice President of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies in 2022. Richard holds an MBA and BA(Hons).



NATALIE RUBINSTEIN

VICE PRESIDENT (SINCE AUG 22), PREVIOUSLY SECRETARY

Natalie is a lawyer and the Head of Knowledge Solutions at LexisNexis. She has extensive experience in corporate legal operations, business process redesign and transformation, strategic advice and development, legal technology and professional services knowledge management. Natalie has led national knowledge, legal technology and learning teams. Natalie was a Senior Associate and worked as a mergers and acquisitions lawyer. Natalie has been involved with the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies since 2017, chairing the Community Relations Committee between 2019-2021 and more recently, as Secretary and Vice-President.



MELISSA MCCURDIE

SECRETARY (SINCE AUG 22)

Melissa is the Vice President of Australian Friends of Magen David Adom. She is a Senior Adjudicator, having previously worked as a barrister in Johannesburg. She was a member of the NSWJBD's Community Relations Committee and has represented the NSWJBD on the Women of Faith Steering Committee, the Ethnic Communities Council, at various interfaith and multicultural events, at the Faith in Ecology Network and the Interfaith Cooking Program. Melissa has held many communal roles over the years, including as a NSWJBD Deputy and Office Bearer and ECAJ Councillor (all current), on the executive of Masada College, as a Masada College Constituent Deputy and a UIA and JCA worker.



ED (EHUD) FEINER

TREASURER

Ed has 15 years of senior finance experience and is currently the General Manager Finance of the LJ Hooker group. Prior to that he held senior finance positions at Vodafone Australia and the ASX-listed McPherson's Consumer Products. He also worked with Deloitte for over eight years, where he served large international and local clients. He is a Chartered Accountant in Australia and a Certified Public Accountant in both Israel and the United States.



MICHELLE FILLER

DIRECTOR (SINCE AUG 22)

After starting her legal career at one of Australia's most highly respected law firms, Michelle shifted into the financial services sector as corporate counsel, administration manager and company secretary. Subsequently, she worked for 3 of Australia's leading international law firms as a senior associate and senior knowledge manager, with expertise in project management, information management, policy and strategy development and legal drafting. Michelle is a past member of the Public Affairs and Electoral Committees and the Constitutional Review Sub-Committee, a former director of Clean Up Israel and currently a director of Australian Friends of Magen David Adom. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) and a Bachelor of Laws from UNSW.



JACK (JACOB) PINCZEWSKI

DIRECTOR

Jack is a public policy professional with a decade's experience in policy, media and government. Currently he is the Asia-Pacific Government Relations Lead for Wise, a global payments fintech dedicated to providing instant, convenient, transparency and eventually free payments across borders. He has worked for Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull as well as other Federal and State Government Ministers and the Israeli Ambassador to Australia. He provided political and communications advice across a variety of portfolio areas including international affairs, veterans affairs, parliamentary procedure and government integrity agencies. He is admitted to practice as a Solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales.



GABI (GABRIELLE) STRICKER-PHELPS

DIRECTOR

Gabi Stricker-PHELPS is currently in her final year of a combined Economics Law Degree at the University of Sydney having graduated from her Economics Degree in 2021. She recently served as the undergraduate student fellow of the University of Sydney Senate and as a Women's Officer and Councillor of the University of Sydney Student Representative Council. She had been actively involved in broader community volunteer work in her previous roles as the political affairs officer of the Australasian Union of Jewish Students, a member of the Youth Advisory Council of RAISE and a director of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies. Gabi currently works at Allens as the Head Paralegal.



NATHALIE SAMIA

DIRECTOR (SINCE AUG 22), PREVIOUSLY VICE PRESIDENT

Nathalie is the Managing Director of a public affairs firm and has held senior executive roles at the Australian Banking Association, Woolworths Group and IAG. Nathalie's communal roles include serving many years on the NSWJBD public affairs committee and then on the Executive, the AICC's YBF, and as an advocate for AIJAC Forum. She helped establish the Victorian Parliamentary Friends of Israel group. Nathalie is a member of the Australian Multicultural Council and previously served on the Board of a Migrant Resource Centre, helping new migrants settle in Australia.



SAM (SAMUEL) ZWEIF

DIRECTOR

Sam has held numerous senior communal roles over many years. This included Board appointments at Masada College, Montefiore Home, Mandelbaum House (currently Honorary Treasurer) and Oz Harvest. Sam has held many senior financial management roles at BP Australia, Levi Strauss Australia, Australian Metals, American Express, Citicorp/Citibank, Chase AMP/Chase Manhattan Bank, Westpac Banking Corporation and Greenway and Bank. Qualifications: Bachelor of Economics (University of Sydney); CPA (retired).



BENJAMIN EZZES

CHAIR, EDUCATION COMMITTEE (SINCE AUG 22)

Benjamin Ezzes (B.Ed/BA, Hons I) has been teaching for eight years, and is the Jewish Enrichment Co-ordinator for Moriah College, including overseeing the formal Jewish Studies offering in Year 9/10. He continues to be involved with wider school life, including through Philosophy Club and Sephardi/Mizrahi inclusion.

Benjamin has served on the Education Committee of the NSWJBD for six years, including two as its Deputy Chair and one as its Chair.



RODNEY HYMAN AM

CHAIR, SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (AUG 22 - FEB 23)

Rodney (Rod) Hyman AM has had a long corporate history as a machinery valuer running Australia's largest machinery and equipment valuation practice. Rod sold that practice in 2014 and downsized as a sole practitioner valuer specialising in litigation support throughout south-east Asia. Rod now acts as treasurer of the Strathfield Synagogue and as a founding board member and Deputy Chairman of Disaster Relief Australia – providing disaster assistance to those affected by natural disasters, by pairing the skills and experiences of military veterans with emergency responders, medical professionals, and technology solutions around Australia and throughout Asia.



LIAM O'CALLAGHAN

CHAIR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (SINCE AUG 22),
PREVIOUSLY CHAIR, SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Liam currently works for a State Minister and previously worked for four State Opposition Leaders and a Federal Senator. Before that he worked on a range of election campaigns for the NSW Labor Party, from the Gulf of Carpentaria to Tweed Heads to Wollongong. Liam has a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Government and International Relations from the University of Sydney and a Master of Public Policy and Governance from UNSW. He is also an alumni of the Board of Deputies' inaugural Jeremy Spinak Young Leaders Program.



DANE STERN

CHAIR, SHOAH (HOLOCAUST) REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Dane is a Data Science Associate at Bain & Company. He holds Bachelor of Commerce (Actuarial Studies) and Bachelor of Laws degrees from UNSW. Dane is a youth advisor for the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, was a long-time board member of Limmud Sydney and a board member of the NSW Council of Christians & Jews. In 2020, Dane won the Young Adult Jewish Changemaker Award for “Contribution to the Jewish Community”.



JULIA SUSSMAN

CHAIR, COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SINCE AUG 22),
PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR

Julia is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Youth HEAR. Julia holds an experienced and respected voice with community members and stakeholders. She has strong knowledge and experience of the design and implementation of governance, management and structural policy and procedure, and performance metrics. Julia builds strategy and engagement protocol with expertise in development and implementation.



YAIR MILLER OAM

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (UNTIL AUG 22)

Yair is the CEO of the Keren Hayesod - UIA Australia. He is a member of the Committee of Management of the ECAJ and is a Director of The Council for Jewish Community security (NSW), NSW Jewish War Memorial, Y2I, The Shabbat Project and Kehillat Masada. Yair served on the NSW Parole Authority Board for three years and now sits on the Judicial Commission of NSW. He is a founding member of the Australian Dialogue of Muslims, Christians and Jews and was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2017.



JOSHUA MOSES

CHAIR, EDUCATION COMMITTEE (UNTIL AUG 22)

Joshua is a government policy consultant specialising in education policy at KPMG. He previously founded a local education start-up and is a former high school teacher. He holds an Honours Double Degree in Secondary Education and Commerce and completed a thesis in Educational Policy and Leadership. Joshua is the Youth Chair of the NSW Ethnic Communities Council, Co-founder of Yallah and Board Member at the NSW Association of Sephardim.



YOSI (YOSEF) TAL

DIRECTOR (UNTIL AUG 22)

Yosi served as an active active Director of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies until August 2022, and is a longtime Israel community activist. He has run several successful businesses and has been involved with Jewish communal organisations for decades. He was instrumental in helping to establish AICE (Australia Israel Cultural Exchange) where he was a director for 10 years. He was a founding Director of Rambam (an Israel political exchange program) and is a Board member today. Yosi sits on the B'nai B'rith Charity Trust and is Chairman of the Liberal Friends of Israel organisation.



GREG (GREGORY) WEISS

CHAIR, EDUCATION COMMITTEE (UNTIL AUG 22)

Greg's expertise lies in over 30 years of experience in HR, especially recruitment, career transitioning, coaching, organisational and cultural alignment. As well as expertise in marketing, content development, ethics and corporate governance, Greg is the author of several books in the field of HR. Greg holds an MBA and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, with an Order of Merit. He is accredited to The Leadership Circle as well as a number of HR instruments.

Director	Meetings Attended*
David Ossip	8 out of 9
Lesli Berger	3 out of 9
Richard Glass	5 out of 5
Natalie Rubinstein	9 out of 9
Melissa McCurdie	5 out of 5
Ed (Ehud) Feiner	7 out of 9
Michelle Filler	4 out of 5
Jack (Jacob) Pinczewski	6 out of 9
Gabi (Gabrielle) Stricker-Phelps	8 out of 9
Nathalie Samia	8 out of 9
Sam (Samuel) Zweig	5 out of 9
Benjamin Ezzes	5 out of 5
Rodney Hyman AM	3 out of 4
Liam O'Callaghan	9 out of 9
Dane Stern	8 out of 9
Julia Sussman	8 out of 9
Yair Miller	2 out of 4
Joshua Moses	3 out of 4
Yosi (Yosef) Tal	3 out of 4
Greg (Gregory) Weiss	3 out of 4

*Reflects meetings held during FY 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023 that each Director was entitled to attend.

Honorary Life Deputies

Robert Goot AO SC, David Knoll AM, Yair Miller OAM, The Hon. Justice Stephen Rothman AM, Peter Wertheim AM

Executive Council of Australian Jewry Councillors

Avril Alba, Lesli Berger, Jane Feller, Robert Goot AO SC, David Knoll AM, Melissa McCurdie, Yair Miller OAM, David Ossip, Jillian Segal AO, Peter Wise

Consultants to the Directors

Rabbi Dr Benjamin Elton, Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins OAM

Auditor

DFK Laurence Varnay

Honorary Solicitor

Paul Schroder, King & Wood Mallesons

Honorary Returning Officer

Roger Selby

COMMITTEES

Community Relations Committee

Chair: Greg Weiss/Julia Sussman

Committee Members: Anna Berger*, Jessica Harrison, Rodney Hyman AM*, Joshua Kirsh*, Jeremy Levy, Joshua Moses, Liam O'Callaghan, Katya Rozenblit*, Natalie Rubinstein, Marwa Sivan, Dane Stern, Julia Sussman, Greg Weiss, Peter Woolf*.

Education Committee

Chair: Benjamin Ezzes/Joshua Moses

Committee Members: Yonatan Barukh, Nathan Compton, Rebecca Dukes*, Benjamin Ezzes, Eitan Harris, Rosalie Hirsch, Janine Joseph, Daphna Levin-Kahn*, Jemma Lopis, Joshua Moses, Julia Sussman, Lynne Swarts*, Joshua Swift.

Public Affairs Committee

Chair: Jack Pinczewski/Liam O'Callaghan

Committee Members: Daniel Deutsch, Alissa Foster, Talia Katz, Tanna Klevansky, Jade Laishevsky, Steven Lewis, Michael Markiewicz, Liam O'Callaghan, Jack Pinczewski, Mark Sheldon, Gabi Stricker-Phelps, Julia Sussman, Yosi Tal.

Social Justice Committee

Chair: Liam O'Callaghan/Rodney Hyman AM

Committee Members: Anne Butt, Bettina Cass, Sandra Hochberg, Rodney Hyman AM*, Josh Kirsh, Liam O'Callaghan, Rachel Marie.

Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee

Chair: Dane Stern

Committee Members: Kara Borecki, Nadia Coburn*, Margaret Foster, Rosalie Hirsch, Daniel Hochberg, Michelle Levitt, Juliane Michaels, Sandra Rothman, Simone Starikov*, Rachel Tanny.

*Former Committee Member, however was involved during the period covered by this report.

NSW JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES

PRESIDENTS

Since its establishment on July 29 1945, the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies has had 20 Presidents.

Periods served as President are as follows:

*Saul Symonds	JUL 29, 1945 - APR 9, 1952
*Horace B Newman	MAY 20, 1952 - MAY 19, 1955
*Gerald De Vahl Davis	MAY 19, 1955 - APR 30, 1957
*Horace B Newman	MAY 21, 1957 - FEB 21, 1967
*Gerald Y Falk OBE	FEB 21, 1967 - FEB 18, 1969
*Harry S Goldstein OBE	FEB 18, 1969 - MAR 20, 1973
*Maurice Allen JP LLB	MAR 29, 1973 - MAR 18, 1975
*Sidney Muller AM	MAR 18, 1975 - MAR 21, 1978
Robert Goot AO SC	MAR 21, 1978 - MAR 16, 1982
*Leslie Caplan AM	MAR 16, 1982 - MAR 19, 1985
*Professor Graham De Vahl Davis AM	MAR 19, 1985 - MAR 21, 1989
*Gerry Levy AM	MAR 21, 1989 - AUG 17, 1992
*Michael Marx AM	AUG 18, 1992 - AUG 20, 1996
Peter Wertheim AM	AUG 20, 1996 - AUG 15, 2000
Justice Stephen Rothman AM	AUG 15, 2000 - AUG 17, 2004
David D Knoll AM	AUG 17, 2004 - AUG 19, 2008
Robin Margo SC	AUG 19, 2008 - AUG 17, 2010
Yair Miller OAM	AUG 17, 2010 - AUG 19, 2014
*Jeremy Spinak AM	AUG 19, 2014 - AUG 21, 2018
Lesli Berger	AUG 21, 2018 - AUG 16, 2022
David Ossip	AUG 16, 2022 - CURRENT

*deceased

CONSTITUENT ORGANISATIONS

Association of Jewish Engineers	Maroubra Synagogue
Australasian Jewish Medical Federation (NSW)	Masada College
Australasian Union of Jewish Students	Montefiore (Randwick)
Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Inc	Moriah College
Australian Friends of Magen David Adom (NSW)	Mount Sinai College
Australian Friends of Tel Aviv University (NSW)	National Council of Jewish Women of Australia NSW Division (INC)
Australian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Newcastle Hebrew Congregation
Australian Jewish Historical Society Inc.	Newtown Synagogue Inc.
BJE - Board of Jewish Education	North Shore Synagogue
B'nai B'rith Council of NSW	North Shore Temple Emanuel
B'nai B'rith Retirement Villages	NSW Association of Jewish Service & Ex-Service Men & Women
Bondi Mizrahi Synagogue	NSW Association of Sephardim
Child Survivors Group - Sydney	NSW Board of Progressive Jewish Education
COA Sydney Incorporated	NSW Jewish War Memorial Community Centre Or Chadash
Coogee Synagogue	Parramatta and District Synagogue
Cremorne Synagogue	Shalom
Emanuel School	Southern Highlands Jewish Community Group
Emanuel Synagogue	Southern Sydney Synagogue
Fund for Jewish Higher Education	Sydney Jewish Museum
JEMS - Jewish Education Matters	Technion Australia
Jewish Arts Incorporated	The Central Synagogue
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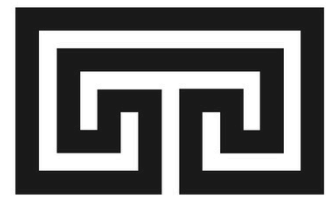
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