

Media Release

Thursday 22 September – Jewish Museum of Australia welcomes new Board members as they embark on new vision

This September, as the Jewish New Year is welcomed in, so too is the newest Jewish Museum of Australia Board member Adam Krongold.

Adam Krongold, who was formally accepted onto the Board earlier this year, has been involved with the Museum's successful Celluloid Soup Short Film Festival for over four years and has extensive experience in the Creative Arts. Having graduated with a Bachelor of Business at Monash University in 1994 Adam is currently Group Manager of a third-generation family property and investment firm. Adam has just completed the formal Board induction process that was introduced earlier this year and considered best practice in non-profit governance.

President of the Jewish Museum of Australia Negba Weiss-Dolev says "The Museum's introduction of a formal Board induction process that is on par with industry standards reflects the organisation's commitment to professionalism and best practise in not-for-profit governance. Board members are provided background reading material regarding their legal responsibilities as Directors and one-on-one sessions are arranged with key staff and stakeholders as a way to familiarise themselves with the organisation first hand. Staff, in turn, get direct access to our Board members who, as well as having formal and legal responsibilities, are also potential mentors."

The first to be inducted as part of this process was Michele Lasky who was elected as Chair of the Board at the Annual General Meeting in April this year. She succeeded Chief Judge Michael Rozenes who was Chair from 2009 until 2011. Michele Lasky graduated from Law at Melbourne University in 1969 and practised as a Barrister from 1990 until 2002. Whilst at the Bar she was a member of the Human Rights Committee. In 1997 Michele joined the Board of leading aged care facility, Emmy Monash for Aged Care Inc. where she served as Vice President from 2000 until 2006. She then became President, a position she held until early 2011. She was also very active at the North Eastern Jewish Centre and Mount Scopus College.

Michele Lasky says, "As Chair I feel it is imperative that everyone on the Board has a real sense of the organisation as it operates on the ground, that we comprehend the organisation's inner workings, to enable us to work together with all stakeholders to fulfil our very exciting new mission and vision for the Museum."

Negba Weiss-Dolev says "Michele's extensive experience in high-level leadership roles at some of Melbourne's major Jewish community and legal organisations and Adam's experience working with community organisations such as 3RRR and Channel 31, as well as producing the Celluloid Soup Film Festival, makes them both fantastic additions to our robust Board. We are committed to engaging the diverse audiences in our community and remaining relevant to all of them, so it is essential that we have a cross section of our community in senior positions."

Adam Krongold says "The Museum is such an important way for my generation to connect and identify with their history. It's becoming more important to me as I get older that by understanding and engaging with my past, I can connect to who I am and who I want to be."

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