

## A Statement from the Board of Directors

The Board of the Jewish Museum of Australia: Gandel Centre of Judaica extends our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have tragically been killed and injured in Israel. We express our deep desire for those currently held hostage to be safely released.

At the Jewish Museum of Australia we tell the story of our people's history, throughout which the Jewish people have demonstrated remarkable resilience in the face of numerous challenges to our survival. Regrettably, the present situation is another such occasion where we must unite and confront challenges with strength and determination.

Israel has always held a central place in the hearts of Jewish communities around the world. It is in our prayers, our teachings, and a part of our collective identity. Consequently, we deeply grieve and share the pain experienced by Jews worldwide.

We stand in solidarity with Israel, which serves as the heart of Jewish life globally. We stand with Jewish communities across the world. We also stand alongside individuals worldwide who aspire to peaceful coexistence. For we cherish life.

Our aspiration is for a world in which Jews and people of all faiths can openly and securely embrace their heritage. Where we can live without fear and express our Jewish and multicultural identities freely and securely. In our efforts here in Australia, we are committed to fostering an Australian community where tolerance, multiculturalism, and respect are the bedrocks of our society.

In these trying times, let us join hands and work with those yearning for peace. Those wanting an end to the loss of lives on both sides of the conflict.

May our shared values of tolerance, unity and the preservation of Jewish culture and identity guide us towards a brighter future.

At the Jewish Museum of Australia, we illuminate Jewish life. Let us be a light for you in these times.

## **Board of Directors**

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