

## Standing Up at the Sydney Jewish Museum

The Sydney Jewish Museum is proud to host *Standing Up* a photo exhibit profiling local humanitarians, social justice activists and philanthropists who have devoted their lives to promoting the welfare of others.

Combining stunning portrait photography with a description of the individual achievers, *Standing Up* explores the motivations and inspirations behind some of the greatest minds in contemporary Australian society, including David Gonski AC, James Spiegelman AC and Ronni Kahn.

The exhibition was initiated by Stand Up, a social justice organisation dedicated to harnessing the spirit of Jewish activism for the betterment of many disadvantaged communities in Australia.

Stand Up CEO, Gary Samowitz says. "The exhibition, and the accompanying book, were born from the desire to showcase the incredible work being done in our own back yards and to reaffirm how a single person can have an extraordinary impact on our society and the world around us."

Over the course of two years, the Stand Up team interviewed a cross section of local Jewish leaders, including academics, entrepreneurs, humanitarians and social workers, plumbing the depths of their motivations, passions and experiences.

The result is an inspiring compilation of stories that Museum staff feel confident will speak directly to those concerned about social justice in Australia and the world over.

Museum CEO Norman Seligman says "As a space that has long championed the power of the individual, we are thrilled to share the stories of these exceptional change makers. We encourage you to visit, explore and question the impact that you can have on the world around you."

The *Standing Up* Exhibition will be officially launched on Tuesday 4 April. The accompanying book *Standing Up: Jewish Australians Committed to a Better World* is available for purchase at the Sydney Jewish Museum shop.

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Notes for Journalists. Please contact the Museum Marketing Manager, Natalia Thomas for additional information about the *Standing Up* exhibition. Email [nthomas@sjm.com.au](mailto:nthomas@sjm.com.au) or phone 9360 7999.

**About the Sydney Jewish Museum:** The Sydney Jewish Museum is dedicated to preserving, documenting and teaching the history of the Holocaust and illustrating the richness of Jewish life and traditions in Australian society. Visit [sydneyjewishmuseum.com.au](http://sydneyjewishmuseum.com.au) for more information.

**Individuals featured in the exhibition include:** Brian Sherman AM, David Gonski AC, John Gandel AO, Dr Andrew Kuper, Gary Samowitz, Ronni Kahn, Dr Hilton Immerman, Sam Lipski, James Spiegelman AC, Melanie Schwartz, Carol Schwartz AM, Vicki Vidor OAM.