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Aims and Scope

Musings: SJM Journal is a cross-disciplinary scholarly and educational publication that promotes research into all aspects of Holocaust and genocide history, Holocaust education and representation as well as Australian and broader Jewish History and culture. It publishes articles on these subjects both to increase knowledge of these topics and to improve and share expertise in educating about these difficult pasts.

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Articles are to be 5,000–10,000 words in length, include an abstract of, keywords and must be referenced and accompanied by a reference list (see style guide below).

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