

LEAVE A LEGACY

Secure the future of our Museum



**SYDNEY
JEWISH
MUSEUM
FOUNDATION**



Holocaust survivor, the late Yvonne Engelman OAM,
with her great-grandson Meir Simcha.
Photograph by Giselle Haber.

Impart your values to the next generation

Leaving a legacy to Sydney Jewish Museum does more than honour you and your family name. It speaks to what is important to you and ensures your vision for a just, respectful and accepting society will be passed on to the next generation.

SJM is a leading cultural institution and one of the only physical spaces where the broader Australian public can engage directly with Jewish history, culture and lived experience. Your legacy will help us educate about Holocaust history and Judaism, challenge hatred and demystify what it means to be Jewish.

Giving a voice to history

Sydney Jewish Museum gives a voice to history. Founded in 1992 by Holocaust survivors, SJM preserves their personal stories, ensuring they are heard and remembered. A legacy gift will honour the victims of the Holocaust, helping to ensure their stories are used to challenge hatred and educate future generations about the dangers of prejudice and intolerance.

SJM helps build a more informed and respectful society.

As we look to the future and a world without direct witnesses, SJM is at the forefront of using technology to keep these stories alive, ensuring they remain relevant, compelling and impactful for generations to come.



Visitor engaging with Holocaust survivor, the late Olga Horak OAM, through interactive digital technology. Photograph by Katherine Griffiths.



A critical moment in history

SJM continues to fulfil its mission to collect historical material and testimony, to honour the victims of 7 October 2023 and the Bondi Beach shooting of 14 December 2025 and bear witness to the dramatic growth of antisemitism that the community has endured.

This is not a space for reflection alone. A new permanent exhibition will confront that escalation directly. It will be a vital exhibition and education space forming a core part of the Centre for Education Against Antisemitism, a strong platform that the response to contemporary antisemitism critically demands.

Spontaneous memorial at Bondi Pavilion.
Photograph by Anastasia Glushko

Expanding our reach

The new Centre for Contemporary Jewish Life, opening mid-2027 alongside the existing Holocaust Museum, will tell our story of resilience and continuity through the ages.

It will celebrate thousands of years of continuous culture and more than 200 years of contemporary Jewish life in Australia, highlighting our remarkable contribution to this country and to the world.

As the national leader in social cohesion education, SJM is expanding its educational programs to reach primary and high school students, universities, the corporate sector and civil institutions.

Our focus is on fostering understanding of what it means to be Jewish, including the central importance of Israel in Jewish identity. With visitor numbers expected to double to 100,000 annually by 2032, more people than ever before will hear our story.

Architectural render of
Museum redevelopment
by Architectus



A gift that lasts beyond a lifetime

Your legacy gift will grow SJM Foundation and ensure we are able to:



Keep history alive

Ensure Holocaust survivor stories and Jewish experiences continue to educate and inspire future generations.



Reach more people

Expand SJM's programs to reach more students, professionals and civic leaders to foster understanding, challenge antisemitism and celebrate Jewish life.



Pass on your values

A natural extension of your values, your legacy gift builds tolerance, respect and a just society for the next generations.



Create enduring memory

Support permanent spaces and memorials that honour the community's experiences and resilience.

No matter the size, every legacy gift adds value in preserving our shared history.



Visiting group with volunteer guide.
Photograph by Jarrod Bryant.

Next steps to leaving a legacy

- **Start the conversation**
Talk to your family or advisor about your intentions.
- **Explore options**
Consider what type of donation you wish to make.
Talk to us to find out more.
- **Include a gift in your will**
Work with your legal advisor or use our simple will-writing documents to help you to add a bequest.
- **Consider a donation to SJM Foundation**
Support during your lifetime allows you to see the impact of your generosity being honoured and acknowledged on our donor recognition board.
- **Let us know**
Share your plans with us so we can personally thank you and acknowledge your generosity.
- **Be inspired by others**
Read stories on our website of supporters who have chosen to leave a legacy.

We recognise this is an important decision.

We recommend that you discuss your thoughts with your immediate family and consult your legal and financial advisors.

For more information or a private and confidential conversation about leaving a legacy gift, please email legacy@sjm.com.au or call 02 9360 7999.

“Our true legacy
is the trace of our
influence for good.
We may never see it,
but it is there.”

- Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

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Holocaust survivor, the late Eddie Jaku OAM, with school students.