

GUS LEHRER AM FAA (Current President)

Gus Lehrer is Professor of pure mathematics at Sydney University and has won numerous awards; Fellowship of the Australian Academy of Science, the Hannan Medal and an AM. He has a long record of service to the Jewish community, including periods as president of AZA, the Australian Institute for Holocaust Studies, and 6 years as President of the SJM. The son of survivors, he has a long relationship with survivors antedating the establishment of the museum.

Gus's vision is for the Museum to be a central part of the Jewish community's interaction with the ambient community, a hub for cultural activity and a home for survivors. He led a successful capital appeal resulting in the new Education and Resource Centre and the refurbished exhibition space. He identifies the current priorities of the museum, ensuring its financial sustainability, succession planning, continuation of the refurbishment program, managing its increasing success and the Museum's entry into the human rights domain.

Roma Shell (current Vice-President)

"One who does not remember history is bound to live through it again."

It is a tremendous responsibility and honour to support the teaching of the Shoah and to effectively educate the Community about the Holocaust and the lessons learnt. The Museum is well equipped to provide that education. As a descendant of Holocaust Survivors I want to represent and pay tribute to the generation of precious Holocaust Survivors, ensuring that we will always remember.

I have joined the Board of the Museum to make a difference. I would like to continue leveraging my extensive professional experience, common sense approach, energy and knowledge of the Jewish community to assist in the work of the Museum, thus ensuring its continuity.

I have held a wide variety of leadership positions within the Jewish Community - the Sydney Jewish Museum, JCA, NSWJBD and WIZO. I have been a Board Member of the Museum since 2009, Vice President since 2011 and the Capital Appeal Chairman in 2012.

Gavin Solsky (current Treasurer)

Gavin Solsky is a successful entrepreneur who has been involved in building a number of businesses in the professional services, technology, health and financial services sectors over a number of years.

Prior to becoming involved in these businesses, Gavin worked in the US and Australia for leading management consulting firm Bain & Co and before this he completed Commerce and Law degrees at UNSW, both with distinction.

Gavin has also been involved in a number of community organisations, having served as Chairman of UIA Young Leadership and been on the JCA's Building and Capital Committee. For the last 4 years Gavin has been a board member and in the most recent years was also Treasurer of the Museum.

Current Board Members

Charles Aronson

Charles was born in Amsterdam to Dutch Holocaust Survivor parents and migrated to Australia in 1951.

He was appointed Director of Marketing and Development in 2006 and served as Campaign Director for the successful 2010 Capital Appeal; retiring from the Museum in 2014 and thereafter joining the Board.

Charles was President of Masada College, Treasurer of the NSW JCA and on the Executive of UIA. He acted as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Shalom Institute at the University of NSW. He recently retired from 5 years as President of NAJEX and is Chairman of the NSW Jewish War Memorial and President of the Emanuel School Foundation.

His aspirations for the Museum are to raise awareness of the evils of racism, bigotry and intolerance, through commemoration, education and communication. The Museum is held in high esteem internationally and is in a unique position in the Sydney community to help safeguard future generations.

Michael Blitz

I am an experienced Corporate Real Estate and Project Management professional currently working for the Westpac Group on major construction projects.

My involvement with the Sydney Jewish Museum continues a longstanding family association with the Museum that began when it opened, and I hope to support the ongoing revitalisation of the museum as it goes through its own generational change.

It has also provided me with the opportunity to contribute to recent capital works and refurbishment program that has revitalised the museum for the future.

I see the Sydney Jewish Museum as an important link to the wider community with its focus on history and education and feel it is important to help further strengthen the museum's appeal and maintain its viability to continue to tell the stories of the past to generations in the future.

Paul Drexler

Qualified as a Chartered Accountant and has been a volunteer guide for over 16 years, sharing his story with school students and adult groups. He serves on the Finance and Curatorial Committees

He has held various positions;

- Treasurer for years of the SJM
- President of Yad L'Yad
- Chairman of NSW Australian Investors Association
- Director of Australian Investors Association
- Volunteer for Point Zero
- Treasurer of Carers Group Montefiore Homes

As a child Survivor of the Holocaust, he is committed to the work of the Museum and supports the education work directed to the schools. Paul has written a book of his family history; "In Search of My Father – The Journey of a Child Holocaust Survivor."

Paul wishes to work on increasing the number of adult visitors from the wider community and he continues to assist the volunteers who he believes are the strength behind the success of the Museum.

Jeremy Goldschmidt

I work in strategy at the ANZ Banking Group and have over ten years of experience as a management consultant. Prior to joining ANZ, I worked at The Boston Consulting Group, Capgemini and IBM.

In 2015, I was a Sydney Jewish Museum Board observer, and in 2016 I joined the Board. My aspiration for the Museum is that it continues to preserve the memory of the past, and ensure it has meaning for future generations. By commemorating the holocaust, educating about its significance, and celebrating the Australian Jewish community, the Museum plays a vital role in the Jewish community and with the broader Australian community. I believe I can contribute and add value to the Museum, by engaging and connecting with the next generation

Michael Jaku (representative of NSWJBOD)

I am 68 years old and have been a member of the Sydney Jewish Museum since its foundation.

As a long-standing Board member and past Vice President of the Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants I have had a close and intimate relationship with the Museum even before its foundation when it was merely a dream of the survivors.

From 2009 to 2015 I chaired the Shoah Remembrance Committee of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies whose major commemorative events were frequently in close collaboration with the Museum. I remain an Executive member of the Board of Deputies.

From 2012 to 2016 I served on the Museum's Board as the representative of the Board of Deputies.

Going forward I see the Museum as a world-class educational institution showcasing the Australian Jewish community, with particular emphasis on the Holocaust, the lessons to be drawn from that tragedy and the importance of combating racism and anti-semitism. I also see the Museum filling the essential task of commemorating the Shoah and the survivors in perpetuity

Anthony Levin (representative of AAJHS&D)

Anthony Levin is a senior human rights lawyer at Legal Aid NSW. He conducts public interest litigation for socially and economically disadvantaged clients, specializing in civil liberties and discrimination law.

Outside of law, Anthony is a writer, having published poetry and articles in publications in Australia and abroad. His most recent publication is a chapter in an anthology of writing entitled *In the Shadows of Memory: The Holocaust and the Third Generation* (2015).

Anthony also frequently speaks publicly on subjects including human rights, the Holocaust and literature. He is currently Vice President of the Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants.

David Nemes

I am currently the Director of Brand Strategy for BuzzFeed in Australia. I lead commercial operations and am responsible for partnering with clients and agencies in the region to create compelling campaigns and help them engage with the 200M+ monthly visitors on BuzzFeed.

Prior to BuzzFeed, I was one of the first hires for LinkedIn in APAC and played a pivotal role in establishing LinkedIn's presence in Australia & South East Asia. I have over ten years' experience on management teams in digital across both start ups and digital leaders, where my focus has been on building teams, driving strategy and expanding businesses into new regions. I am passionate about marketing, technology & digital/social media and would love to continue to leverage my skills and knowledge to help the Sydney Jewish Museum.

The past 3 years on the board (the first as an Observer) have been fantastic and I would love to continue to help the SJM achieve their goals and mission

Evan Penn

My area of expertise is marketing and business building; accordingly I was excited to assist the Museum to build and market their Corporate Leadership and Diversity Training Program. We have worked hard to create the platform for growth in the Professional Training arm of the museum.

The new entity is branded: "Beyond Bias" www.beyondbias.org.au

"Beyond Bias is a training organisation whose vision is to partner with Australian companies to reach their full business potential by ensuring a workforce free of bias and racial discrimination and to embrace cultural diversity where equal opportunity is available to all.

This is achieved by delivering impactful corporate programs aiming to provide support for developing initiatives to achieve inclusion in a diverse workforce."

We have already performed training programs for a few organisations and the feedback has been outstanding. 2017 will see an energetic marketing campaign to take Beyond Bias to a whole new level!

Michael Wayne (representative of AAJHS&D)

Michael Wayne works in the financial services industry as the head of investments at investment advisory firm, Kodari Securities (KOSEC). Michael

appears daily on the SKY Business Channel providing detailed market insights across multiple business programs.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Ag. Economics, majoring in Finance, from the University of Sydney and a Masters of Business & Finance from the University of Technology. Prior to his time at KOSEC, Michael held roles within Macquarie Group's Banking and Financial Services division where he developed extensive knowledge of financial markets and numerous asset classes.

Michael and his family have been associated with the AAJHS&D since its formation and the Museum since its inception. Michael's vision is for a successful, vibrant Museum that is both sensitive to the wishes of survivor's issues, commemoration of the Holocaust, while remaining relevant to the modern world and not gravitating too far from the founding principles.