



WHAT HAS THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES EVER DONE FOR US?

Every year, when renewing synagogue subscriptions, members are asked to make a small contribution to support the work of the Board of Deputies. But what does the Board of Deputies do and how does this generosity benefit the community as a whole?



ACHIEVEMENT 1: QUALITY JEWISH EDUCATION

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE
BOARD HAS SUCCESSFULLY
DEFENDED THE RIGHT
TO TEACH IVRIT AND
HAS ENSURED QUALITY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Board of Deputies is at the heart of Jewish schooling in this country. Our inspection service, Pikuach, works alongside Ofsted to guarantee the quality of religious education in Jewish schools. Our lobbyists successfully persuaded the Government to drop plans that would have prevented Jewish schools from teaching Ivrit as part of the national curriculum.

ACHIEVEMENT 2: DEFENCE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WHEN SHECHITA AND OTHER RELIGIOUS PRACTICES COME UNDER ATTACK IT IS THE BOARD THAT DEFENDS THEM



In recent years, humane religious slaughter has been banned in Denmark and come under threat elsewhere in Europe, while Brit Milah is now in the sights of some legislators. On UK campuses Jewish students encounter hate speech. Working with Shechita UK and Milah UK and with organisations such as the CST and UJS, the Board tackles Antisemitism and restrictions on religious freedoms and practices in this country.

ACHIEVEMENT 3: INCREASING UNDERSTANDING THE BOARD'S OUTREACH AND INTERFAITH WORK DIRECTLY TOUCHES AROUND 15,000 PEOPLE EVERY YEAR, IMPROVING COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Our Jewish Living exhibition is constantly on display in schools, churches and elsewhere so children and adults can learn to understand and appreciate Judaism. Our education team produce materials for use in non-Jewish schools and our interfaith workers organise numerous events with other religions, developing the relationships that underpin our community.

WHY THE BOARD EXISTS THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES IS THE VOICE OF BRITISH JEWRY.

Because its members are democratically elected by synagogues and community organisations and because it is genuinely cross-communal, it speaks with a legitimacy that no other Jewish organisation has. It is, therefore, the first port of call for those seeking to understand Jewish community interests and concerns. For over 250 years, it has:

- Represented Jewish communal interests to Government, the media and others
- Defended individuals and groups of Jews from Antisemitism and persecution
- Coordinated the activities of other communal organisations to increase their impact
- Campaigned on issues, from social action to education to defence of Israel
- Increased understanding of the Jewish way of life across British society

Without your contribution to the work of the Board of Deputies alongside your synagogue subscription this work would simply cease. To find out more please email Colin Spanjar at community@bod.org.uk or go to www.bod.org.uk