

# THE CENTENARY OF ANZAC JEWISH PROGRAM



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The Australian Government has determined that the years 2014 to 2018 will mark the Anzac Centenary. Those four years will include major commemorative and educational events throughout the community, with publicity on a scale not seen since the 2000 Olympic Games. It is important that the Australian Jewish community participates - and is seen to participate - in this key national event.

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The Centenary of Anzac Jewish Program (CoAJP) is a national response by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, The Federation of Australian Jewish Ex-Service Associations and the Australian Jewish Historical Society. The Anzac Centenary provides a unique and sustained period to display to the wider Australian community - and to the Jewish community - the extraordinary contribution that Jews have made to Australia's military history and also show the Jewish community's gratitude to all of Australia's Servicemen and Women.



Many Jews have served in the ADF since, and it is estimated that there are currently 400 Jewish servicemen and women continuing to protect our freedom and democracy, that even we Jews too often take for granted in our wonderful country.

In NSW, the key CoAJP projects include:

During World War 1, from a total Australian Jewish population of less than 20,000, more than 2,500 - or in excess of 12% - enlisted voluntarily in the AIF, as against 9% average for the whole nation. Approximately 300 Jewish soldiers were killed in action, including 55 in the Gallipoli campaign. A total of 176 Jewish soldiers held Commissioned Officer rank, the most distinguished of course being that great citizen soldier, lawyer and engineer, General Sir John Monash.

In World War 2 approximately 4,000 Jewish men and women served in the Australian Armed Forces, again representing a significantly higher percentage than the national enlistment rate. Of these, no less than 134 paid the supreme sacrifice.

- ★ Publication of an engaging book regarding Jews in Australia's military history. Popular author and military editor, Mark Dapin, ('Spirit House' et al) has agreed to write the book, to be published by the Sydney Jewish Museum.
- ★ A major Anzac Centenary Service at the Great Synagogue in April 2015 - and other Commemorative events throughout the Centenary of Anzac.
- ★ A Special Centenary of Anzac Exhibition in 2015 at the Sydney Jewish Museum, of photographs taken by a Jewish soldier, Harold Collins, at Gallipoli and in France - never seen before!
- ★ Production of educational materials & DVD.
- ★ A National Jewish War Memorial at the ACT Jewish Centre, Canberra.
- ★ Involvement in local multi-cultural Anzac Centenary activities.



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For up-to-date information, see the NAJEX new website [www.najex.org.au](http://www.najex.org.au)

### What you can do for the Centenary of Anzac Jewish Program

- ★ Participate and encourage participation in the Centenary of Anzac Jewish Program and events.
- ★ Donate to the CoAJP through the Australian Jewish Historical Society, overleaf.
- ★ In particular, we are keen to have Jewish servicemen and women and ex-servicemen and women, their family and descendants or anyone who would like to assist with the CoAJP, contact NAJEX.

We firmly believe that the absorbing narrative that popular author, Mark Dapin will provide for our book, will more than justify its part in demonstrating the vital role Jews have played in Australia's military history.

It will stand as a long overdue and fitting Legacy to those Jewish men and women who have served our country in the struggle for peace, tolerance and freedom.

Major donors will be acknowledged in our book.

This is an exceptional opportunity for the Jewish Community to meaningfully commemorate the Centenary of Anzac.

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**NSW ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

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