

# AUJS

# Highlights



2023

# AU YOUR COMMUN

2023 was a turbulent year.

Marred by the challenges of the horrific attacks of October 7 in Israel, our community rallied together – showcasing our resilience and our strength – working together to provide every Jewish student a place to feel safe and proud of their identity.

From beers and bagels on campus and intimate shabbat dinners through to in-depth advocacy and leadership training, AUJS has reached thousands of Jewish students across Australia and New Zealand.

Through it all, AUJS continues to thrive. We will continue to foster strong connections between students and our community, celebrate our identity, and ensure the safety and wellbeing of Jewish students into 2024.

# JS ITY ON CAMPUS

## What's Inside

Life on Campus

O Week

Shaliach Tobias Siegal

Jewish Engagement

Advocacy

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# LIFE ON C

We created a safe and vibrant  
students, fostering commun





# CAMPUS

It's the best space on campus for Jewish community and a sense of belonging.





We provided new leadership o



opportunities to 100+ students.





# O-W

## Back on campus with a





# WEEK

a vibrant atmosphere.



**We welcomed  
Tobias Seigal, our first  
Shaliach since 2019.**

*Meet Tobias Seigal*





Toby with AUJS members at an event  
with Noa Tishby in Melbourne



Toby with AUJS members at Monash  
touring research institute





# JEWISH EN



UTS Interfaith Discussion



Monas



Adelaide Shabbat Dinner



# GAGEMENT



*h Falafel Stall*



*UniMelb BBQ on Campus*



# ADVO

Building on the incredible advocacy work of t  
closely with non-Jewish students, university fo  
and federal political actors to address An



**64%** NEARLY TWO THIRDS OF JEWISH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS.

**57%** OVER HALF OF JEWISH STUDENTS HAVE HIDDEN THEIR IDENTITY IN ORDER TO AVOID ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS.

**85%** THE VAST MAJORITY OF JEWISH STUDENTS DID NOT MAKE A REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY AFTER THEIR MOST IMPACTFUL ANTISEMITIC INCIDENT.

ONE IN FIVE JEWISH STUDENTS HAVE AVOIDED CAMPUS IN ORDER TO AVOID ANTISEMITISM.





# OCACY

the past few years, AUJS continued to work  
faculties and administrations, and local, regional  
tism, student safety and wellbeing.





# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS





# Shakshuka in the Sukkah



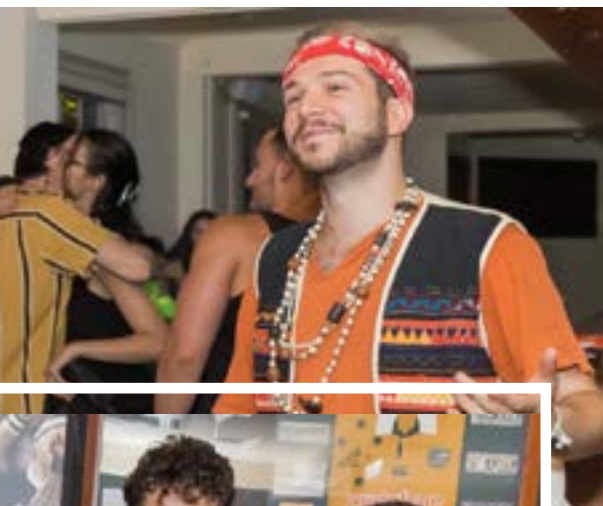


# Purim





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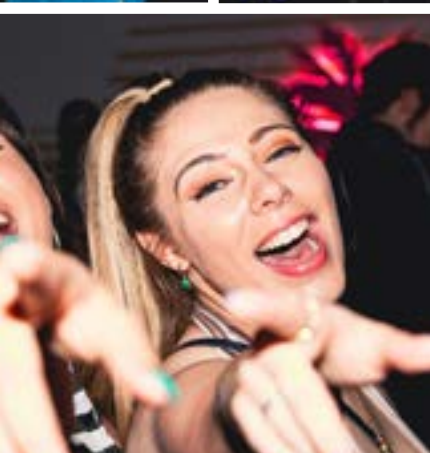


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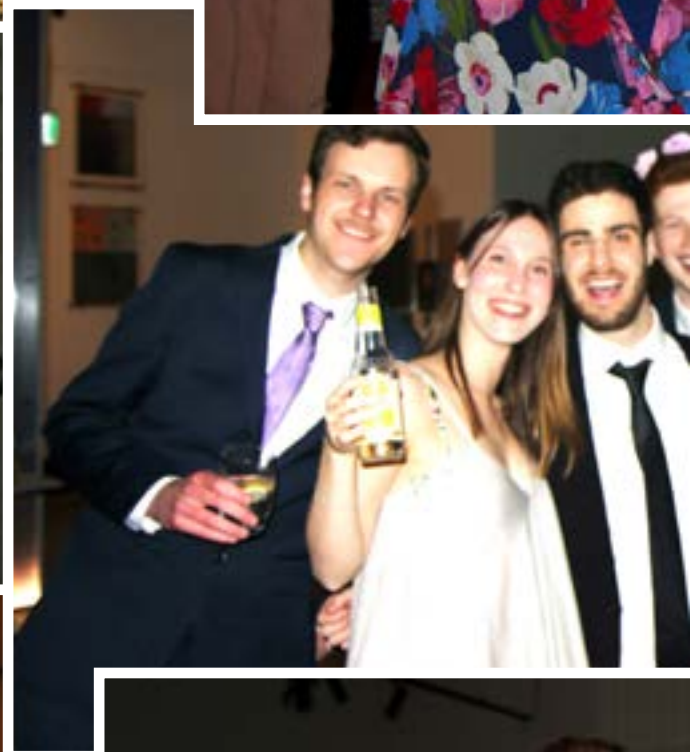


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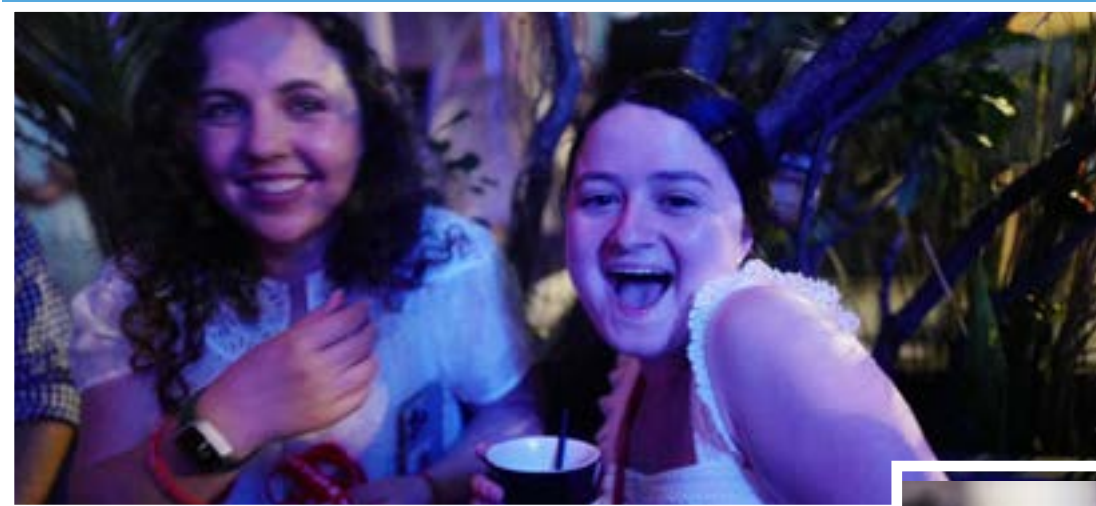


# Ball





# Mesi





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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The AUJS Israel Mission is a ten day program for Jewish and non-Jewish student leaders of the Australian Jewish University to bring more than 25 participants to Israel to meet with local Jewish and non-Jewish communal





# AIM

designed to challenge and inspire the Jewish Australian community. In 2023, the program took with critically acclaimed thinkers, experts and leaders.





# Derech

Since 2005, the Derech Eretz program has established relationships with First Nations communities in Boggabilla to provide a trip almost exclusively for Jewish youth. The program is run by the Boggabilla community to facilitate and run the program.





# h Fretz

s offered a chance to establish meaningful  
s. In 2023, AUJS partnered with Stand Up  
vish students, taking them to Toomelah and  
ngaging school holiday programs.





# Acc

The Accelerate conference provides students with the opportunity to visit Israel and engage in complex conversations. In 2023, the conference was held in Sydney, Australia, and featured participation from students, community leaders, foreign journalists and more.





# Accelerate

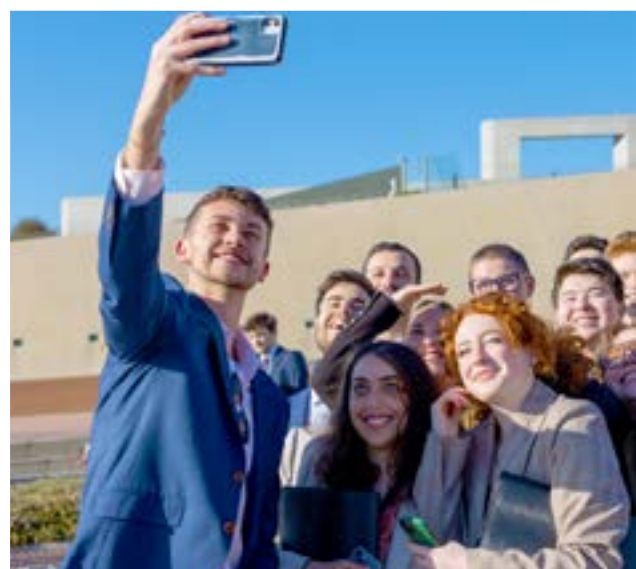
with the opportunity to explore their connections around Zionism and Jewish/Zionist identity, and featured a range of speakers including [name], and run engaging school holiday programs.



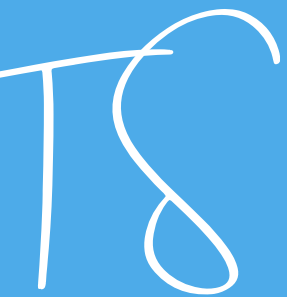




The AUJS Political Training Seminar was introduced by AUJS leaders who wanted to meet with national political leaders and have conversations about issues relevant to them. In 2023, AUJS leaders like the Australian







Founded in 1998 when a group of politically minded critical/community leaders for honest and upfront  
In 2023, PTS took 47 students to Canberra to meet the Prime Minister and more.





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The AUJS Leadership Training Summit brought together young leaders from Australia and New Zealand for hands-on learning through facilitated sessions by both peers and community members. Topics included on yearly planning, mental health, and leadership skills.







rought together student-leaders from across  
adership training. The conference featured  
nunity professionals, with a particular focus  
th and combatting antisemitism.





# TEAM UPDATE

We welcomed new staff



*Ethan Mileikowsk*  
Advocacy Coordinator

We farewelled our President &  
Vice President

*Alissa Foster*



AUJS President

*Paris Entenr*



AUJS Vice President



We farewelled the chair of the AUJS Board,  
and farewelled departing board directors.

Gary Samowitz



Board Chair

Gleb Shinkarsky



Board Director

Josh Kirsh



Board Director

Mackenzie De Bortoli



Board Director



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