

## UPJ INSPIRES

**D**O you want a Judaism that embraces tradition, and yet gives it meaning that makes sense in our modern world?

The Union for Progressive Judaism (UPJ) – which brings together 27 congregations, schools, youth groups and communal organisations across Australia, New Zealand and Asia, serving about one-fifth of the region's affiliated Jewish community – takes our traditions and works to make them meaningful parts of contemporary life.

UPJ believes that every Jewish person has important choices to make about how to be Jewish. Every Jewish person shapes the future of Judaism, each one of us adding our voice, our thread, our story to create the unfolding destiny of our people.

UPJ is for 100 per cent of the Jewish people, egalitarian and inclusive.

UPJ stands up and speaks out against injustice and hatred wherever it may be found.



Israel is the living embodiment of self-determination for the Jewish people, but as a nation Israel still faces significant challenges. UPJ takes great pride in the accomplishments of the Jewish State of Israel but still actively struggles for Israel to live up to her prophetic founding ideals, and openly seeks an Israel that more fully reflects the Jewish values of pluralism and respect.

And UPJ is prepared to take action so that b'tzelem Elohim ("in the image of God") applies to women as much as it does to men, to LGBTIQ+ Jews as well as heterosexual Jews, to children of interfaith marriages who are raised as Jews and who want to be Jewish as much as children of two Jewish parents.

In short, UPJ offers a Judaism that makes sense to the way Jews live their lives today, both inspirational and relevant.

And it is part of the most dynamic, alive and exciting movement in Judaism, responding to the challenges of our world, linking with the prophetic vision, working to heal our broken world and our lives.

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