

## JCCV Statement remembering Isi Leibler

13 April 2021

Daniel Aghion JCCV President stated:

Isi Leibler AO CBE was an inspirational and respected leader of the Jewish community. He was President of Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies Dec 1972 to March 1977 and an insightful, loyal Zionist whose impact extended beyond Australia to Israel and around the world. Isi Leibler dedicated his life to supporting Israel and the Jewish people, in Victoria, Australia, and elsewhere.

In particular, Isi is well-known for working tirelessly for the cause of Soviet refuseniks. He successfully encouraged many Australian Governments of all sides of politics, to act as leaders in advocacy for their freedom.

The fact that Melbourne is home to a significant community of Jews from the former Soviet Union, is in many ways thanks to Isi's heroic efforts to provide them with a pathway out of oppression and to a safe haven.

The JCCV offers its deepest sympathy to his wife Naomi and family, and will always remember and embrace his vision to enrich the Jewish community of Victoria and across the world.



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