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Board of Deputies of British Jews Bulletin Board

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Headlines of the Board of Deputies' activities in the last month. Unabridged news items can be found at www.bod.org.uk

Where will you be on 29 June?

Board of Deputies gears up for final countdown to Salute to Israel



The Board of Deputies, together with UJIA and JNF and other communal organisations, is in the final stages of preparations for **Salute to Israel** on **29 June**, consisting of parades in London and Manchester and celebrations in Trafalgar Square and Manchester. Don't miss this opportunity to show your support by joining us with your shul, school, youth group, family and friends. For more information click here: www.salutetoisrael.org.

Board initiates 'Shared Futures' football day for Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh & Christian children



The Board of Deputies of British Jews – together with **The Football Association**, the **Metropolitan Police** and the **National Association of Muslim Police** – organised a 'community cohesion' football day to bring Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Christian children together for a morning of five-a-side football at West Ham's ground at Upton Park. More than 180 children aged 10-11, from 17 schools in Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge played a series of five-a-side games throughout the morning. Special host for the event '**One Ball, One Game, One Community**' was former West Ham star and FA ambassador Sir Trevor Brooking.

Alexander Goldberg, Director of the Board's Community Issues Division said: *"This event brings diverse communities together under the banner of the 'beautiful game'. We proudly support this event as part of our **Shared Futures faith schools linking programme**, which brings together faith schools, those schools with one predominant faith and others through a series of sports, arts, environmental and social action-related programmes."*

Board of Deputies welcomes Government's first progress report after All-party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism

The Board of Deputies responded to the Government's first progress report following the **All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism**. The report details progress to date in implementing the recommendations of the 2006 Inquiry, including the establishment of a cross-Departmental Government Task Force in which the Board and other communal bodies have participated to address the issue of antisemitism in Britain.

Board Chief Executive Jon Benjamin said, "We welcome the extent to which the Government has chosen to engage with this most tenacious form of racism. The commitment to work with the Jewish community has been especially appreciated, as have the partnerships with all groups who understand the corrosive effect of antisemitism on daily life. This approach accords with the best traditions of British tolerance in recognising that sadly, tolerance is not always universal."

Minister for Schools Joins Board of Deputies, World Ort and the Pears Foundation in launching Jewish Way of Life CD-ROM



Jim Knight, the Minister of State for Schools and Learners, joined **Professor Lord Robert Winston** and guests from faith communities in launching the groundbreaking educational **Jewish Way of Life CD-ROM**.

More than 100 guests were given a demonstration of the CD-ROM at the Westminster event hosted by The Pears Foundation. The new resource for students and teachers covers Jewish faith, practice and religion and is the first of its kind to be developed and distributed free-of-charge by a faith group to all schools across the UK. The resource, made possible through the generous support of the Pears Foundation, is also accompanied by a website guide www.jwol.org.uk designed by World ORT to help teachers get the best use out of the CD-ROM.

Henry Grunwald QC, President of the Board of Deputies, said: "The affirmative way that this CD-ROM and Jewish Way of Life portrays Jews, Jewish values and Jewish thinking to the outside world is of immense significance. If other faith groups were to seek to define themselves in a similar way, it would be a tremendous step forward."

Date of next Board meeting: 15 June



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