



A Message from the President, Henry Grunwald QC

This past year has seen both significant challenges to us both locally and around the world. Global antisemitism, boycotts and threats to our security all mean that we need to remain as vigilant as ever. Yet as we turn the page on this past year and look to the future, we can take pride that British Jewry has responded to a majority of these issues with a professionalism, coherence and cooperation from across the communal spectrum. The Board of Deputies is privileged to have been able to lead on key areas of education, communal affairs, civil society, as well as the international arena. Thanks to your support we will continue to represent our interests to the highest levels of government and act as the first port of call for all those seeking to engage with British Jewry.

In this spirit I would like to thank all those who do so much both for their respective communities and for *clal yisrael* - our people as a whole. Without such generosity of time and effort, the tradition of service to the community – British Jewry would not be able to flourish as it does.

On behalf of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, I wish you a *Shanah Tova Umetukah* – a Happy and Sweet New Year. May the coming year bring peace to us all.