Every year, alongside their synagogue membership, we ask synagogue members to pay a small Communal Contribution. It can feel like just another item on a bill, but in reality it is something far more important: a shared investment in the strength, security and future of Jewish life in Britain.

That is why the Board exists. Day in and day out, we work behind the scenes to:

FIGHT ANTISEMITISM

STAND UP FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

DEFEND OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS

MAKE OUR COMMUNITY MORE UNITED, INCLUSIVE AND OUTWARD-LOOKING

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH, HERITAGE AND CULTURE AS BRITISH JEWS

209
Member Organisations & Synagogues

320
Deputies

27
Under-35 Observers

8
Plenaries A Year

4
Divisions

30
Working Groups & Committees

266
Years In Operation

20,000+
Individual Supporters

The Board of Deputies is the British Jewish community's only democratically elected, cross-communal representative body.

Established in 1760, 320 Deputies sit at its heart, chosen directly by the synagogues and organisations they serve – from congregations and youth movements to welfare charities and regional councils – giving every corner of our community a voice.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS
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The Board of Deputies is the only democratically elected representative organisation of Jews in the UK. This contribution is our main source of funding for the core work we do on behalf of all of you. Tens of thousands of households choose to pay it annually, and in doing so sustain a system that is rooted in participation, accountability and collective responsibility. The Board is not distant or abstract; we are shaped by the community and answerable to it, reflecting the diversity of voices that make up British Jewish life.

The Board undertakes work that as individuals we would find overwhelming. Following the Heaton Park Synagogue attack, and the recent spate of antisemitic arson and violence in London, we have led communal advocacy to demand action from the government to defend our community. At a time of crisis, we are ensuring that the police, CPS, local government and other public authorities are taking the necessary steps to protect us. Where there are threats to religious practice, including in the workplace, brit milah and shechita, education or everyday observance, we take action on your behalf. Our Pikuach inspection service ensures that children at Jewish schools have high quality religious education. And we have just launched the first ever Jewish Culture Month, to celebrate the huge contributions made by our community.

Whilst some of our work happens in meetings, policy documents, and behind the scenes, we work as transparently as we can, sharing our work and achievements in our weekly Community Brief newsletter and via our social media and website, so everyone can see the impact of our work across the community.

The Communal Contribution makes all our work possible. It supports an organisation that works for all of us, regardless of where we sit within the spectrum of Jewish life. It ensures that our community continues to have a credible, independent and respected voice in British public life, grounded in democratic legitimacy and communal support.

We all benefit from the freedoms, protections and representation that the Board fights for every day. The Communal Contribution is how we collectively sustain that work. It is a small individual act that underpins something much larger: the ability of a diverse and vibrant Jewish community to thrive in Britain, now and in the future.