



**Executive Council of
Australian Jewry**



**ZIONIST FEDERATION
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Mr Kevin Rudd MP
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Mr Rudd

We write on behalf of the Australian Jewish community to congratulate you on your appointment as leader of the Australian Labor Party.

The ALP has long been a strong supporter of the State of Israel and has similarly enjoyed a close connection with the Australian Jewish community. We are also well aware of your personal and deep friendship with Israel and look forward to continuing the warm relationship shared with your predecessors.

We also wish to take this opportunity to foreshadow a planned series of meetings with Australia's political leaders in late February 2007 to discuss the Middle East conflict, the future of Australia's multicultural society and other issues of mutual concern. We will be contacting your office soon to arrange such a meeting.

Finally, please note we would be very happy to host a lunch in Melbourne at your convenience for you to meet with the leading members of our community. Please contact Geoffrey Zygier, ECAJ Executive Director, on 03 9272 5579 to advise when would be suitable.

Yours sincerely

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