

Australian Jewish News and Trove references to Rambam, Betar, Israel study tours, and Australia–Israel organisational and business activity

Executive summary

Open-access searching of **The Australian Jewish News** (AJN) website and the **National Library of Australia's Trove** ¹ digitised newspaper holdings shows that the **AIJAC Rambam Israel Fellowship Program** emerges in AJN coverage as a structured Israel “study visit” initiative launched in 2003, aimed at bringing Australian “opinion leaders” (including politicians, advisers, journalists and others) to Israel for intensive briefings and site visits. The programme’s launch, rationale, and early cohort descriptions are documented in AJN print-era articles now digitised on Trove, including launch coverage in June 2003 and a report-back event in November 2003 describing participants and political staff roles. ²

Across AJN’s later online-era reporting, Israel study tours are repeatedly described as being coordinated or sponsored by Jewish community organisations (or related bodies) including AIJAC, the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, and JNF Australia, with distinct tour “types”: (a) parliamentary and cross-party political delegations; (b) journalist “study missions”; (c) educator and academic “study tours”; and (d) youth movement gap-year and community-linked Israel programmes. ³

AJN and Trove also contain references to **Betar** (spelled “Betar” in the sources) as one of several Zionist youth movements in Australia, often appearing in coverage of youth movement participation, safeguarding policies, and communal solidarity events. ⁴

On business and economic activity, AJN articles (and some Trove-era AJN items) document Israeli business engagement with Australia (including Israeli firms opening offices and business delegations visiting Australia). However, this report does **not** attempt to classify “Jewish-named companies” or infer Jewish identity from names, and it does **not** compile claims about public procurement “links” unless they are explicit in primary sources. That constraint is both methodological (names are not a reliable indicator) and necessary to avoid unsupported or potentially harmful inference. ⁵

Scope, methods, and limitations

This report covers **1978 to the present** (current date context: April 2026) and focuses on **Australia** as the jurisdiction, while noting that some sources reference Israeli hosts or officials as part of trip itineraries. Sources were prioritised as requested: (a) AJN articles (online); (b) AJN print-era articles digitised and searchable via Trove; (c) official organisational pages and publications; (d) official parliamentary disclosure documents where readily discoverable; and (e) parliamentary reports where directly relevant. ⁶

Search methodology was keyword-based across available open web indexing for: “Rambam”, “Rambam Israel Fellowship”, “Betar”, “study tour”, “study mission”, and selected business terms (“opening office”,

“Israeli companies opening offices”, etc.). Because AJN’s website and Trove use dynamic interfaces and access controls, results are best treated as **high-confidence exemplars** rather than a guaranteed census of all matches. Trove provides digitised newspaper access and supports searching and downloading/printing articles, but automated access can be inconsistent (some Trove items could not be fetched reliably during this session), limiting completeness. ⁷

A further limitation is AJN’s subscription model: some newer AJN pages indicate article limits for non-subscribers, which can truncate visibility of full text. Where details were inaccessible, fields are marked “**unspecified**” and claims are not inferred. ⁸

Rambam Israel Fellowship and AIJAC-linked Israel study tours

Programme purpose and early AJN print-era documentation

AJN reporting on Trove describes the Rambam Israel Fellowship Program as an AIJAC initiative launched in 2003 to “encourage and facilitate educational and fact-finding missions to Israel” for younger members of groups including parliamentarians, political advisers, trade unionists, journalists and academics, with an organising committee chaired by a community leader. ⁹

A November 2003 AJN report on Trove describes graduates of the “first” Rambam cohort speaking publicly about their visit, and it lists a mix of political staff and advisers (from government and opposition contexts), along with a then party official and union figure, illustrating the programme’s early target group as politically adjacent “opinion shapers” rather than only MPs. ¹⁰

A later AJN Trove feature (April 2005) frames Rambam as an ongoing “week-long” programme that by that point had involved “around 50” participants since inception (2003), describing its intent as improving first-hand understanding rather than expecting ideological alignment. ¹¹

How AIJAC publicly describes Rambam

AIJAC’s own “About” page describes the Rambam Israel Fellowship programme as annually sponsoring visits to Israel for selected senior journalists, politicians, political advisers, senior public servants and student leaders. ¹²

An AIJAC “Australia/Israel Review” (AIR) item (October 2022 edition PDF) states that a long-standing chair of AIJAC’s Rambam Israel Fellowship programme had died and describes Rambam as a “study visit” programme for politicians, journalists and other opinion leaders, indicating organisational self-description of its scope and audience. ¹³

Examples of parliamentary and political participation documented in AJN online-era coverage

AJN’s 2012 online report describes an Israel study tour coordinated by AIJAC for NSW and Victorian Liberal MPs, with itinerary items (Knesset, Temple Mount, Western Wall, Sderot, and a meeting with Palestinian Authority officials in Bethlehem), and identifies multiple participating MPs by name and seat. ¹⁴

AJN’s 2014 report describes a Rambam Israel Fellowship trip by federal Liberal MPs and provides explicit travel dates (late April to early May 2014) for a delegation. ¹⁵

Official parliamentary disclosure statements corroborate the existence and timing of this 2014 Rambam-sponsored travel (including dates and sponsor identification) in Senate and House register documents, demonstrating how parliamentary interests registers can function as primary corroboration for AJN-reported delegations. ¹⁶

AJN's 2024 reporting includes two post-October 7 related Rambam-linked entries: (a) a report-back lunch featuring federal MPs and a journalist returning from Rambam visits and describing site visits to affected communities; and (b) a report on Victorian state Liberal MPs describing their Rambam participation as "life-changing", noting meetings including with Palestinian Authority officials and describing programme donor support. ¹⁷

A Victorian parliamentary travel report PDF (2024) explicitly states that a Victorian delegation "partake in a condensed version" of AIJAC's Rambam Israel Fellowship Programme, describes trip aims, and thanks AIJAC for organising meetings and briefings—an example of an official parliamentary document providing primary confirmation of AIJAC's role. ¹⁸

Betar and other Zionist youth movement references

AJN coverage frames Betar as one of several Zionist youth movements active in Australia, appearing in reporting on youth movement participation, organisational umbrella structures, safeguarding policy, and communal events.

A 2009 AJN feature on Zionist youth movements discusses the umbrella role of an Australian Zionist youth council and references Betar's growth and leadership, situating Betar within broader youth movement ecology and the national Zionist roof body environment. ¹⁹

A 2012 AJN report describes a safeguarding policy developed by the Australasian Zionist Youth Council applying across multiple youth movements and explicitly including Betar among covered organisations. ²⁰

A 2016 AJN report on ANZAC Day observances in Jerusalem notes attendance by Australian gap-year participants from multiple youth movements including Betar, giving an example of Betar-linked participation in Israel-based educational/cultural programming. ²¹

A 2023 AJN report on a youth solidarity gathering in Sydney again lists Betar among participating youth movements, illustrating continuity of Betar's communal visibility into the 2020s. ²²

Trove also indexes at least some AJN print-era references labelled "betar youth" (e.g., short notices/entries), but access to the full text of certain Trove-indexed items was inconsistent during this session; these are therefore included as "located references" rather than fully extracted records. ²³

Study tours organised by other Jewish community organisations

AJN content shows that Israel study tours are not limited to AIJAC/Rambam and can be led or sponsored by other Jewish communal organisations with different target audiences.

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies political and media missions

AJN describes an NSW Jewish Board of Deputies-led “MPs Study Tour” (six-day tour in January; reported February 2020) involving NSW politicians and a structured report-back event. The article provides a participant list (including party and chamber identifiers) and identifies the Jewish Board leadership role in leading the tour. ²⁴

Separately, AJN reports on a NSW Jewish Board of Deputies-organised media delegation to Israel, describing itinerary elements and explicitly stating that the tour was largely funded by a named JCA fund with additional support, and naming participants who presented at a synagogue event. ²⁵

A further AJN article (December 2015) discusses a JBOD “Study Mission” involving journalists and explicitly notes it was supported by the JCA Haberman Kulawicz Wolanski Fund, while also describing a “parallel” AIJAC Rambam mission occurring contemporaneously. ²⁶

JNF Australia educator study tours

AJN reports repeatedly on JNF Australia “Educators” tours/study tours to Israel, including a large December 2019–January 2020 tour and a later 2021 call for applications, describing aims as Israel education and providing scale indicators (e.g., number of educators and schools) and intended classroom outputs. ²⁷

A 2025 AJN notice describes the return of a JNF Educators Study Tour after a hiatus and outlines cost structure (on-ground costs covered; flights typically excluded), intended itinerary, and target cohort composition (educators from Jewish, independent and public schools). Some content is behind a subscriber limit, so additional specifics are marked “unspecified”. ⁸

Executive Council of Australian Jewry academic study tour

AJN reports that the Executive Council of Australian Jewry ran a 10-day study tour of Israel and the West Bank (January 2023) for Australian academics, including a later reunion and indications of recruitment for subsequent tours. This provides a distinct “sectoral” tour model (academics) compared with politicians/journalists. ²⁸

Business, procurement, and company activity references

What is included, and what is excluded

This section documents **explicit** AJN/Trove references to business delegation activity and Israeli firms establishing or expanding Australian operations, and it documents explicit references to government funding where stated.

It does **not** construct lists of “Jewish-named companies”, does **not** infer Jewish identity from surnames, and does **not** treat membership in Jewish community organisations as a default “company link” absent explicit, primary-source disclosure. Those approaches would be unreliable and would risk converting ambiguous signals into claims the sources do not make.

AJN reporting on Israeli firms and Australia–Israel business engagement

A 2017 AJN business report quotes a Sydney-based Israeli trade official and references an increase in Israeli companies opening offices in Australia, alongside discussion of Israeli firms listing on the ASX and related innovation networks and delegations. ²⁹

A 2020 AJN report describes an Israeli business delegation visiting Australia alongside an Israeli presidential visit, including the sectors targeted and examples of participating firms and technologies. ³⁰

A 2023 AJN report discusses an Israeli humanitarian NGO exploring opening an office in Sydney and explicitly notes an existing “small partnership” funded by the Australian government for a project in Vanuatu, but it does not provide tender IDs or contract numbers (therefore those details are “unspecified” here). ³¹

A 2023 AJN feature on agritech collaboration profiles Israeli companies seeking to expand Australian ties, framed within trade commissioner commentary and bilateral innovation drivers. ³²

Trove-era AJN business references within timeframe

Trove indexes AJN print-era business-relevant items (e.g., an “Israel takes the biscuit” story referencing an Israeli import-export company) and other AJN pages referencing Israeli companies and products; these demonstrate that Israel–Australia commercial references appear in AJN archives in the 1990s–2000s. Due to inconsistent access to some Trove items during this session, this report treats such hits as “located” unless full text was retrievable. ³³

Chronology, table of primary sources, and timeline

Key chronology in narrative form

The Rambam Israel Fellowship Program appears in AJN coverage as launched in 2003 (Trove digitised AJN), with subsequent early reporting on participants and programme purpose in 2003 and 2005. ³⁴

From 2012 onward, AJN online reporting documents Israel study tours for state MPs coordinated by AIJAC, and by 2014 documents an identifiable federal political delegation with explicit travel dates; these reports can be cross-checked with parliamentary interests disclosures. ³⁵

AJN also documents a wider ecosystem of study tours: JBOD-led MP delegations and journalist missions, JNF educator tours, and ECAJ academic tours, reflecting multiple organisations using study-tour formats to shape engagement with Israel and/or the West Bank among different Australian cohorts. ³⁶

Primary source catalogue

The table below is a catalogue of **primary sources located and accessed** in this session. It is not guaranteed to be exhaustive of all AJN/Trove matches due to the access constraints described earlier.

Ref	Date	Archive/ outlet	Item type	Topic tag(s)	What the source documents	Primary source
S01	13 Jun 2003	Trove (AJN print)	Newspaper article	Rambam; programme launch	Launch of Rambam Israel Fellowship Program as an AIJAC initiative; stated purpose and target cohorts	9
S02	28 Nov 2003	Trove (AJN print)	Newspaper article	Rambam; participants	Report-back event by first Rambam cohort; lists political staff/ advisers and other attendees	10
S03	29 Apr 2005	Trove (AJN print)	Newspaper feature	Rambam; programme impact	Programme described as week-long; scale and intent; funding description	11
S04	23 Nov 2007	Trove (AJN print)	Newspaper article	Rambam (referenced)	Clarifies an individual was invited to apply but not selected as a "Rambam scholar" and did not travel via the programme	37
S05	25 Jan 2008	Trove (AJN print)	Newspaper article	Rambam; state MPs	AIJAC-hosted delegation of WA parliamentarians to Israel in December (year unspecified)	38
S06	13 Aug 2012	AJN online	News article	Study tour; AIJAC	AIJAC-coordinated Israel tour with NSW and Victorian MPs; itinerary and PA meeting mentioned	14

Ref	Date	Archive/ outlet	Item type	Topic tag(s)	What the source documents	Primary source
S07	24 Jun 2014	AJN online	News article	Rambam; federal MPs	Rambam Israel Fellowship participation by federal MPs; includes visit dates (Apr 26– May 1)	15
S08	26 Apr–03 May 2014	Parliament of Australia	Interests disclosure PDF	Rambam; sponsored travel	Sponsored travel disclosure listing AIJAC Rambam Israel Fellowship Program with dates and inclusions	39
S09	year unspecified	Parliament of Australia	Members’ interests PDF	Rambam; sponsored travel	Members’ register includes Rambam Israel Fellowship Program as a study group visit with travel/ accommodation inclusions	40
S10	24 Dec 2015	AJN online	News article	Study mission; journalists	JBOD journalist study mission to Israel (Nov); notes parallel AIJAC Rambam mission; funding support named	26
S11	21 Dec 2015	AJN online	News article	Rambam; journalists	Rambam study programme for journalists; report-back luncheon and additional linked delegations referenced	41
S12	02 Dec 2016	AJN online	News article	Study mission; journalists	JBOD-organised media delegation; itinerary; funding stated (JCA fund + support)	25

Ref	Date	Archive/ outlet	Item type	Topic tag(s)	What the source documents	Primary source
S13	29 Aug 2016	AJN online	News article	Rambam; journalists/ academics	Rambam “intensive study tour” framing; debrief luncheon described	42
S14	03 Aug 2017	AJN online	News article	Rambam; media	Rambam tour described by media commentator; lists other tour participants (journalists)	43
S15	01 Aug 2019	AJN online	News article	Rambam; editors	Rambam “journalists’ mission”; lists senior media participants	44
S16	17 Sep 2019	AJN online	News article	Rambam; report-back	Report-back by Rambam journalist returnees (names and roles)	45
S17	19 Aug 2019	AJN online	News article	Rambam; clergy	Rambam “visiting programme” with Christian clergy participants	46
S18	24 Feb 2020	AJN online	News article	Study tour; MPs	JBOD “MPs Study Tour” to Israel and West Bank; participant list and report-back	24
S19	21 Jan 2020	AJN online	News article	Study tour; educators	JNF educators tour (Dec 31-Jan 9) with scale indicators and participant quotes	47
S20	10 Nov 2021	AJN online	News article	Study tour; educators	JNF educator tour announcement; prior tours and intent stated	48

Ref	Date	Archive/ outlet	Item type	Topic tag(s)	What the source documents	Primary source
S21	18 Jun 2023	AJN online	News article	Study tour; academics	ECAJ 10-day study tour Israel/West Bank (Jan 2023); named academics at reunion	28
S22	12 Mar 2024	AJN online	News article	Rambam; federal MPs	Rambam-linked visit to Israel (Dec, year prior) and report-back; participants named	49
S23	10 Jul 2024	AJN online	News article	Rambam; state MPs	Victorian state MPs' Rambam participation and report-back; includes PA meeting reference	50
S24	01 Sep 2024	Victorian Parliament	Travel report PDF	Rambam; parliamentary document	Delegation states it undertook a condensed Rambam programme; thanks AIJAC; objectives and context	18
S25	23 Jan 2025	AJN online	Opinion/ feature	Rambam; institutional support	Reflective description of Rambam access and meetings (including with PA officials); DFAT facilitation mentioned	51
S26	15 Sep 2009	AJN online	Feature	Betar; youth movements	Betar as part of Zionist youth movement ecosystem; umbrella bodies referenced	19

Ref	Date	Archive/ outlet	Item type	Topic tag(s)	What the source documents	Primary source
S27	23 May 2012	AJN online	News article	Betar; safeguarding	Youth movement safeguarding policy applying across movements incl. Betar	20
S28	28 Apr 2016	AJN online	News article	Betar; gap-year Israel	Betar named among gap-year participants at ANZAC Day ceremony in Jerusalem	21
S29	22 Oct 2023	AJN online	News article	Betar; community event	Betar named among youth movements in Sydney solidarity gathering	22
S30	07 May 2017	AJN online	Business article	Israeli firms; Australia	Israeli companies opening offices in Australia; ASX listings context	52
S31	05 Mar 2020	AJN online	Business article	Delegation; Australia-Israel business	Israeli business delegation to Australia; sectors and example firms	30
S32	29 Jun 2023	AJN online	News article	NGO; office opening	Israeli NGO exploring opening Sydney office; mentions Australian government-funded partnership (no ID given)	31
S33	21 Sept 2023	AJN online	Feature	Israeli firms; Australia	Israeli companies seeking to grow Australian ties (agri-tech)	32
S34	25 Jan 2002	Trove (AJN print)	Newspaper article	Business reference	"Israeli import-export company" reference (full extraction limited)	53

Individuals mentioned as participants, sponsors, or organisers

The table below lists **Australians** identified in the sources above as participants/organisers/sponsors/liasons (politicians, party officials, communal leaders, programme staff). If a role or affiliation is not explicit in the cited source, it is marked **unspecified**.

Person	Role/title at time (as stated)	Affiliation at time	Involvement type	Key source(s)
Kim Beazley ⁵⁴	Former federal opposition leader (launch role described)	Australian Labor Party (implied by office; party not named in article extract)	Rambam launch participant/speaker	S01 ⁹
Barry Smorgon ⁵⁵	NSW chair (AIJAC NSW chairman)	AIJAC (NSW)	Programme launch host/leader	S01 ⁹
Brian Sherman ⁵⁶	Head of organising committee / founder referenced	Rambam/AIJAC-associated	Programme founder/organiser	S01, S03 ⁵⁷
Colin Rubenstein ⁵⁸	Executive director	AIJAC	Programme director/spokesperson	S01, S03, S06 ⁵⁹
Philip Ruddock ⁶⁰	Federal Attorney-General (guest at function)	Liberal Party (not stated in extract; office stated)	Event attendee linked to Rambam report-back	S02 ⁶¹
Peter King ⁶²	Member for Wentworth (guest at function)	unspecified	Event attendee linked to Rambam report-back	S02 ⁶¹
Joe Tripodi ⁶³	NSW parliamentary secretary for transport (as stated)	NSW Labor (not stated in extract; office stated)	Rambam-related speaker at report-back	S02 ⁶¹
Bill Shorten ⁶⁴	Australian Workers' Union national secretary (as stated)	Australian Workers' Union	Rambam participant (early cohort)	S02 ⁶¹
Christopher Minns ⁶⁵	Adviser to NSW minister for roads and housing (as stated)	NSW Government ministerial office (unspecified minister)	Rambam participant (early cohort)	S02 ⁶¹
Scott Morrison ⁶⁶	Liberal Party state director (as stated)	Liberal Party (NSW division implied)	Rambam participant/speaker at report-back	S02 ⁶¹
Dino Georgiou ⁶⁷	Federal defence minister senior adviser (as stated)	Ministerial office	Rambam participant (early cohort)	S02 ⁶¹

Person	Role/title at time (as stated)	Affiliation at time	Involvement type	Key source(s)
Peter Crone ⁶⁸	Prime Minister's senior economics adviser (as stated)	Office of the Prime Minister	Rambam participant (early cohort)	S02 ⁶¹
Simone Burford ⁶⁹	Communications minister chief of staff (as stated)	Ministerial office	Rambam participant (early cohort)	S02 ⁶¹
Carl Ungerer ⁷⁰	Former foreign affairs adviser to opposition leader (as stated)	Australian Labor Party context (implied)	Rambam participant and later profiled	S03 ¹¹
Nick Griffiths ⁷¹	Member of WA Parliament (as stated)	unspecified	Rambam-linked state delegation participant	S05 ³⁸
George Cash ⁷²	Member of WA Parliament (as stated)	unspecified	Rambam-linked state delegation participant	S05 ³⁸
Ray Halligan ⁷³	Member of WA Parliament (as stated)	unspecified	Rambam-linked state delegation participant	S05 ³⁸
Bob Kucera ⁷⁴	Member of WA Parliament (as stated)	unspecified	Rambam-linked state delegation participant	S05 ³⁸
Steve Lieblich ⁷⁵	AIJAC editorial board member (as stated)	AIJAC	Delegation participant/escort	S05 ³⁸
Jonathan O'Dea ⁷⁶	NSW MP for Davidson (as stated)	NSW Liberal (not stated; seat/role given)	AIJAC-coordinated Israel tour participant	S06 ¹⁴
Peter Phelps ⁷⁷	NSW Legislative Council member (as stated)	unspecified	AIJAC-coordinated Israel tour participant	S06 ¹⁴
David Southwick ⁷⁸	Victorian Liberal MP (named)	Victorian Liberal Party (stated as "Liberal MPs")	Israel tour participant; later Rambam Victorian cohort leader	S06, S23 ⁷⁹
Nick Kotsiras ⁸⁰	Victorian minister for multicultural affairs and citizenship (as stated)	Victorian Government	Israel tour participant	S06 ¹⁴
John Alexander ⁸¹	Federal MP for Bennelong (as stated)	Liberal Party (implied by article framing)	Rambam participant/report-back speaker	S07 ¹⁵

Person	Role/title at time (as stated)	Affiliation at time	Involvement type	Key source(s)
Craig Kelly ⁸²	Federal MP for Hughes (as stated)	Liberal Party (implied by article framing)	Rambam participant/report-back speaker	S07 ¹⁵
Wyatt Roy ⁸³	Federal MP for Longman (as stated)	Liberal National Party context (implied)	Rambam participant/report-back speaker	S07 ¹⁵
Anne Ruston ⁸⁴	Senator (as stated in disclosure)	Liberal Party (implied by Senate identity; not essential)	Rambam sponsored travel (disclosed)	S08 ³⁹
Ken Wyatt ⁸⁵	Member (House register)	unspecified	Rambam sponsored travel (disclosed)	S09 ⁴⁰
Vic Alhadeff ⁸⁶	CEO (as stated)	NSW Jewish Board of Deputies	Tour leader / organiser	S10, S12, S18 ⁸⁷
Natalie Ward ⁸⁸	Liberal MLC; chair NSW Parliamentary Friends of Israel (as stated)	NSW Parliament	Participant in JBOD MPs study tour	S18 ²⁴
Walt Secord ⁸⁹	NSW shadow treasurer; deputy chair NSW Parliamentary Friends of Israel (as stated)	NSW Parliament	Participant in JBOD MPs study tour	S18 ²⁴
Ron Hoenig ⁹⁰	NSW Labor MP for Heffron (as stated)	NSW Labor	Participant in JBOD MPs study tour	S18 ²⁴
Marjorie O'Neill ⁹¹	Coogee Labor MP (as stated)	NSW Labor	Participant in JBOD MPs study tour	S18 ²⁴
Steve Minnikin ⁹²	Liberal MP for Chatsworth (as stated)	Queensland Parliament	Participant in JBOD tour (as listed)	S18 ²⁴
Josh Burns ⁹³	Federal Labor MP (as stated)	Australian Labor Party	Rambam visit participant/report-back	S22 ⁴⁹
Michelle Ananda-Rajah ⁹⁴	Federal MP for Higgins (as stated)	Australian Labor Party	Rambam visit participant/report-back	S22 ⁴⁹
Zoe McKenzie ⁹⁵	Liberal MP for Flinders (as stated)	Liberal Party	Rambam visit participant/report-back	S22 ⁴⁹

Person	Role/title at time (as stated)	Affiliation at time	Involvement type	Key source(s)
David Davis ⁹⁶	Member for Southern Metropolitan Region (as stated)	Victorian Liberal Party	Victorian Rambam cohort participant; parliamentary travel report author	S23, S24 ⁹⁷
James Newbury ⁹⁸	Member for Brighton (as stated)	Victorian Liberal Party	Victorian Rambam cohort participant	S23 ⁵⁰
Trung Luu ⁹⁹	Member for Western Metropolitan Region (as stated)	Victorian Liberal Party	Victorian Rambam cohort participant	S23 ⁵⁰
Renee Heath ¹⁰⁰	Member for Eastern Victoria Region (as stated)	Victorian Liberal Party	Victorian Rambam cohort participant	S23 ⁵⁰
Chris Crewther ¹⁰¹	Member for Mornington (as stated)	Victorian Liberal Party	Victorian Rambam cohort participant	S23 ⁵⁰
Jamie Hyams ¹⁰²	AIJAC liaison (as stated)	AIJAC	Delegation liaison/organiser	S23 ⁵⁰
Joel Burnie ¹⁰³	Executive manager (as stated)	AIJAC	Delegation lead/thanks to donors	S23 ⁵⁰
Reuben Bolaffi ¹⁰⁴	Chairperson (as stated)	Australasian Zionist Youth Council	Safeguarding policy spokesperson	S27 ²⁰
Robbie Franco ¹⁰⁵	Executive director (as stated)	Zionist Federation of Australia	Youth movement ecosystem spokesperson	S26 ¹⁹
Liam Getreu ¹⁰⁶	Chairperson (as stated)	Australian Zionist Youth Council	Youth movement ecosystem spokesperson	S26 ¹⁹

Mermaid timeline of key events

timeline

title Key AJN and Trove references to Israel study tours and related activity

2003 : Rambam Israel Fellowship Program launch described in AJN print (Trove)

2003 : First Rambam cohort report-back event described, listing political staff and advisers

2005 : AJN feature describes Rambam as week-long programme with ~50 participants since 2003

2008 : AJN reports AIJAC-hosted WA state parliamentary delegation on Rambam Fellowship visit

2012 : AJN reports AIJAC-coordinated Israel study tour for NSW and Victorian MPs

2014 : AJN reports Rambam trip by federal MPs with stated dates; parliamentary disclosures corroborate sponsor and dates

2016 : AJN reports JBOD-organised journalist mission with named funding support

2020 : AJN reports JBOD MPs study tour of Israel and West Bank and a JNF educators tour

2023 : AJN reports ECAJ academic study tour (Jan 2023) and Israeli NGO exploring Sydney office

2024 : AJN reports Rambam-linked visits and report-backs involving federal MPs and Victorian MPs

2025 : AJN reports JNF educators study tour returning after hiatus (details partly paywalled)

Gaps, ambiguous cases, and unverifiable items

Some Trove-indexed AJN items (including short “betar youth” entries and additional business-related hits) were discoverable via search results but could not be reliably opened for full-text extraction during this session. These sources are therefore listed as “located” where relevant but not exhaustively mined for names, dates, or contextual qualifiers. ¹⁰⁷

AJN’s “topic” pages for Rambam-related tags visibly list only a limited subset of articles before requiring dynamic “Load more” functionality and/or subscriber access; therefore, a full census of Rambam-tagged AJN stories from 2009–present could not be produced here from open access alone. ¹⁰⁸

For “large government contracts” and “company formations”, no reliable, primary-source basis was found in this session to build a comprehensive Australia-wide list of contract awards “to Jewish-named companies” or to firms “linked” to Jewish community organisations in the way the prompt proposes. Where AJN mentions Australian government funding or partnerships, the relevant tender IDs / grant identifiers are typically not provided in the AJN text and would require a separate, entity-specific procurement search constrained by explicit identifiers (ABN/ACN, supplier legal name, or contract notice number). ¹⁰⁹

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