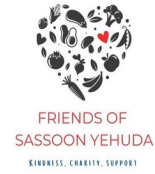




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All policies have been reviewed April 2026

Life Membership Policy

The Board, of the Sephardi Association of Victoria (SAV) and the Sassoon Yehuda Sephardi Synagogue (known in this policy as The Synagogue) gratefully acknowledges the dedication and ongoing support of all members, the Board, and volunteers (of the Sephardi Association of Victoria (SAV) and the Sassoon Yehuda Sephardi Synagogue (collectively known in this policy as “SAV Representatives”).

This policy provides the processes on recognising individuals who have provided such dedication and commitment to the Synagogue, that they are recognised and honoured with a “Life Membership”.

Life Membership is an honour only, and should be bestowed to a member of the Synagogue who has not only donated their time to working for the Synagogue, but has done so in a respectful way that exemplifies the Jewish values of –

- **Trust** – being reliable, having a good reputation, being loyal
- **Respect** – treating others with respect, having good manners, being considerate and kind to others, honouring others
- **Responsibility** – being accountable, doing your best, having self-discipline
- **Fairness** – listening to others, being fair and honest,
- **Caring** – *chesed*, being kind, compassionate and helping those in need
- **Being a positive role model** – setting a good and positive example, respecting others in the Synagogue.

Process for nominating a member for Life Membership

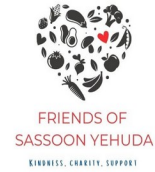
- Only a member (not a Life Member) can nominate another member for Life Membership. This must be made to the Board in writing to the Secretary and President. The nomination





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must provide documented reasoning, as per the values and must demonstrate that the nominee's contribution has left the Synagogue/ Association in a measurably better way than before due to their significant efforts.

- The Board will collectively decide if the member being nominated should be honoured, based on the information provided in the nomination.
- Only one Life Membership may be bestowed each year. The final decision will be made by the SAV Board.

- The President, or Executive member, will make an announcement at the Annual General Meeting of any successful candidates.

- The person nominated for a Life Membership must be a financial member for at least 10 years. They should have served on the SAV Board for at least 5 years (not consecutively) or worked as a volunteer for a minimum of 10 years.

- Life Members are entitled to such privileges as determined by the SAV Board (but not limited to) -

- o They may attend Board meetings, only when invited or when a formal request is made to the Executive, and offer their opinion but may not move or second motions.

They are ineligible to be elected as Board members.

- o Have most of the privileges of a SAV member but are required to pay the yearly subscription membership fee.

- o Only have voting rights when they have paid their yearly subscription membership fee.

- o The congregation, in a Special General Meeting, may withdraw a life membership (refer "19. Grounds for taking disciplinary action" of the Synagogue's Constitution).

