



PUBLICATIONS POLICY

A. Statement of Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework and guidelines for the:
 - (a) publication of Grapevine, Hamerkaz and community e-notices; and
 - (b) Editor and Editorial Advisory Committee of Hamerkaz.
2. Grapevine, Hamerkaz and community e-notices serve as:
 - (a) a means of communication and discussion with ACTJC members regarding community events and matters;
 - (b) a means of increasing understanding of the Jewish community and the ACTJC in particular;
 - (c) an avenue for information and discussion about the wider Jewish world;
 - (d) a means of promoting the interests of the ACTJC to the wider Jewish and non-Jewish community; and
 - (e) a forum for information and discussion about Jews, Judaism and Israel.

B. Publications

Grapevine

3. Grapevine is the weekly communal email of the ACT Jewish Community Inc (ACTJC).
4. Grapevine serves as an information document for the entire community. It provides a regular column *From the Rabbi's Desk*. It also provides information about services for the Orthodox and Progressive congregations, regular calendar events, and arrangements for adult and children's education.
5. Grapevine also highlights events scheduled for the week immediately following circulation, as well as future events.

Hamerkaz

6. Hamerkaz is the quarterly magazine of the ACTJC.
7. Hamerkaz is distributed by email within and beyond the Canberra community, including to people who are supportive of the ACTJC's aims and intentions. Copies of the magazine are sent to members via email and hard copies are available for perusal at the National Jewish Memorial Centre.
8. The purpose of Hamerkaz is to record events and thinking within the ACTJC. For this reason, contributions from local authors are particularly important.

Community Notices

9. Community e-notices are occasional notices emailed to members when Grapevine is not the appropriate forum.
10. These e-notices convey specific information relating to community groups such as the Progressive Congregation, the Orthodox Congregation and the ACT Zionist Council.
11. Community notices are emailed under the banner of the particular community group to which they relate and must be approved by a member of the ACTJC Executive or his or her delegate prior to despatch.

C. Statement of Principles

12. Material (including letters and articles) that in the opinion of the Editor is contentious or that could harm relations within the ACTJC, or between the ACTJC and the wider community, will not be accepted for publication. The decision of the Editor is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The Editor may consult the Editorial Advisory Committee in making a decision not to publish a letter or article. However, any material that the Editor considers contentious can be modified by the author at the Editor's invitation and resubmitted.
13. Comments (including letters and articles) that in the opinion of the Editor are derogatory or defamatory, politically partisan, or potentially harmful or hurtful, will not be accepted for publication. The decision of the Editor is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The Editor may consult the Editorial Advisory Committee in making a decision not to publish a letter or article.
14. The Editorial Advisory Committee may consider submissions from non-members and members in relation to a decision by the Editor not to publish a letter or article.
15. As the voice of the ACTJC, Hamerkaz, Grapevine and community notices must always be respectful and tolerant in substance and in tone.
16. Freedom of expression is encouraged within these guidelines.

Authorisation

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