

Rabbi Dovid Slavin

Rabbi Dovid Slavin migrated from the United States in 1991 to take up the position of Executive Director of the Rabbinical College of Sydney, a role he has occupied since that time.

His principal voluntary activities have been a member of the Ethics Committee of the Cancer Institute of NSW and Co-founding Director of Gift of Life Australia, an organisation maintaining a register of prospective bone-marrow donors.

Rabbi Slavin was appointed Chaplain in the Ambulance Service of NSW, a role he has fulfilled with distinction.

Rabbi Slavin has, in recent years, founded and directed "Our Big Kitchen" in Bondi, a non-denominational, charitable organisation that seeks to bring together people from all walks of life for community-building activities.

These have included providing food for victims of terror and disaster and ongoing school-based activities that promote social action. The Rabbi has used the Kitchen to bring together chaplains from the uniformed services and is planning an expanded program to involve the Consular Corps.

The kitchen has been visited, and its programs endorsed by, Prime Minister Rudd, Governor-General Bryce, Premiers Rees and Keneally, Opposition Leaders Turnbull, O'Farrell and Debnam, and many others.

Rabbi Slavin's professional and communal life is characterised by perfectionism, benevolence and efficiency.

Rabbi Dovid Slavin lives with his wife, Laya, and their seven children in Bondi.