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## **Umoja Foundation supports publication of *Jewish Memories of Mandela***

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A book that chronicles for the first time the extent to which individual Jewish men and women were involved in the life and career of Nelson Mandela, has been published under the joint auspices of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the Umoja Foundation.

Of the book's launch, Ivor Ichikowitz, Executive Chairman of the Paramount Group and Founder of the Umoja Foundation, commented: "*Jewish Memories of Mandela* is a revealing and inspiring chapter in the history of the South African Jewish community. The book is a crucial addition to the world's records of anti-apartheid activism from within the white community, of which Jews formed a part."

*Jewish Memories of Mandela* offers a unique take on the story of Nelson Mandela and the anti-apartheid struggle, as seen through the lives and recollections of Jewish South Africans who were a part of it.

Jews, notwithstanding that they constituted small minority within the population, have been involved to a remarkably disproportionate extent in Mandela's life history, and indeed in the broader struggle for democracy in South Africa. Whether as lawyers, political activists, trade unionists, journalists, parliamentarians or business leaders, Jews have been intricately involved in the Mandela story, from his arrival in Johannesburg as a young man onwards.

The book reveals new insights into well-known personalities such as Helen Suzman, Ali Bacher, Joe Slovo, Sol Kerzner, Tony Leon and Arthur Chaskalson and their role in South Africa's democratic transformation.

Many of the colour and black-and-white photographs included throughout the book are being published for the first time.