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WUPJ'S MESSAGE



The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) is proud to continue to strengthen its bond with the European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ). Together, we foster the growth of Progressive Judaism, creating connections among regions and communities worldwide.



Connections 2023 took place in May 2023 and was the first gathering in six years that assembled global Progressive leadership. With a turnout of 260 attendees, a third of whom were under 35, this event served as a platform for networking, learning, and inspiration. The event was a profound celebration of the shared values and concerns of the global Progressive Jewish community. It marked the 75th anniversary of Israel, the 50th anniversary of the WUPJ headquarters' relocation to Jerusalem, and was a testament to the global Progressive Jewish family's strength and unity.

In 2022, the EUPJ and WUPJ established the Ukraine Crisis Fund in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Our immediate engagement allowed us to meet urgent needs of those affected. We provided assistance to individuals and families who fled to safety and supported their resettlement in welcoming communities. Our assistance to those who stayed in Ukraine was also vital.



The past year has been a period of remarkable growth for our youth through Netzer Europe, welcoming Netzer Italia as our tenth branch at the Ve'ida in Israel in September 2022. We have held enriching events including Summer and Winter camps, inspiring Shabbatonim, and a seminar in Budapest that fostered strong inter-chapter connections. The network of Tamar chapters for young adults is growing and the Netzer World Veida and Tamar Gathering in Israel in May 2023, representatives from all our branches united to discuss our values and progressive activism. This progress has been demonstrated by our participation in Connections 2023 in Jerusalem, and we look forward to further growth and unity in Netzer Europe.

The Beutel-Bergman Seminars in July 2022 and May 2023 provided a platform for participants to experience diverse best practices of Progressive Jewish leadership around the globe. They honed their leadership and were offered resources to comprehend Israel's complexities, promoting engagement with the country. Attendees had the opportunity to connect with lay leaders worldwide, fostering a community of mutual support. The seminar also facilitated the development of personal projects or ideas through mentoring and a cohort incubator.

Rabbi Sergio Bergman
President

Carole Sterling
Immediate Past Chair

Phyllis Dorey, OAM
Chair

CHAIR'S REPORT

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In February 2022, war returned to Europe. Russia's aggression against Ukraine has since cost and threatened the lives, health and safety of hundreds of thousands of people and brought destruction on an unimaginable scale with it, also endangering our ten progressive congregations in Ukraine, their members and lay and professional leadership.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), in close partnership with the EUPJ, took the lead immediately in joining the international efforts to support those directly affected by the war and established the Ukraine Crisis Fund (UCF) as a global fundraising initiative. The UCF has since raised more than \$ 2,2 million and the generous support from all donors, including very many from Europe, is most gratefully acknowledged here.

The UCF has been providing crucially important help to many victims of the war. A detailed report of the nature and scope of all supported programmes in 2022 can be accessed here <https://wupj.org/ukraine/report/> and I would like to particularly highlight the efforts made by EUPJ congregations in Spain, Poland and Germany, which are aimed at providing help, care and a hopeful perspective to refugees planning to return to Ukraine when that will be possible as well as to those who have decided on building their future in a new country.

It was a privilege for me to join other members of the senior leadership of the World Union for Progressive Judaism on a mission to Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany over Passover 2022. Celebrating *sedarim* in Warsaw and Prague with Rabbi Stas Wojchewicz and Rabbi David Maxa, their congregations and the refugees they were providing shelter to was an unforgettable experience for us all.

Operations at the EUPJ have continued seamlessly throughout the year, even allowing for a first in-person Management Committee meeting in London in July, after an all too long time of online meetings. However, the Covid-19 aftermath situation very sadly still did not allow us to plan for a major European gathering in 2022.

The European Assembly meeting in September 2022 formally started the transition in our lay leadership and I would like to acknowledge the crucial work done by our President, Gordon Smith, in chairing the nominating committee, and by the VC Governance, John Cohen, in ensuring transparency and compliance. Particular thanks go to first Robert Weiner and then Miriam Kramer for their willingness to co-chair the organisation during this

important phase and all who have since stepped up to take on positions of leadership and responsibility for our movement. It is my great hope, as this organisation's first continental chair, that the European dimension of our work, across the United Kingdom and all other member countries, will continue to grow for many years to come.

Finally, it is my privilege to thank, once more, everyone at the EUPJ and the WUPJ for the work we were able to do in partnership in 2022 and the many wonderful individuals in all associated organisations, including the EUPJ Foundation, ERA (European Rabbinic Assembly), the EBD (European Beit Din) and the CEBD (Central European Beit Din) who live up to the spirit and values of Progressive Judaism and spread its light. It has been an honour to work with you all.



Sonja Guentner
EUPJ Chair/Co Chair

FINANCE REPORT

Provided below are tables reflecting the income and expenditure of the EUPJ for 2022 and comparative figures for 2021. The final table reflects our Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021, together with a summary of the main events that contributed to the annual results.

EUPJ Income and Expenditure 2022			
		2022	2021
	% of Total	£	£
Income			
Affiliation fees	24%	58,280	65,867
Donations	0%	200	11,172
Interest	0%	1,030	465
Other Income	0%	655	-
Roswell Fund	16%	37,812	26,187
Baalei Tefillah Europe (BTE) Fees re Programme	0%	200	7,939
Baalei Tefillah Europe (BTE)(Monies refunded)/Grant received	1%	3,560	52,243
Breslauer	9%	21,864	13,534
Know Your Neighbour	6%	13,835	3,454
Rabbinic Training Fund (RFT)	10%	23,995	23,176
Ukrainian aid donations	31%	76,482	-
European Beit Din (EBD)	2%	5,788	683
Total	100%	£ 243,701	£ 204,720
		2022	2021
	% of Total	£	£
Expenditure			
Administration	22%	32,467	40,569
(Gain)/Loss on Exchange	-3%	(3,897)	3,962
Roswell Fund	16%	23,675	23,744
Baalei Tefillah Europe (BTE)	4%	5,540	58,102
Breslauer	16%	24,692	23,345
Know Your Neighbour	9%	14,017	3,260
Rabbinic Training Fund (RFT)	12%	18,000	31,552
Donations	0%	0	3,462
Conference & Shabbaton	0%	-	-
EUO and Other Payments	0%	-	-
Supporting Communities	10%	14,369	6,284
European Beit Din (EBD)	4%	5,788	-
Ukrainian Appeal Distribution and Costs	10%	15,351	-
Total	90%	£ 150,002	£ 194,280

EUPJ Income and Expenditure 2022			
		2022	2021
		£	£
Income		243,701	204,720
Expenditure		150,000	194,280
Surplus		£ 93,699	£ 10,440

EUPJ Balance Sheet 2022			
		2022	2021
		£	£
Assets			
Debtors		85,686	17,644
Cash		475,624	427,998
		£ 561,310	£ 445,642
Liabilities			
Creditors		£ 2 19,484	£ 197,516
Net Assets		£ 341,826	£ 248,126
Funds			
Unrestricted		194,206	181,768
Restricted		147,621	66,358
		£ 341,827	£ 248,126

FINANCIAL REPORT - NARRATIVE

1. The surplus on Unrestricted funds for the year was £12,436 (2021: £16,373).
2. The surplus on Restricted funds was £81,263. (2021: Deficit £5,933). This includes donations received in respect of the Ukrainian Emergency Appeal of £76,482 (2021 :£-).
3. The total surplus for the year was £93,699 (2021: £10,440) which includes the Ukrainian Emergency Appeal of £76,482 which has been transferred in 2023.
4. Affiliation fees for the year totalled £82,275 (2021: £89,043). These include the fees for the Rabbinic Training Fund of £23,995 (2021: £23,176).
5. The European Beit Din income for the year was £5,788, which was £2,507 higher than the previous year.
6. Administration expenses for 2022 totalled £28,568 (2021: £54,277).
7. £5,540 (2021: £58,102) of costs were incurred in relation to the Baalei Tefillah Europe (BTE) programme. These are included under administrations costs within the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants and fees of £3,760 (2021: £60,182) were received towards this programme.
8. There was a £3,897 profit on exchange in the year. These are included under administrations costs within the Statement of Financial Activities.
9. Bank balances at 31 December 2022 were £475,624 (2021: £427,998).
A difference of £47,626.

A copy of the certified accounts can be viewed [here](#).

For more information, please contact Paul Winter
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STICHTING (FOUNDATION) REPORT

The EUPJ Brussels office closed down in 2022 as the operational base of the foundation moved to Amsterdam.



This project was funded by the European Union's Citizens, Equality, Rights, and Values Programme (CERV) (2021-2027)

The main focus of the EUPJ Foundation has been the Flagship Neighbours project. This aims to tackle antisemitism and islamophobia within the European Union through the building of cross religious community coalitions and engagement with local schools and youth organisations.

The project has been 90% funded by the European Commission with each partner having to provide a 10% self-donation. The communities of Beth Shalom in Munich, Beth Hillel Rome, Keren Or in Lyon, Jüdische Gemeinde haKochaw für den Kreis Unna, Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Amsterdam & Communauté Juive libérale Île-de-France & Or Chadasch in Vienna.

The 2 year program is managed by HIAS Europe and the EUPJ foundation. Key dates so far have been:

- May 2022: Kick off meeting with all parties in Amsterdam
- November 2022: Training camp in Brussels facilitated by LJG, EUPJ Foundation & HIAS
- November 2022: Facebook and website setup for the international initiative.
- December 2022: English version of education manual for the communities produced.





[Comunità Ebraica Beth Hillel Roma](#) just hosted another successful scriptures discussion, with more than 40 participants representing Judaism, Islam and Christianity. This edition's theme was Praise. Well done!



In Vienna, [Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde Wien - Or Chadasch](#)'s interfaith coalition is making strides



Neighbours Education Manual



Training in LJG Amsterdam



Networks Overcoming Antisemitism is a pioneering approach to address and tackle rising antisemitism in Europe. Through a unique partnership of major Jewish networks, NOA evaluates EU Member States' policies across major critical areas — from education to culture to security — and helps develop holistic national action plans to address antisemitism.

The EUPJ Foundation is partnered with four other founding organisations, including the World Jewish Congress (WJC), the European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ), B'nai B'rith Europe, and the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS). It is coordinated by CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe.



NOA (Networks Overcoming Antisemitism) European Conference in Brussels

Joined by 100+ Jewish organisations, policy-influencers, and public authorities to discuss the tools for countering antisemitism and fostering ✨ life in Europe.

NOA partners CEJI - A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe, EUJS - European Union of Jewish Students, AEPJ, B'nai B'rith Europe, European Union for Progressive Judaism - EUPJ.

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Since the EUPJ AGM August 2022 we prepared for 5783 by producing a meditation for every day of Elul, written by a large number of colleagues from across the region and published on our website and publicised on our social media.

We also began work on our new constitution and this is ongoing work for us.

We continued monitoring the situation at Geiger Kolleg and supporting students as well as rabbinic colleagues. We were encouraged that the Zentralrat initiated a legal investigation and are hopeful that report will be published. We contributed to the list of people to whom Rabbi Yoki Amir would speak and to report back to both EUPJ and WUPJ. We await the publication of this report.

We have continued to offer to support rabbinic training in Germany, but this offer has not been accepted.

During Chanukah we published a reading for each night on our website and publicised through our social media. This again was received well by those who used the readings.

Our Continuing Rabbinic Education programme has developed interesting shiurim. So far 14 different shiurim have been offered to colleagues, as well as the Talmud class.

We clarified with EUPJ Management Committee the role of ERA as rabbinic advisor to the EUPJ. This now parallels the role that the Rabbinic Assembly and Rabbinic Conference have with their respective movements

In February, we held our AGM which was very well attended online. Afterwards Rabbi Dr Michael Marmur spoke on the Jewish value of Hogenet followed by a lively debate.

In February, we also held our webinar about Israel, in conjunction with Arzenu. Originally planned as a rabbis only meeting, we were pleased to extend the webinar to EUPJ and its communities, and a successful event was held with Rabbi Gilad Kariv MK and Anna Kislanski CEO of IMPJ.

We were pleased to offer a meditation for every day of the Omer – a marathon for us – again with contributions from colleagues across the continent and with a variety of approaches.

In June, we held Pride Shabbat, led from Kingston Synagogue by Rabbi Dr Rene Pfertzel and Rabbi Adrian Schell, with input from Rabbi Judith Rosen Berry, Rabbi Ariel Friedlander, Rabbi Josue Ferreira and Rabbi Bryan Doyle-du Breil. About 50 people attended in person and a further 80 online from many different countries.

We are planning a kallah about the Batei Din in Europe, to know more about each other's cultural expectations and clarifying the role of the EBD going forward after the retirement of Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick, so that we can continue to offer the service that is so important to our communities.

We are planning a programme for rabbis for Yamim Noraim to share resources etc and stimulate thinking.

We have met monthly throughout the year, progressing projects such as the new constitution, ongoing rabbinic education, relationships with EUPJ, networking and supporting colleagues and communities, as well as providing resources for colleagues and EUPJ communities. It has been a full and busy year, some elements of our work has been deeply painful and traumatic, others joyful and stimulating, and I am very grateful for the support and work of both the Board of ERA and of the colleagues across the continent of Europe.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild

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EUROPEAN BEIT DIN

The European Beit Din resumed its work last year in person, though with the establishment of the Central European Beit Din, our work is much curtailed. We now operate mostly in Italy, Spain, Portugal and have begun to help in the Nordic countries.

As you can see from the chart, 7 courts were convened, only one of them in Europe, in Milan, the rest of the cases were seen in London.

In 2022 a total of 26 applicants were accepted. The demographic breakdown is as follows:

	2022	2021
No. of Proselytes accepted (including minors):	26	22
Finland	0	0
Italy	24	9
Norway	1	0
Portugal	0	3
Spain	0	6
Poland	1	0

The case in Norway was very sad. A woman had been studying for years with Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz, who has for several years kept up a regular correspondence with the candidate from her job in the USA. Unfortunately, the candidate suddenly contracted an aggressive form of cancer so at Rabbi Hugenholz's request, we held a zoom conversion for her as she lay dying in hospital.

We very much thank Lynsey Goodmaker for her help in the office and those rabbis who donate their time to make sure that these candidates can be seen.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Jackie Tabick

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CENTRAL EUROPEAN BEIT DIN (CEBD)



In 2022, the Central European Beit Din (CEBD) continued its work for Progressive Jewish communities in the Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The mission of the CEBD is to support the development of Progressive Judaism in Central Europe by facilitating gyurim and status recognitions and, when needed, religious divorces as well as providing rabbinic responses for Jewish communities.

In the course of 2022, three CEBD meetings took place: the first one in Bratislava on 2 and 3 March, the second one in Prague on 15 and 16 May and the third one in Krakow on 30 and 31 October. During these meetings, the CEBD dealt with more than 50 gyur cases from all the above-mentioned countries.

Rabbi David Maxa, the Convenor of the CEBD, would like to thank Rabbi Dr Thomas Salamon for his dedicated service as the very first Av Beit Din of the CEBD in the Jewish year 5782 and congratulate to Rabbi Stas Wojciechowicz, who was elected as the Av Beit Din for 5783. Many thanks go to all CEBD Rabbis for an excellent cooperation and commitment as well as to Mr Daniel Rux, the Administrator of the CEBD, for his great administrative help and support.



CEBD Prague



CEBD Bratislava



CEBD Krakow

(Left to Right)

Prague - Rabbis Misha Kapustin, Tom Kučera, David Maxa, Stas Wojciechowicz

Bratislava - Rabbis Misha Kapustin, Anita Kantor, David Maxa, Stas Wojciechowicz

Krakow - Administrator Daniel Rux, Rabbis David Maxa, Thomas Salamon, Stas Wojciechowicz

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Austria

Jewish Liberal Congregation - Or Chadasch Vienna and Austria

Belgium

Communauté Israélite Libérale de Belgique (Beth Hillel)

IJC Brussels

Czech Republic

Bejt Simcha

Ec chajim Praha

Jewish Community of Liberec

ZLU – Hatikva

Denmark

Shir Hatzafon

France

Assemblée du Judaïsme Libéral (AJL)

Alliance pour un Judaïsme Traditionnel et Moderne (AJTM)

Association des juifs libéraux de Toulouse (AJLT)

Communauté Juive Libérale Dauphine à Grenoble

Communauté Juive Libérale de Montpellier

Kehilat Geshar - Communauté Juive Franco-Anglophone de Paris

Kehilat Kedem - Synagogue Libérale de Montpellier

Keren Or, la Synagogue Libérale de Lyon

La Communauté Juive Libérale - Île de France

Le Mouvement Juif Libéral de France (MJLF)

Maison du Judaïsme Libérale à Toulouse

Union Juive Libérale de Strasbourg

Union Libérale Israélite de France (ULIF)

Germany

Union Progressiver Juden in Deutschland (UpJ) K.d.ö.R.

Egalitäre Jüdische Chawurah Gescher Freiburg

Jüdische Gemeinde – Ahrensburg – Stormarn

Jüdische Gemeinde – Bad Pyrmont

Jüdische Gemeinde – Bad Segeberg

Jüdische Gemeinde – Celle

Jüdische Gemeinde – Elmshorn

Jüdische Gemeinde – Göttingen

Jüdische Gemeinde HaKochaw - Unna

Jüdische Gemeinde – Hameln

Jüdische Gemeinde – Kiel
Jüdische Gemeinde zu Magdeburg
Jüdische Gemeinde – Pinneberg
Jüdische Gemeinde – Seesen
Jüdische Kultusgemeinde Bielefeld Beit Tikwa
Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde Emet weSchalom Kassel
Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde Köln Gescher La Massoret
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Lübeck
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Mischkan ha-tfila – Bamberg
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde – Hamburg
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Beth Shalom München
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Hannover Etz Chaijm
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Ruhrgebiet Perusch
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Wolfsburg-Braunschweig
Menorah – Jüdische Gemeinde zu Bremerhaven
Reformsynagoge der Jüdischen Gemeinde Hamburg
Synagogengemeinde Sukkat Schalom Berlin
Unabhängige Synagogengemeinde Berlin Bet Haskala

Hungary

Bet Orim Reform Jewish Congregation
Szim Salom Congregation

Italy

Federazione Italiana per l'Ebraismo Progressivo (FIEP)

Beth Hillel, Roma
Beth Shalom, Milan
Lev Chadash, Milan
Or'Ammim, Emilia Romagna
Shir Hadash, Firenze

Luxembourg

Communauté Israélite d'Esch-sur-Alzette

Netherlands

Beit Ha'Chidush

Nederlands Verbond voor Progressief Jodendom (NVPJ)

Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Alkmaar
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Amsterdam
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Brabant
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Den Haag
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Gelderland
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Rotterdam
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Twente
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Utrecht
Progressief Joodse Gemeente Midden Nederland
Progressief Joodse Gemeente Noord Nederland

Poland

Ec Chaim Synagogue and Centre for Progressive Judaism of the Jewish Community of Warsaw

Or Hadasz – Association of Progressive Jews in Krakow

Beit Polska – The Union of Progressive Jewish Communities in Poland

Beit Konstancin – Progressive Jewish Community of Konstancin
Beit Trójmiasto – Progressive Jewish Community of Gdańsk, Gdynia and Sopot
Beit Warszawa – Progressive Jewish Community of Warsaw

Portugal

Assoc.J.I.Hehaver (Ohel Yaakov)

Republic of Ireland

Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation

Spain

Comunidad Judía Bet Januká de Andalucía
Comunidad Judía Bnei Israel de Galicia
Comunitat Jueva Bet Shalom
Jewish Community of Valencia Bnei Sefarad
Jewish Congregation Beit Rambam of Andalusia
Reform Jewish Community of Madrid

Sweden

Progressive Judaism in Stockholm

Switzerland

[Platform of Liberal Jews of Switzerland \(PLJS\)](#)

Communauté Juive Libérale de Genève (GIL)
Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde Or Chadash Zürich
Migwan - Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Basel

United Kingdom Independent Synagogues

Belsize Square Synagogue

Westminster Synagogue

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Bedfordshire Progressive Synagogue
Beit Klal Yisrael
Birmingham Progressive Synagogue
Brighton & Hove Progressive Synagogue
Bristol & West Progressive Jewish Congregation
Crawley Jewish Community
Crouch End Chavurah
Ealing Liberal Synagogue
East London & Essex Liberal Synagogue
Eastbourne Progressive Jewish Congregation
Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community
Finchley Progressive Synagogue
Kehillah North London
Kent Liberal Jewish Community
Kingston Liberal Synagogue
Leicester Progressive Jewish Congregation
Lincolnshire Jewish Community
Mosaic Liberal Synagogue (Harrow)
Norwich Liberal Jewish Community
Nottingham Progressive Jewish Congregation
Oxford Jewish Congregation
Peterborough Liberal Jewish Community
Reading Liberal Jewish Community

South Bucks Liberal Jewish Community
Southgate Progressive Synagogue
South London Liberal Synagogue (Streatham)
Stevenage Liberal Synagogue
Suffolk Liberal Jewish Community
The Ark Synagogue (formerly Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue)
The Liberal Jewish Synagogue (St John's Wood)
The Liberal Synagogue Elstree
Three Counties Liberal Jewish Community (Gloucestershire and Herefordshire)
Wessex Liberal Jewish Community
York Liberal Jewish Community

United Kingdom - Movement for Reform Judaism

Alyth Synagogue, London
Beit Shalom Reform, Cambridge
Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation
Bournemouth Reform Synagogue
Bradford Tree of Life Synagogue
Brighton & Hove Reform Synagogue
Bromley Reform Synagogue
Cardiff Reform Synagogue
Coventry Reform Jewish Community
Darlington, Beit Shalom
Edgware & Hendon Reform Synagogue
Finchley Reform Synagogue
Glasgow Reform Synagogue
Harlow Jewish Community
Isle of Wight Jewish Society
Kehillat Kernow - The Jewish Community of Cornwall
Kol Chai - Hatch End Jewish Community
Liverpool Reform Synagogue
Maidenhead Synagogue
Makor Hayim, London
Manchester Reform Synagogue
Menorah Synagogue - Cheshire Reform Congregation
Milton Keynes & District Reform Synagogue
Mosaic Reform Synagogue, London
Ne've Shalom, Hull
Newcastle Reform Synagogue
North West Surrey Synagogue
Radlett Reform Synagogue
Seven Hills, Sheffield Reform
Sha'arei Shalom – North Manchester Reform Congregation
Sha'arei Tsedek - North London Reform Synagogue
Sinai Synagogue, Leeds
South Hampshire Reform Jewish Community
South West Essex & Settlement Reform Synagogue
Southend and District Reform Synagogue
Southport Reform Synagogue
Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue, London

Swindon Jewish Community
Thanet & District Reform Synagogue - Etz Chaim
Tivah Chadasha, Shenfield & Brentwood
Totnes Reform Jewish Group
The Wimbledon Synagogue



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For WUPJ Communities, please click [here](#)

NOTICE & AGENDA FOR EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the **Annual General Meeting of the European Assembly of the European Union for Progressive Judaism** ("EUPJ") will be held on Thursday 31 August 2023 at 5pm BST/6pm CEST. This meeting will be held electronically via Zoom – See full note at end of Notice.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome, Opening Prayer and Apologies** for absence.
2. **The Minutes (a copy of which accompanies this Notice) of the Special Meeting of the European Assembly** held via Zoom on 20 July 2023.
3. **Welcome** and brief presentation on the World Union for Progressive Judaism by **Phyllis Dorey**, the Chair of the WUPJ and **Rabbi Sergio Bergman**, the President of the WUPJ.
4. Presentation and consideration of the **Chair's Report for 2022 by the Chair, Miriam Kramer**, on the past year's activity of the Management Committee and Executive Board. (The full Chair's Report will be included with all the other reports in the 2022 Annual Report, which will be made available on the EUPJ website before this meeting). Some brief supplementary comments will be presented by the Chair under this agenda item.
5. Consideration and approval of **the Examined Annual Accounts of the EUPJ for 2022** (the Accounts). The Accounts will be available for inspection on the EUPJ website by no later than 21 August 2023. The Treasurer's Report to be presented at the Meeting, together with a brief financial summary, will be included in the 2022 Annual Report.
6. **Resolution to ratify the appointment of the Examiner of the 2022 Accounts and to appoint the Examiner of the 2023 Accounts:** "Resolved that the appointment of the accounting firm Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2023 annual accounts of the EUPJ, be ratified and that the appointment of Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2023 annual accounts for the EUPJ, be approved."

7. **Presentation on the EUPJ Search & Nominations Committee** by **Gordon Smith**, the President of the EUPJ. A report regarding the Search & Nominations Committee (including lists of the individuals recommended by the committee and their profiles) is [attached](#) to this Notice
8. **Resolution to ratify the Appointments to the EUPJ Executive Board** – To appoint or to ratify the appointment of the following Officers, office holders and nominated representatives to the Executive Board, and for which no other nominations were received:
 - a. As President - **Miriam Kramer**
 - b. As Chair – **Rabbi Lea Muehlstein**
 - c. As Vice Chair, Finance – **Pierre Elkaim**
 - d. As vice Chair, UK Reform and Liberal Movements Liaison – **Ian Lancaster**
 - e. **Ex Officio and Representative Appointees** – the names of which will be provided at the Meeting
9. **Rabbinic Matters** – brief presentations from the EUPJ European Rabbinic Assembly, the European Beit Din and the Central European Beit Din.
10. **EUPJ Stichting/Foundation** – brief presentation on the activities of the Stichting
11. **Other EUPJ Reports and Updates**
12. **Any Other Business.**

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Jonathan Eaton – Vice-Chair Governance Dated: 1 August 2023.

Note:

- (1) **Online Meeting Only** - This meeting will not be in person, but will be held electronically via Zoom, as it was in 2022.
- (2) **Constituent Members - Registration and Attendance** - **Only Delegates appointed by Constituent (full) Members (Constituent Delegates) may attend and vote at the Meeting.** A Constituent Delegate Appointment Form is attached as **Schedule 1** and must be completed and returned to administrator@eupj.org as soon as possible but by no later than 25 August 2023. Each Constituent Delegate will then receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 25 August 2023, and this link must not be shared.
- (3) **Associate Members** – Associate Members may appoint one Delegate each to attend the meeting, but such delegates are not entitled to vote. An Associate Delegate Appointment Form is attached as **Schedule 2** and must be completed and returned to administrator@eupj.org as soon as possible but by no later than 25 August 2023. Each Associate Delegate will then receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 25 August 2023, and this link must not be shared.
- (4) **Guests and Invitees** - Should Constituent or Associate Members wish to invite delegates in excess of the number permitted in the Constitution, then they should request permission from the EUPJ ManCom by contacting administrator@eupj.org with the name and contact details of the delegate in question. Such person, if permitted to attend, will receive a separate email link which must not be shared, and may only attend as an observer and shall not be entitled to speak or vote.
- (5) **Voting** – Constituent Delegates will be able to vote on resolutions by using the “Zoom Polling system”, as we did in 2022 and which will be explained during the meeting.
- (6) **Proxy** - A Constituent Delegate who is unable to attend the meeting of the European Assembly, may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her place provided that notice of intention to appoint a proxy has been received by the Administrator at the above address not less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting.

SCHEDULE 1, 2 & FORM OF PROXY



Schedule 1

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Schedule 2

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Form of Proxy

A Constituent Delegate who is unable to attend the meeting of the European Assembly in person, may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her place provided that notice of intention to appoint a proxy has been received by the Administrator at the above address not less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 20 APRIL 2023

EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Minutes of the special single purpose meeting of the European Assembly of the European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ) held electronically via Zoom on Thursday 20 April 2023 at 17H00 BST.

Present: EUPJ Chair Sonja Guentner and the other Honorary Officers and representatives of various Constituent Members and Associate Members of EUPJ, as well as invitees as follows: Leslie Bergman (EUPJ) United Kingdom, David Bernstein (PLJS) Switzerland, John Clark (Or Chadash Vienna) Austria, John Cohen (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Jonathan Eaton (EUPJ) Netherlands, Fabio Benjamin Fantini (Beth Hillel Rome / FIEP Italy) Italy, Frantisek Fendrych (Jewish Liberal Union in the Czech Republic) Czech Republic, Anton Fishman (Leo Baeck College) United Kingdom, Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein (Liberal Judaism) United Kingdom, Deborah Grabiner (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Rabbi Alexander Grodzensky (Liberal Jewish Community Luxembourg) Luxembourg, Peter Jossi (PLJS) Switzerland, Miriam, Kramer (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Ian Lancaster (Movement for Reform Judaism) United Kingdom, Paul Langsford (Movement for Reform Judaism) United Kingdom, Alexander Laugier-Werth (Communaute Israelite Liberale de Belgique (Beth Hillel) Belgium, Veronika Lederman (Beth Hillel-IJC) Belgium, Irith, Michelsohn (Union for Progressive Judaism in Germany) Germany, Andrés B. Mosquera (IJC Brussels) Belgium, Celia Naval (Keren Or) France, Daniel Schaban (Union for Progressive Judaism in Germany) Germany, Gordon Smith (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Ekaterina Solodkaia (Union for Progressive Judaism in Germany) Germany, Fredy Sussman (Kehila Bnei Israel) Spain, Rabbi Menno ten Brink (LJG / Stichting) Netherlands, David, Weis (Liberal Judaism Luxembourg) Luxembourg, Paul Winter (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Jonathan Wootliff (Ec chajim) Czech Republic, Dominika Zakrzewska (Beit Polska) Poland.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Vice Chair Governance advised that a quorum was present. The President, Gordon Smith, welcomed everyone to the special single purpose meeting of the EUPJ European Assembly Meeting, held entirely online. The President mentioned that the meeting was being recorded for minute purposes and that the recording would be deleted as soon as the minutes were prepared. Apologies had been received from Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick, Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild and Carole Sterling.

The President then introduced Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein, who made the opening prayer. The Chair also introduced John Cohen (EUPJ Vice-Chair Governance) who explained the system of voting to be implemented for resolutions using the Zoom Polling System, with the kind assistance of Deborah Grabiner.

2. Approval of Minutes of the 2022 European Assembly Meeting held via Zoom

The President advised that the minutes of the European Assembly Meeting held via Zoom on 8 September 2022 which had been attached (via a Link) to the Notice before the meeting. In response to his request, the President had not received any comments or suggestions for changes to the Minutes, which were duly accepted as a correct record of the meeting and were then signed by the President, the resolution to approve them having been proposed by Benjamin Fantini and seconded by John Clark.

3. Presentation of the Search and Nominations Report by EUPJ President

The President advised that the full report and recommendations of the Search and Nominations Committee, together with the Profiles of the various nominees were attached (via a link) to the Notice before the meeting. The President advised that he would supplement the Report with some brief additional comments and then he would take questions.

Gordon Smith reported that the committee was set up in September 2022 with Co-Chairs, Rabbi Thomas Salamon and Robert Weiner, but due to personal reasons Robert Weiner had to step down in the December from all his positions at the EUPJ. This left the EUPJ in a serious situation. Robert was chair of the Search and Nominations Committee so there was no one to drive the work of the committee forward, he was EUPJ's liaison with Liberal and Reform Judaism and thirdly he was Co-Chair with Sonja Guentner and was going to continue as Chair, if he had been nominated at today's meeting. The President thanked Miriam Kramer for agreeing to be nominated as Chair in Robert's place and thanked John Cohen for stepping up to jointly run the Search and Nominations Committee with him. The committee were also thanked for working very hard to produce the slate of nominations for the meeting. The President believed that the list of nominations was very strong and would help EUPJ's Management Committee to continue to grow after the meeting.

The President reminded the meeting that at the next Annual General Meeting to be held in August 2023 that there will be three vacancies: Chair, Vice Chair Finance and President. Gordon Smith had been elected, in some capacity, to the Management Committee for the past twenty years and it was time for him to retire. The meeting noted that there will be no UK representation on the committee bearing in mind that with the recently announced partnership of the two UK movements that it will become the largest synagogugual movement in Europe. Both the President and Miriam Kramer asked the meeting to return to their communities and organisations to search for new nominations for these vital and important vacancies. There were no questions raised from the floor.

4. Resolution 4a: To extend the period during which the Search and Nominations Committee will operate

The President, Gordon Smith, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that the period during which the Search and Nominations Committee (as established by the 2022 EUPJ European Assembly Meeting) will operate, be extended to the date of the 2023 EUPJ Annual European Assembly meeting, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by David Bernstein and seconded by Celia Naval. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4b: To appoint Miriam Kramer as Chair of the EUPJ.

The President invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Miriam Kramer be and is hereby appointed as Chair of the EUPJ, subject to the proviso that this appointment shall end at the 2023 EUPJ Annual European Assembly Meeting by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by John Clark and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Gordon Smith then invited the newly elected Chair to take over the meeting. Miriam Kramer thanked the meeting. She would address the meeting after the business of the meeting had been completed.

Resolution 4c: To extend the term of office of Gordon Smith as EUPJ President

The Chair, Miriam Kramer, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that the term of office of Gordon Smith as EUPJ President, which should have ended at the meeting, be and is hereby extended and shall now end at the 2023 EUPJ Annual European Assembly Meeting, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Benjamin Fantini and seconded by Miriam Kramer. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Miriam Kramer thanked the meeting and was delighted that Gordon Smith would remain as EUPJ President until the 2023 Annual European Assembly Meeting.

It was noted that each of the following appointments to the Management Committee would take effect at the end of the meeting and the first term of such an appointment would be until the 2025 European Assembly Meeting so that they run for the same period as all other appointments.

Resolution 4d(i): To appoint Jonathan Eaton as the new Vice Chair Governance of the EUPJ

The Chair, Miriam Kramer, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Jonathan Eaton be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Management Committee as Vice Chair Governance and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by John Cohen and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4d(ii): To appoint Dominika Zakrzewska-Oledzka as Vice Chair Communications of the EUPJ.

The Chair, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Dominika Zakrzewska-Oledzka be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Management Committee as Vice Chair Communications and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by John Cohen and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4d(iii): To appoint Ben Fantini as the Vice Chair Israel of the EUPJ

The Chair, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Fabio Ben Fantini be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Management Committee as Vice Chair Israel and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Celia Naval and seconded by David Bernstein. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4d(iv): To appoint Rabbi Alexander Grodensky as the Vice Chair Interfaith of the EUPJ

The Chair, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Rabbi Alexander Grodensky be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Management Committee as Vice Chair Interfaith and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by David Bernstein and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

It was noted that each of the following appointments to the Executive Board would take effect at the end of the meeting and the first term of such an appointment would be until the 2025 European Assembly Meeting so that they run for the same period as all other appointments.

Resolution 4.e(i): To appoint Fendrych Frantisek to the Executive Board as a Vice President of the EUPJ

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Fendrych Frantisek be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Executive Board and as a Vice President and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Gordon Smith and seconded by John Cohen. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4e(ii): To appoint Sven Parsser (who is already a member of the Executive Board) as a Vice President.

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Sven Parsser continue as a member of the Executive Board and also be appointed as Vice President and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by David Bernstein and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4e(iii): To appoint Andres B. Munoz Mosquera as a member of the Executive Board as Vice President

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Andres B. Munoz Mosquera be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Executive Board and as a Vice President and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed

by Miriam Kramer and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

It was noted that the following appointments were lifetime appointments in recognition of their contributions to EUPJ and Progressive Judaism and of the esteem in which they are held. They join Leslie Bergman in this honourary role.

Resolution 4f(i): To appoint Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein as an Honorary Life President of the EUPJ.

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein be and is hereby appointed as an Honorary Life President of the EUPJ, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Miriam Kramer and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4f(ii): To appoint Rabbi Menno ten Brink as an Honorary Life President of the EUPJ.

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Rabbi Menno Ten Brink be and is hereby appointed as an Honorary Life President of the EUPJ, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Miriam Kramer and seconded by John Cohen. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

5. Chair's Address

The Chair, Miriam Kramer, welcomed everyone, both new and existing members of the EUPJ Team. She was thrilled to have you all on board. Now that the meeting had endorsed the new committee, it fell to her to say a few words. Miriam thanked the meeting for having confidence in her to act as sole Chair for the next six months. She saw herself as a continuity person, as well as a transitional one. At the next Annual European Assembly, she hoped that there will be a new Chair of this wonderful organisation. The next expression of gratitude went to Sonja Guentner and Robert Weiner who Co-Chaired EUPJ before she took over. Their dedication, and despite the travails of Covid and other obstacles, the EUPJ was able to maintain its programmes and give support to our communities. The composition of the new Management Committee and Executive Board is due to the diligence of the Search and Nominations Committee. Initially, undertaken and chaired by Rabbi Thomas Salamon and Robert Weiner, to whom she was very grateful, it continued with John Cohen and Gordon Smith and a handful of people throughout the movement. She hoped everyone would agree that they have done an excellent job.

John Cohen who started out as Honorary Secretary, but evolved in the Vice Chair Governance, was so knowledgeable about the EUPJ constitution, charity law and much else that she suspected that he could write a book on all of them. Thanks seems so inadequate to express for all we owe you, but nonetheless, thank you.

She was very grateful that Gordon Smith had agreed to continue as President for the next six months. She confirmed that they worked well together and that was good news.

Miriam thanked EUPJ's Administrator, Deborah Grabiner. She is the public face of the organisation, the one that keeps us all on the straight and narrow, who finds the solutions to the most difficult challenges and is essentially the glue that keeps EUPJ together. Miriam thanked Deborah in a host of European languages
Miriam reminded the meeting of EUPJ's mission to foster and support Progressive Judaism throughout Europe. We all have a part to play in that ambition and she looked forward to working, as a team, to realise it.

The search and Nominations Committee were given the task to find new members of the Management Committee and Executive Board and to bring to the table diversity. She determined that this had been achieved. In previous reincarnations, those panels were justifiably criticised for being Anglo-centric. As the Management Committee now stands with each member holding a specific portfolio, there is only one 'Brit' on it, 'her'. The Executive Board also reflects the full European membership of the organisation and this was something that we should be very proud.

In conclusion, Miriam reminded the meeting that EUPJ's Treasurer had expressed his wish to retire. But has kindly agreed to remain in post until a new one is identified. We hope this will be before the next Annual Assembly and as she had already mentioned, she will be retiring in October so a new Chair has to be found. She echoed Gordon's plea to work through your communities to identify suitable candidates for both positions. Gordon Smith's term of office has been extended to work on this task and he would welcome any recommendations. Miriam reminded the committee that all of them could always contact the Management Committee members or Deborah, at any time, preferably on email.

Miriam thanked the meeting for listening to her and she looked forward to working together.

The meeting closed at 17:49 (BST).

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Chair of the European Assembly Meeting

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THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023
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OFFICERS & STAFF AT DECEMBER 2022

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Ruth Cohen

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Gordon Smith

Vice-President:

Miriam Kramer

Co-Chair

Sonja Guentner

Co-Chair

Robert Weiner

Vice-Chair, Finance:

Paul Winter

Vice-Chair, Governance:

John Cohen

Vice-Chair, Education and Interfaith:

Rabbi Menno ten Brink

Convenor, European Beit Din:

Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick

Chair, European Rabbinic Assembly:

Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild

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Celia Naval
Sven Parsser
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WUPJ Chair:

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Administrator:

Deborah Grabiner

WUPJ'S MESSAGE



The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) is proud to continue to strengthen its bond with the European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ). Together, we foster the growth of Progressive Judaism, creating connections among regions and communities worldwide.



Connections 2023 took place in May 2023 and was the first gathering in six years that assembled global Progressive leadership. With a turnout of 260 attendees, a third of whom were under 35, this event served as a platform for networking, learning, and inspiration. The event was a profound celebration of the shared values and concerns of the global Progressive Jewish community. It marked the 75th anniversary of Israel, the 50th anniversary of the WUPJ headquarters' relocation to Jerusalem, and was a testament to the global Progressive Jewish family's strength and unity.

In 2022, the EUPJ and WUPJ established the Ukraine Crisis Fund in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Our immediate engagement allowed us to meet urgent needs of those affected. We provided assistance to individuals and families who fled to safety and supported their resettlement in welcoming communities. Our assistance to those who stayed in Ukraine was also vital.



The past year has been a period of remarkable growth for our youth through Netzer Europe, welcoming Netzer Italia as our tenth branch at the Ve'ida in Israel in September 2022. We have held enriching events including Summer and Winter camps, inspiring Shabbatonim, and a seminar in Budapest that fostered strong inter-chapter connections. The network of Tamar chapters for young adults is growing and the Netzer World Veida and Tamar Gathering in Israel in May 2023, representatives from all our branches united to discuss our values and progressive activism. This progress has been demonstrated by our participation in Connections 2023 in Jerusalem, and we look forward to further growth and unity in Netzer Europe.

The Beutel-Bergman Seminars in July 2022 and May 2023 provided a platform for participants to experience diverse best practices of Progressive Jewish leadership around the globe. They honed their leadership and were offered resources to comprehend Israel's complexities, promoting engagement with the country. Attendees had the opportunity to connect with lay leaders worldwide, fostering a community of mutual support. The seminar also facilitated the development of personal projects or ideas through mentoring and a cohort incubator.

Rabbi Sergio Bergman
President

Carole Sterling
Immediate Past Chair

Phyllis Dorey, OAM
Chair

CHAIR'S REPORT

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In February 2022, war returned to Europe. Russia's aggression against Ukraine has since cost and threatened the lives, health and safety of hundreds of thousands of people and brought destruction on an unimaginable scale with it, also endangering our ten progressive congregations in Ukraine, their members and lay and professional leadership.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), in close partnership with the EUPJ, took the lead immediately in joining the international efforts to support those directly affected by the war and established the Ukraine Crisis Fund (UCF) as a global fundraising initiative. The UCF has since raised more than \$ 2,2 million and the generous support from all donors, including very many from Europe, is most gratefully acknowledged here.

The UCF has been providing crucially important help to many victims of the war. A detailed report of the nature and scope of all supported programmes in 2022 can be accessed here <https://wupj.org/ukraine/report/> and I would like to particularly highlight the efforts made by EUPJ congregations in Spain, Poland and Germany, which are aimed at providing help, care and a hopeful perspective to refugees planning to return to Ukraine when that will be possible as well as to those who have decided on building their future in a new country.

It was a privilege for me to join other members of the senior leadership of the World Union for Progressive Judaism on a mission to Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany over Passover 2022. Celebrating *sedarim* in Warsaw and Prague with Rabbi Stas Wojchiewowicz and Rabbi David Maxa, their congregations and the refugees they were providing shelter to was an unforgettable experience for us all.

Operations at the EUPJ have continued seamlessly throughout the year, even allowing for a first in-person Management Committee meeting in London in July, after an all too long time of online meetings. However, the Covid-19 aftermath situation very sadly still did not allow us to plan for a major European gathering in 2022.

The European Assembly meeting in September 2022 formally started the transition in our lay leadership and I would like to acknowledge the crucial work done by our President, Gordon Smith, in chairing the nominating committee, and by the VC Governance, John Cohen, in ensuring transparency and compliance. Particular thanks go to first Robert Weiner and then Miriam Kramer for their willingness to co-chair the organisation during this

important phase and all who have since stepped up to take on positions of leadership and responsibility for our movement. It is my great hope, as this organisation's first continental chair, that the European dimension of our work, across the United Kingdom and all other member countries, will continue to grow for many years to come.

Finally, it is my privilege to thank, once more, everyone at the EUPJ and the WUPJ for the work we were able to do in partnership in 2022 and the many wonderful individuals in all associated organisations, including the EUPJ Foundation, ERA (European Rabbinic Assembly), the EBD (European Beit Din) and the CEBD (Central European Beit Din) who live up to the spirit and values of Progressive Judaism and spread its light. It has been an honour to work with you all.



Sonja Guentner
EUPJ Chair/Co Chair

FINANCE REPORT

Provided below are tables reflecting the income and expenditure of the EUPJ for 2022 and comparative figures for 2021. The final table reflects our Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021, together with a summary of the main events that contributed to the annual results.

EUPJ Income and Expenditure 2022			
		2022	2021
	% of Total	£	£
Income			
Affiliation fees	24%	58,280	65,867
Donations	0%	200	11,172
Interest	0%	1,030	465
Other Income	0%	655	-
Roswell Fund	16%	37,812	26,187
Baalei Tefillah Europe (BTE) Fees re Programme	0%	200	7,939
Baalei Tefillah Europe (BTE)(Monies refunded)/Grant received	1%	3,560	52,243
Breslauer	9%	21,864	13,534
Know Your Neighbour	6%	13,835	3,454
Rabbinic Training Fund (RFT)	10%	23,995	23,176
Ukrainian aid donations	31%	76,482	-
European Beit Din (EBD)	2%	5,788	683
Total	100%	£ 243,701	£ 204,720
		2022	2021
	% of Total	£	£
Expenditure			
Administration	22%	32,467	40,569
(Gain)/Loss on Exchange	-3%	(3,897)	3,962
Roswell Fund	16%	23,675	23,744
Baalei Tefillah Europe (BTE)	4%	5,540	58,102
Breslauer	16%	24,692	23,345
Know Your Neighbour	9%	14,017	3,260
Rabbinic Training Fund (RFT)	12%	18,000	31,552
Donations	0%	0	3,462
Conference & Shabbaton	0%	-	-
EUO and Other Payments	0%	-	-
Supporting Communities	10%	14,369	6,284
European Beit Din (EBD)	4%	5,788	-
Ukrainian Appeal Distribution and Costs	10%	15,351	-
Total	90%	£ 150,002	£ 194,280

EUPJ Income and Expenditure 2022			
		2022	2021
		£	£
Income		243,701	204,720
Expenditure		150,000	194,280
Surplus		£ 93,699	£ 10,440

EUPJ Balance Sheet 2022			
		2022	2021
		£	£
Assets			
Debtors		85,686	17,644
Cash		475,624	427,998
		£ 561,310	£ 445,642
Liabilities			
Creditors		£ 2 19,484	£ 197,516
Net Assets		£ 341,826	£ 248,126
Funds			
Unrestricted		194,206	181,768
Restricted		147,621	66,358
		£ 341,827	£ 248,126

FINANCIAL REPORT - NARRATIVE

1. The surplus on Unrestricted funds for the year was £12,436 (2021: £16,373).
2. The surplus on Restricted funds was £81,263. (2021: Deficit £5,933). This includes donations received in respect of the Ukrainian Emergency Appeal of £76,482 (2021 :£-).
3. The total surplus for the year was £93,699 (2021: £10,440) which includes the Ukrainian Emergency Appeal of £76,482 which has been transferred in 2023.
4. Affiliation fees for the year totalled £82,275 (2021: £89,043). These include the fees for the Rabbinic Training Fund of £23,995 (2021: £23,176).
5. The European Beit Din income for the year was £5,788, which was £2,507 higher than the previous year.
6. Administration expenses for 2022 totalled £28,568 (2021: £54,277).
7. £5,540 (2021: £58,102) of costs were incurred in relation to the Baalei Tefillah Europe (BTE) programme. These are included under administrations costs within the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants and fees of £3,760 (2021: £60,182) were received towards this programme.
8. There was a £3,897 profit on exchange in the year. These are included under administrations costs within the Statement of Financial Activities.
9. Bank balances at 31 December 2022 were £475,624 (2021: £427,998).
A difference of £47,626.

A copy of the certified accounts can be viewed [here](#).

For more information, please contact Paul Winter
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STICHTING (FOUNDATION) REPORT

The EUPJ Brussels office closed down in 2022 as the operational base of the foundation moved to Amsterdam.



This project was funded by the European Union's Citizens, Equality, Rights, and Values Programme (CERV) (2021-2027)

The main focus of the EUPJ Foundation has been the Flagship Neighbours project. This aims to tackle antisemitism and islamophobia within the European Union through the building of cross religious community coalitions and engagement with local schools and youth organisations.

The project has been 90% funded by the European Commission with each partner having to provide a 10% self-donation. The communities of Beth Shalom in Munich, Beth Hillel Rome, Keren Or in Lyon, Jüdische Gemeinde haKochaw für den Kreis Unna, Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Amsterdam & Communauté Juive libérale Île-de-France & Or Chadasch in Vienna.

The 2 year program is managed by HIAS Europe and the EUPJ foundation. Key dates so far have been:

- May 2022: Kick off meeting with all parties in Amsterdam
- November 2022: Training camp in Brussels facilitated by LJG, EUPJ Foundation & HIAS
- November 2022: Facebook and website setup for the international initiative.
- December 2022: English version of education manual for the communities produced.





[Comunità Ebraica Beth Hillel Roma](#) just hosted another successful scriptures discussion, with more than 40 participants representing Judaism, Islam and Christianity. This edition's theme was Praise. Well done!



In Vienna, [Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde Wien - Or Chadasch](#)'s interfaith coalition is making strides



Neighbours Education Manual



Training in LJG Amsterdam



Networks Overcoming Antisemitism is a pioneering approach to address and tackle rising antisemitism in Europe. Through a unique partnership of major Jewish networks, NOA evaluates EU Member States' policies across major critical areas — from education to culture to security — and helps develop holistic national action plans to address antisemitism.

The EUPJ Foundation is partnered with four other founding organisations, including the World Jewish Congress (WJC), the European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ), B'nai B'rith Europe, and the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS). It is coordinated by CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe.



NOA (Networks Overcoming Antisemitism) European Conference in Brussels

Joined by 100+ Jewish organisations, policy-influencers, and public authorities to discuss the tools for countering antisemitism and fostering ✨ life in Europe.

NOA partners CEJI - A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe, EUJS - European Union of Jewish Students, AEPJ, B'nai B'rith Europe, European Union for Progressive Judaism - EUPJ.

For more information, questions, please contact
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Since the EUPJ AGM August 2022 we prepared for 5783 by producing a meditation for every day of Elul, written by a large number of colleagues from across the region and published on our website and publicised on our social media.

We also began work on our new constitution and this is ongoing work for us.

We continued monitoring the situation at Geiger Kolleg and supporting students as well as rabbinic colleagues. We were encouraged that the Zentralrat initiated a legal investigation and are hopeful that report will be published. We contributed to the list of people to whom Rabbi Yoki Amir would speak and to report back to both EUPJ and WUPJ. We await the publication of this report.

We have continued to offer to support rabbinic training in Germany, but this offer has not been accepted.

During Chanukah we published a reading for each night on our website and publicised through our social media. This again was received well by those who used the readings.

Our Continuing Rabbinic Education programme has developed interesting shiurim. So far 14 different shiurim have been offered to colleagues, as well as the Talmud class.

We clarified with EUPJ Management Committee the role of ERA as rabbinic advisor to the EUPJ. This now parallels the role that the Rabbinic Assembly and Rabbinic Conference have with their respective movements

In February, we held our AGM which was very well attended online. Afterwards Rabbi Dr Michael Marmur spoke on the Jewish value of Hogenet followed by a lively debate.

In February, we also held our webinar about Israel, in conjunction with Arzenu. Originally planned as a rabbis only meeting, we were pleased to extend the webinar to EUPJ and its communities, and a successful event was held with Rabbi Gilad Kariv MK and Anna Kislanski CEO of IMPJ.

We were pleased to offer a meditation for every day of the Omer – a marathon for us – again with contributions from colleagues across the continent and with a variety of approaches.

In June, we held Pride Shabbat, led from Kingston Synagogue by Rabbi Dr Rene Pftzel and Rabbi Adrian Schell, with input from Rabbi Judith Rosen Berry, Rabbi Ariel Friedlander, Rabbi Josue Ferreira and Rabbi Bryan Doyle-du Breil. About 50 people attended in person and a further 80 online from many different countries.

We are planning a kallah about the Batei Din in Europe, to know more about each other's cultural expectations and clarifying the role of the EBD going forward after the retirement of Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick, so that we can continue to offer the service that is so important to our communities.

We are planning a programme for rabbis for Yamim Noraim to share resources etc and stimulate thinking.

We have met monthly throughout the year, progressing projects such as the new constitution, ongoing rabbinic education, relationships with EUPJ, networking and supporting colleagues and communities, as well as providing resources for colleagues and EUPJ communities. It has been a full and busy year, some elements of our work has been deeply painful and traumatic, others joyful and stimulating, and I am very grateful for the support and work of both the Board of ERA and of the colleagues across the continent of Europe.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild

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Website: <http://www.eupj-ra.eu/>

EUROPEAN BEIT DIN

The European Beit Din resumed its work last year in person, though with the establishment of the Central European Beit Din, our work is much curtailed. We now operate mostly in Italy, Spain, Portugal and have begun to help in the Nordic countries.

As you can see from the chart, 7 courts were convened, only one of them in Europe, in Milan, the rest of the cases were seen in London.

In 2022 a total of 26 applicants were accepted. The demographic breakdown is as follows:

	2022	2021
No. of Proselytes accepted (including minors):	26	22
Finland	0	0
Italy	24	9
Norway	1	0
Portugal	0	3
Spain	0	6
Poland	1	0

The case in Norway was very sad. A woman had been studying for years with Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz, who has for several years kept up a regular correspondence with the candidate from her job in the USA. Unfortunately, the candidate suddenly contracted an aggressive form of cancer so at Rabbi Hugenholz's request, we held a zoom conversion for her as she lay dying in hospital.

We very much thank Lynsey Goodmaker for her help in the office and those rabbis who donate their time to make sure that these candidates can be seen.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Jackie Tabick

Email: rabbijackie@rjuk.org

CENTRAL EUROPEAN BEIT DIN (CEBD)



In 2022, the Central European Beit Din (CEBD) continued its work for Progressive Jewish communities in the Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The mission of the CEBD is to support the development of Progressive Judaism in Central Europe by facilitating gyurim and status recognitions and, when needed, religious divorces as well as providing rabbinic responses for Jewish communities.

In the course of 2022, three CEBD meetings took place: the first one in Bratislava on 2 and 3 March, the second one in Prague on 15 and 16 May and the third one in Krakow on 30 and 31 October. During these meetings, the CEBD dealt with more than 50 gyur cases from all the above-mentioned countries.

Rabbi David Maxa, the Convenor of the CEBD, would like to thank Rabbi Dr Thomas Salamon for his dedicated service as the very first Av Beit Din of the CEBD in the Jewish year 5782 and congratulate to Rabbi Stas Wojciechowicz, who was elected as the Av Beit Din for 5783. Many thanks go to all CEBD Rabbis for an excellent cooperation and commitment as well as to Mr Daniel Rux, the Administrator of the CEBD, for his great administrative help and support.



CEBD Prague



CEBD Bratislava



CEBD Krakow

(Left to Right)

Prague - Rabbis Misha Kapustin, Tom Kučera, David Maxa, Stas Wojciechowicz

Bratislava - Rabbis Misha Kapustin, Anita Kantor, David Maxa, Stas Wojciechowicz

Krakow - Administrator Daniel Rux, Rabbis David Maxa, Thomas Salamon, Stas Wojciechowicz

For more information, please contact Rabbi David Maxa.

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Austria

Jewish Liberal Congregation - Or Chadasch Vienna and Austria

Belgium

Communauté Israélite Libérale de Belgique (Beth Hillel)

IJC Brussels

Czech Republic

Bejt Simcha

Ec chajim Praha

Jewish Community of Liberec

ZLU – Hatikva

Denmark

Shir Hatzafon

France

Assemblée du Judaïsme Libéral (AJL)

Alliance pour un Judaïsme Traditionnel et Moderne (AJTM)

Association des juifs libéraux de Toulouse (AJLT)

Communauté Juive Libérale Dauphine à Grenoble

Communauté Juive Libérale de Montpellier

Kehilat Geshar - Communauté Juive Franco-Anglophone de Paris

Kehilat Kedem - Synagogue Libérale de Montpellier

Keren Or, la Synagogue Libérale de Lyon

La Communauté Juive Libérale - Île de France

Le Mouvement Juif Libéral de France (MJLF)

Maison du Judaïsme Libérale à Toulouse

Union Juive Libérale de Strasbourg

Union Libérale Israélite de France (ULIF)

Germany

Union Progressiver Juden in Deutschland (UpJ) K.d.ö.R.

Egalitäre Jüdische Chawurah Gescher Freiburg

Jüdische Gemeinde – Ahrensburg – Stormarn

Jüdische Gemeinde – Bad Pyrmont

Jüdische Gemeinde – Bad Segeberg

Jüdische Gemeinde – Celle

Jüdische Gemeinde – Elmshorn

Jüdische Gemeinde – Göttingen

Jüdische Gemeinde HaKochaw - Unna

Jüdische Gemeinde – Hameln

Jüdische Gemeinde – Kiel
Jüdische Gemeinde zu Magdeburg
Jüdische Gemeinde – Pinneberg
Jüdische Gemeinde – Seesen
Jüdische Kultusgemeinde Bielefeld Beit Tikwa
Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde Emet weSchalom Kassel
Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde Köln Gescher La Massoret
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Lübeck
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Mischkan ha-tfila – Bamberg
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde – Hamburg
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Beth Shalom München
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Hannover Etz Chaijm
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Ruhrgebiet Perusch
Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Wolfsburg-Braunschweig
Menorah – Jüdische Gemeinde zu Bremerhaven
Reformsynagoge der Jüdischen Gemeinde Hamburg
Synagogengemeinde Sukkat Schalom Berlin
Unabhängige Synagogengemeinde Berlin Bet Haskala

Hungary

Bet Orim Reform Jewish Congregation
Szim Salom Congregation

Italy

Federazione Italiana per l'Ebraismo Progressivo (FIEP)

Beth Hillel, Roma
Beth Shalom, Milan
Lev Chadash, Milan
Or'Ammim, Emilia Romagna
Shir Hadash, Firenze

Luxembourg

Communauté Israélite d'Esch-sur-Alzette

Netherlands

Beit Ha'Chidush

Nederlands Verbond voor Progressief Jodendom (NVPJ)

Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Alkmaar
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Amsterdam
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Brabant
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Den Haag
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Gelderland
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Rotterdam
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Twente
Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Utrecht
Progressief Joodse Gemeente Midden Nederland
Progressief Joodse Gemeente Noord Nederland

Poland

Ec Chaim Synagogue and Centre for Progressive Judaism of the Jewish Community of Warsaw

Or Hadasz – Association of Progressive Jews in Krakow

Beit Polska – The Union of Progressive Jewish Communities in Poland

Beit Konstancin – Progressive Jewish Community of Konstancin
Beit Trójmiasto – Progressive Jewish Community of Gdańsk, Gdynia and Sopot
Beit Warszawa – Progressive Jewish Community of Warsaw

Portugal

Assoc.J.I.Hehaver (Ohel Yaakov)

Republic of Ireland

Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation

Spain

Comunidad Judía Bet Januká de Andalucía
Comunidad Judía Bnei Israel de Galicia
Comunitat Jueva Bet Shalom
Jewish Community of Valencia Bnei Sefarad
Jewish Congregation Beit Rambam of Andalusia
Reform Jewish Community of Madrid

Sweden

Progressive Judaism in Stockholm

Switzerland

[Platform of Liberal Jews of Switzerland \(PLJS\)](#)

Communauté Juive Libérale de Genève (GIL)
Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde Or Chadash Zürich
Migwan - Liberale Jüdische Gemeinde Basel

United Kingdom Independent Synagogues

Belsize Square Synagogue

Westminster Synagogue

[United Kingdom - Liberal Judaism](#)

Bedfordshire Progressive Synagogue
Beit Klal Yisrael
Birmingham Progressive Synagogue
Brighton & Hove Progressive Synagogue
Bristol & West Progressive Jewish Congregation
Crawley Jewish Community
Crouch End Chavurah
Ealing Liberal Synagogue
East London & Essex Liberal Synagogue
Eastbourne Progressive Jewish Congregation
Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community
Finchley Progressive Synagogue
Kehillah North London
Kent Liberal Jewish Community
Kingston Liberal Synagogue
Leicester Progressive Jewish Congregation
Lincolnshire Jewish Community
Mosaic Liberal Synagogue (Harrow)
Norwich Liberal Jewish Community
Nottingham Progressive Jewish Congregation
Oxford Jewish Congregation
Peterborough Liberal Jewish Community
Reading Liberal Jewish Community

South Bucks Liberal Jewish Community
Southgate Progressive Synagogue
South London Liberal Synagogue (Streatham)
Stevenage Liberal Synagogue
Suffolk Liberal Jewish Community
The Ark Synagogue (formerly Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue)
The Liberal Jewish Synagogue (St John's Wood)
The Liberal Synagogue Elstree
Three Counties Liberal Jewish Community (Gloucestershire and Herefordshire)
Wessex Liberal Jewish Community
York Liberal Jewish Community

United Kingdom - Movement for Reform Judaism

Alyth Synagogue, London
Beit Shalom Reform, Cambridge
Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation
Bournemouth Reform Synagogue
Bradford Tree of Life Synagogue
Brighton & Hove Reform Synagogue
Bromley Reform Synagogue
Cardiff Reform Synagogue
Coventry Reform Jewish Community
Darlington, Beit Shalom
Edgware & Hendon Reform Synagogue
Finchley Reform Synagogue
Glasgow Reform Synagogue
Harlow Jewish Community
Isle of Wight Jewish Society
Kehillat Kernow - The Jewish Community of Cornwall
Kol Chai - Hatch End Jewish Community
Liverpool Reform Synagogue
Maidenhead Synagogue
Makor Hayim, London
Manchester Reform Synagogue
Menorah Synagogue - Cheshire Reform Congregation
Milton Keynes & District Reform Synagogue
Mosaic Reform Synagogue, London
Ne've Shalom, Hull
Newcastle Reform Synagogue
North West Surrey Synagogue
Radlett Reform Synagogue
Seven Hills, Sheffield Reform
Sha'arei Shalom – North Manchester Reform Congregation
Sha'arei Tsedek - North London Reform Synagogue
Sinai Synagogue, Leeds
South Hampshire Reform Jewish Community
South West Essex & Settlement Reform Synagogue
Southend and District Reform Synagogue
Southport Reform Synagogue
Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue, London

Swindon Jewish Community
Thanet & District Reform Synagogue - Etz Chaim
Tivah Chadasha, Shenfield & Brentwood
Totnes Reform Jewish Group
The Wimbledon Synagogue



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For WUPJ Communities, please click [here](#)

NOTICE & AGENDA FOR EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY

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EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Administration Office: The Sternberg Centre for Judaism 80 East End Road London N3 2SY England

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the **Annual General Meeting of the European Assembly of the European Union for Progressive Judaism** ("EUPJ") will be held on Thursday 31 August 2023 at 5pm BST/6pm CEST. This meeting will be held electronically via Zoom – See full note at end of Notice.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome, Opening Prayer and Apologies** for absence.
2. **The Minutes (a copy of which accompanies this Notice) of the Special Meeting of the European Assembly** held via Zoom on 20 July 2023.
3. **Welcome** and brief presentation on the World Union for Progressive Judaism by **Phyllis Dorey**, the Chair of the WUPJ and **Rabbi Sergio Bergman**, the President of the WUPJ.
4. Presentation and consideration of the **Chair's Report for 2022 by the Chair, Miriam Kramer**, on the past year's activity of the Management Committee and Executive Board. (The full Chair's Report will be included with all the other reports in the 2022 Annual Report, which will be made available on the EUPJ website before this meeting). Some brief supplementary comments will be presented by the Chair under this agenda item.
5. Consideration and approval of **the Examined Annual Accounts of the EUPJ for 2022** (the Accounts). The Accounts will be available for inspection on the EUPJ website by no later than 21 August 2023. The Treasurer's Report to be presented at the Meeting, together with a brief financial summary, will be included in the 2022 Annual Report.
6. **Resolution to ratify the appointment of the Examiner of the 2022 Accounts and to appoint the Examiner of the 2023 Accounts:** "Resolved that the appointment of the accounting firm Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2023 annual accounts of the EUPJ, be ratified and that the appointment of Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2023 annual accounts for the EUPJ, be approved."

7. **Presentation on the EUPJ Search & Nominations Committee** by **Gordon Smith**, the President of the EUPJ. A report regarding the Search & Nominations Committee (including lists of the individuals recommended by the committee and their profiles) is [attached](#) to this Notice
8. **Resolution to ratify the Appointments to the EUPJ Executive Board** – To appoint or to ratify the appointment of the following Officers, office holders and nominated representatives to the Executive Board, and for which no other nominations were received:
 - a. As President - **Miriam Kramer**
 - b. As Chair – **Rabbi Lea Muehlstein**
 - c. As Vice Chair, Finance – **Pierre Elkaim**
 - d. As vice Chair, UK Reform and Liberal Movements Liaison – **Ian Lancaster**
 - e. **Ex Officio and Representative Appointees** – the names of which will be provided at the Meeting
9. **Rabbinic Matters** – brief presentations from the EUPJ European Rabbinic Assembly, the European Beit Din and the Central European Beit Din.
10. **EUPJ Stichting/Foundation** – brief presentation on the activities of the Stichting
11. **Other EUPJ Reports and Updates**
12. **Any Other Business.**

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Jonathan Eaton – Vice-Chair Governance Dated: 1 August 2023.

Note:

- (1) **Online Meeting Only** - This meeting will not be in person, but will be held electronically via Zoom, as it was in 2022.
- (2) **Constituent Members - Registration and Attendance** - **Only Delegates appointed by Constituent (full) Members (Constituent Delegates) may attend and vote at the Meeting.** A Constituent Delegate Appointment Form is attached as **Schedule 1** and must be completed and returned to administrator@eupj.org as soon as possible but by no later than 25 August 2023. Each Constituent Delegate will then receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 25 August 2023, and this link must not be shared.
- (3) **Associate Members** – Associate Members may appoint one Delegate each to attend the meeting, but such delegates are not entitled to vote. An Associate Delegate Appointment Form is attached as **Schedule 2** and must be completed and returned to administrator@eupj.org as soon as possible but by no later than 25 August 2023. Each Associate Delegate will then receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 25 August 2023, and this link must not be shared.
- (4) **Guests and Invitees** - Should Constituent or Associate Members wish to invite delegates in excess of the number permitted in the Constitution, then they should request permission from the EUPJ ManCom by contacting administrator@eupj.org with the name and contact details of the delegate in question. Such person, if permitted to attend, will receive a separate email link which must not be shared, and may only attend as an observer and shall not be entitled to speak or vote.
- (5) **Voting** – Constituent Delegates will be able to vote on resolutions by using the “Zoom Polling system”, as we did in 2022 and which will be explained during the meeting.
- (6) **Proxy** - A Constituent Delegate who is unable to attend the meeting of the European Assembly, may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her place provided that notice of intention to appoint a proxy has been received by the Administrator at the above address not less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting.

SCHEDULE 1, 2 & FORM OF PROXY



Schedule 1

Constituent Delegate appointment form. A Constituent Delegate appointment form must be completed and returned to administrator@eupj.org by no later than 25 August 2023. Each Constituent Delegate will receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 25 August 2023, and this link should not be shared



Schedule 2

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Form of Proxy

A Constituent Delegate who is unable to attend the meeting of the European Assembly in person, may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her place provided that notice of intention to appoint a proxy has been received by the Administrator at the above address not less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 20 APRIL 2023

EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Minutes of the special single purpose meeting of the European Assembly of the European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ) held electronically via Zoom on Thursday 20 April 2023 at 17H00 BST.

Present: EUPJ Chair Sonja Guentner and the other Honorary Officers and representatives of various Constituent Members and Associate Members of EUPJ, as well as invitees as follows: Leslie Bergman (EUPJ) United Kingdom, David Bernstein (PLJS) Switzerland, John Clark (Or Chadash Vienna) Austria, John Cohen (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Jonathan Eaton (EUPJ) Netherlands, Fabio Benjamin Fantini (Beth Hillel Rome / FIEP Italy) Italy, Frantisek Fendrych (Jewish Liberal Union in the Czech Republic) Czech Republic, Anton Fishman (Leo Baeck College) United Kingdom, Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein (Liberal Judaism) United Kingdom, Deborah Grabiner (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Rabbi Alexander Grodzensky (Liberal Jewish Community Luxembourg) Luxembourg, Peter Jossi (PLJS) Switzerland, Miriam, Kramer (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Ian Lancaster (Movement for Reform Judaism) United Kingdom, Paul Langsford (Movement for Reform Judaism) United Kingdom, Alexander Laugier-Werth (Communaute Israelite Liberale de Belgique (Beth Hillel) Belgium, Veronika Lederman (Beth Hillel-IJC) Belgium, Irith, Michelsohn (Union for Progressive Judaism in Germany) Germany, Andrés B. Mosquera (IJC Brussels) Belgium, Celia Naval (Keren Or) France, Daniel Schaban (Union for Progressive Judaism in Germany) Germany, Gordon Smith (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Ekaterina Solodkaia (Union for Progressive Judaism in Germany) Germany, Fredy Sussman (Kehila Bnei Israel) Spain, Rabbi Menno ten Brink (LJG / Stichting) Netherlands, David, Weis (Liberal Judaism Luxembourg) Luxembourg, Paul Winter (EUPJ) United Kingdom, Jonathan Wootliff (Ec chajim) Czech Republic, Dominika Zakrzewska (Beit Polska) Poland.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Vice Chair Governance advised that a quorum was present. The President, Gordon Smith, welcomed everyone to the special single purpose meeting of the EUPJ European Assembly Meeting, held entirely online. The President mentioned that the meeting was being recorded for minute purposes and that the recording would be deleted as soon as the minutes were prepared. Apologies had been received from Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick, Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild and Carole Sterling.

The President then introduced Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein, who made the opening prayer. The Chair also introduced John Cohen (EUPJ Vice-Chair Governance) who explained the system of voting to be implemented for resolutions using the Zoom Polling System, with the kind assistance of Deborah Grabiner.

2. Approval of Minutes of the 2022 European Assembly Meeting held via Zoom

The President advised that the minutes of the European Assembly Meeting held via Zoom on 8 September 2022 which had been attached (via a Link) to the Notice before the meeting. In response to his request, the President had not received any comments or suggestions for changes to the Minutes, which were duly accepted as a correct record of the meeting and were then signed by the President, the resolution to approve them having been proposed by Benjamin Fantini and seconded by John Clark.

3. Presentation of the Search and Nominations Report by EUPJ President

The President advised that the full report and recommendations of the Search and Nominations Committee, together with the Profiles of the various nominees were attached (via a link) to the Notice before the meeting. The President advised that he would supplement the Report with some brief additional comments and then he would take questions.

Gordon Smith reported that the committee was set up in September 2022 with Co-Chairs, Rabbi Thomas Salamon and Robert Weiner, but due to personal reasons Robert Weiner had to step down in the December from all his positions at the EUPJ. This left the EUPJ in a serious situation. Robert was chair of the Search and Nominations Committee so there was no one to drive the work of the committee forward, he was EUPJ's liaison with Liberal and Reform Judaism and thirdly he was Co-Chair with Sonja Guentner and was going to continue as Chair, if he had been nominated at today's meeting. The President thanked Miriam Kramer for agreeing to be nominated as Chair in Robert's place and thanked John Cohen for stepping up to jointly run the Search and Nominations Committee with him. The committee were also thanked for working very hard to produce the slate of nominations for the meeting. The President believed that the list of nominations was very strong and would help EUPJ's Management Committee to continue to grow after the meeting.

The President reminded the meeting that at the next Annual General Meeting to be held in August 2023 that there will be three vacancies: Chair, Vice Chair Finance and President. Gordon Smith had been elected, in some capacity, to the Management Committee for the past twenty years and it was time for him to retire. The meeting noted that there will be no UK representation on the committee bearing in mind that with the recently announced partnership of the two UK movements that it will become the largest synagogugual movement in Europe. Both the President and Miriam Kramer asked the meeting to return to their communities and organisations to search for new nominations for these vital and important vacancies. There were no questions raised from the floor.

4. Resolution 4a: To extend the period during which the Search and Nominations Committee will operate

The President, Gordon Smith, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that the period during which the Search and Nominations Committee (as established by the 2022 EUPJ European Assembly Meeting) will operate, be extended to the date of the 2023 EUPJ Annual European Assembly meeting, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by David Bernstein and seconded by Celia Naval. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4b: To appoint Miriam Kramer as Chair of the EUPJ.

The President invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Miriam Kramer be and is hereby appointed as Chair of the EUPJ, subject to the proviso that this appointment shall end at the 2023 EUPJ Annual European Assembly Meeting by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by John Clark and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Gordon Smith then invited the newly elected Chair to take over the meeting. Miriam Kramer thanked the meeting. She would address the meeting after the business of the meeting had been completed.

Resolution 4c: To extend the term of office of Gordon Smith as EUPJ President

The Chair, Miriam Kramer, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that the term of office of Gordon Smith as EUPJ President, which should have ended at the meeting, be and is hereby extended and shall now end at the 2023 EUPJ Annual European Assembly Meeting, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Benjamin Fantini and seconded by Miriam Kramer. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Miriam Kramer thanked the meeting and was delighted that Gordon Smith would remain as EUPJ President until the 2023 Annual European Assembly Meeting.

It was noted that each of the following appointments to the Management Committee would take effect at the end of the meeting and the first term of such an appointment would be until the 2025 European Assembly Meeting so that they run for the same period as all other appointments.

Resolution 4d(i): To appoint Jonathan Eaton as the new Vice Chair Governance of the EUPJ

The Chair, Miriam Kramer, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Jonathan Eaton be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Management Committee as Vice Chair Governance and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by John Cohen and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4d(ii): To appoint Dominika Zakrzewska-Oledzka as Vice Chair Communications of the EUPJ.

The Chair, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Dominika Zakrzewska-Oledzka be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Management Committee as Vice Chair Communications and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by John Cohen and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4d(iii): To appoint Ben Fantini as the Vice Chair Israel of the EUPJ

The Chair, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Fabio Ben Fantini be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Management Committee as Vice Chair Israel and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Celia Naval and seconded by David Bernstein. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4d(iv): To appoint Rabbi Alexander Grodensky as the Vice Chair Interfaith of the EUPJ

The Chair, invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Rabbi Alexander Grodensky be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Management Committee as Vice Chair Interfaith and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by David Bernstein and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

It was noted that each of the following appointments to the Executive Board would take effect at the end of the meeting and the first term of such an appointment would be until the 2025 European Assembly Meeting so that they run for the same period as all other appointments.

Resolution 4.e(i): To appoint Fendrych Frantisek to the Executive Board as a Vice President of the EUPJ

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Fendrych Frantisek be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Executive Board and as a Vice President and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Gordon Smith and seconded by John Cohen. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4e(ii): To appoint Sven Parsser (who is already a member of the Executive Board) as a Vice President.

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Sven Parsser continue as a member of the Executive Board and also be appointed as Vice President and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by David Bernstein and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4e(iii): To appoint Andres B. Munoz Mosquera as a member of the Executive Board as Vice President

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Andres B. Munoz Mosquera be and is hereby appointed as a member of the EUPJ Executive Board and as a Vice President and that the first term of this appointment shall end at the 2025 Annual European Assembly, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed

by Miriam Kramer and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

It was noted that the following appointments were lifetime appointments in recognition of their contributions to EUPJ and Progressive Judaism and of the esteem in which they are held. They join Leslie Bergman in this honourary role.

Resolution 4f(i): To appoint Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein as an Honorary Life President of the EUPJ.

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein be and is hereby appointed as an Honorary Life President of the EUPJ, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Miriam Kramer and seconded by Gordon Smith. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

Resolution 4f(ii): To appoint Rabbi Menno ten Brink as an Honorary Life President of the EUPJ.

The Chair invited the meeting to approve and ratify that Rabbi Menno Ten Brink be and is hereby appointed as an Honorary Life President of the EUPJ, by using the Zoom Polling system. The resolution was proposed by Miriam Kramer and seconded by John Cohen. The resolution was approved by the meeting.

5. Chair's Address

The Chair, Miriam Kramer, welcomed everyone, both new and existing members of the EUPJ Team. She was thrilled to have you all on board. Now that the meeting had endorsed the new committee, it fell to her to say a few words. Miriam thanked the meeting for having confidence in her to act as sole Chair for the next six months. She saw herself as a continuity person, as well as a transitional one. At the next Annual European Assembly, she hoped that there will be a new Chair of this wonderful organisation. The next expression of gratitude went to Sonja Guentner and Robert Weiner who Co-Chaired EUPJ before she took over. Their dedication, and despite the travails of Covid and other obstacles, the EUPJ was able to maintain its programmes and give support to our communities. The composition of the new Management Committee and Executive Board is due to the diligence of the Search and Nominations Committee. Initially, undertaken and chaired by Rabbi Thomas Salamon and Robert Weiner, to whom she was very grateful, it continued with John Cohen and Gordon Smith and a handful of people throughout the movement. She hoped everyone would agree that they have done an excellent job.

John Cohen who started out as Honorary Secretary, but evolved in the Vice Chair Governance, was so knowledgeable about the EUPJ constitution, charity law and much else that she suspected that he could write a book on all of them. Thanks seems so inadequate to express for all we owe you, but nonetheless, thank you.

She was very grateful that Gordon Smith had agreed to continue as President for the next six months. She confirmed that they worked well together and that was good news.

Miriam thanked EUPJ's Administrator, Deborah Grabiner. She is the public face of the organisation, the one that keeps us all on the straight and narrow, who finds the solutions to the most difficult challenges and is essentially the glue that keeps EUPJ together. Miriam thanked Deborah in a host of European languages
Miriam reminded the meeting of EUPJ's mission to foster and support Progressive Judaism throughout Europe. We all have a part to play in that ambition and she looked forward to working, as a team, to realise it.

The search and Nominations Committee were given the task to find new members of the Management Committee and Executive Board and to bring to the table diversity. She determined that this had been achieved. In previous reincarnations, those panels were justifiably criticised for being Anglo-centric. As the Management Committee now stands with each member holding a specific portfolio, there is only one 'Brit' on it, 'her'. The Executive Board also reflects the full European membership of the organisation and this was something that we should be very proud.

In conclusion, Miriam reminded the meeting that EUPJ's Treasurer had expressed his wish to retire. But has kindly agreed to remain in post until a new one is identified. We hope this will be before the next Annual Assembly and as she had already mentioned, she will be retiring in October so a new Chair has to be found. She echoed Gordon's plea to work through your communities to identify suitable candidates for both positions. Gordon Smith's term of office has been extended to work on this task and he would welcome any recommendations. Miriam reminded the committee that all of them could always contact the Management Committee members or Deborah, at any time, preferably on email.

Miriam thanked the meeting for listening to her and she looked forward to working together.

The meeting closed at 17:49 (BST).

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Chair of the European Assembly Meeting

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
European Union for Progressive Judaism**

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for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Objective of the EUPJ is to strengthen Jewish life and values in Jewish communities throughout Europe by supporting and advancing a Progressive approach to Jewish tradition.

The EUPJ, in collaboration with its members and associated organisations, works to accomplish its objectives by:

- * Supporting the development of and connecting Progressive Jewish communities and national movements in Europe
- * Securing the Jewish future by investing in youth and young adults
- * Developing lay, rabbinic and other Jewish professional leadership
- * Advocating social justice and fostering interfaith understanding
- * Supporting the foundations of Judaism being: Torah (study), Avodah (worship), and G'millut Chasadim (acts of loving-kindness)

The effects of Covid subsided considerably this year which meant increased activity among our communities. Sadly, with the single exception of a hybrid meeting in the summer, all meetings are still held via Zoom. Despite this, imaginative programming has helped many of our constituents to find new ways to reach out both to members and to the wider community.

The Roswell Fund continues to support projects in our emerging communities in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Portugal and Spain. Congregations in those countries are urged to contact EUPJ for the application form for grants to undertake qualifying projects.

There has been a surplus of £ 12,437 on unrestricted funds for the year (2021: £ 16,373).

The Management Committee is actively involved in reviewing all grant applications and proactively seeking out suitable recipients in order to develop and expand its activities. All grant allocations are approved and minuted by the Management Committee.

The EUPJ is not involved in any public fund raising. The bulk of its income is derived from subscriptions from its members' donations made by other charitable institutions and individuals.

Public benefit

The Management Committee believes that the EUPJ benefits the public by promoting Progressive Judaism throughout Europe with particular emphasis on the investment in youth and young adult training, the development of lay, rabbinic and other Jewish professional leadership, the promotion of social justice and the fostering of interfaith understanding.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The balance sheet on page 6 shows the financial position of the EUPJ as at 31 December 2022.

Total assets less liabilities amounted to £341,826 (2021: £248,126) which are represented by the accumulated balances on both the unrestricted and restricted funds.

The Management Committee has reviewed the unrestricted reserves of the EUPJ and considers that these funds are sufficient to cover the management and administration costs for the forthcoming year. At this level the Management Committee feels that they would be able to continue the current activities of the EUPJ and meet its ongoing expenses in the event of a fall in income.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Management Committee will continue its policy of making regular grants to suitable recipients, having regard to the level of the EUPJ's annual income from year to year. It regularly appraises new opportunities for direct charitable expenditure consistent with the EUPJ's overall charitable objectives.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ) is a registered charity and was established under a deed dated 6th July 1967. The Deed provided that the charity be called The European region of The World Union for Progressive Judaism, but the charity changed its name to The European Union for Progressive Judaism in 2010.

Organisational structure

The EUPJ is governed by its Constitution which has been revised a number of times, the last being on 29 April 2018. The Officers are the Chair and four Vice Chairs, including the Treasurer and the Secretary, and form part of the Management Committee which is responsible for the day to day running of the EUPJ. The Officers are deemed to be the Trustees of the EUPJ for the purposes of the UK Charities act.

The Management Committee meets regularly, and on average, ten times a year.

The EUPJ's day-to-day activities are administered by its Administrator. Its Management Committee is responsible for consideration and authorisation of the charitable donations made by the EUPJ consistent with its policy and its strategy.

The Management Committee of the EUPJ regularly reviews the major risks, which the EUPJ faces and believes that maintaining the free reserves at the levels stated, combined with an annual review of the controls over the key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the face of adverse conditions. The Management Committee has also examined other operational and business risks which it faces and considers the EUPJ's internal control systems to be appropriate, given the size and nature of operations, to mitigate any significant risks.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

253000

Principal address

80 East End Road
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Trustees

Sonja Guentner (resigned 20.4.2023)
John Cohen (resigned 20.4.2023)
Robert Weiner (resigned 4.12.2022)
Menno ten Brink
Paul Winter
Miriam Kramer (appointed 21.4.2023)

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
253000

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Sonja Guentner	Co-Chair
Gordon Charles Smith	President
Miriam Kramer	Vice President and Co-chair
John Cohen	Vice Chair Governance
Paul Winter	Treasurer
Robert Weiner	Vice Chair (Resigned 4.12.22)
Rabbi Menno ten Brink	Vice Chair
Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild	Chair ERA
Rabbi Jackie Tabick	Convenor of the European Beth Din
Leslie Frank Bergman	Honorary Life President

Note - Leslie Bergman is not a member of the management committee but attends meetings of the management committee by invitation.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Paul Winter - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
European Union for Progressive Judaism**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of European Union for Progressive Judaism

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of European Union for Progressive Judaism (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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19 July 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	104,382	138,289	242,671	204,255
Investment income	3	1,029	-	1,029	465
Total		<u>105,411</u>	<u>138,289</u>	<u>243,700</u>	<u>204,720</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Rabbinic Training Fund		-	18,000	18,000	31,552
General EUPJ - costs		92,974	-	92,974	138,984
Roswell Fund		-	23,675	23,675	23,744
Ukraine Appeal		-	15,351	15,351	-
Total		<u>92,974</u>	<u>57,026</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>194,280</u>
NET INCOME		12,437	81,263	93,700	10,440
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		181,768	66,358	248,126	237,686
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>194,205</u>	<u>147,621</u>	<u>341,826</u>	<u>248,126</u>

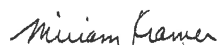
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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	85,687	-	85,687	17,644
Cash at bank		151,735	323,889	475,624	427,998
		<u>237,422</u>	<u>323,889</u>	<u>561,311</u>	<u>445,642</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(43,217)	(176,268)	(219,485)	(197,516)
		<u>194,205</u>	<u>147,621</u>	<u>341,826</u>	<u>248,126</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>194,205</u>	<u>147,621</u>	<u>341,826</u>	<u>248,126</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>194,205</u>	<u>147,621</u>	<u>341,826</u>	<u>248,126</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>194,205</u>	<u>147,621</u>	<u>341,826</u>	<u>248,126</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				194,205	181,768
Restricted funds				147,621	66,358
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>341,826</u>	<u>248,126</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Miriam Kramer - Trustee



Paul Winter - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations	<u>242,671</u>	<u>204,255</u>
	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted
Affiliation fees	58,281	23,995
Ukraine appeal	-	76,482
Other Donations and Legacies	<u>46,101</u>	<u>37,812</u>
	<u>104,382</u>	<u>138,289</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank interest and dividends	1,029	465
	<u>1,029</u>	<u>465</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, as well as for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	154,892	49,363	204,255
Investment income	465	-	465
Total	<u>155,357</u>	<u>49,363</u>	<u>204,720</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Rabbinic Training Fund	-	31,552	31,552
General EUPJ - costs	138,984	-	138,984
Roswell Fund	-	23,744	23,744
Total	<u>138,984</u>	<u>55,296</u>	<u>194,280</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	16,373	(5,933)	10,440
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	165,395	72,291	237,686
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>181,768</u>	<u>66,358</u>	<u>248,126</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	62,802	-
Other debtors	3,273	17,644
Prepayments and accrued income	19,612	-
	<u>85,687</u>	<u>17,644</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	14,310	-
Other creditors	205,175	197,516
	<u>219,485</u>	<u>197,516</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	181,768	12,437	194,205
Restricted funds			
Rabbinic Training Fund	40,992	5,995	46,987
Community Connections Travel Fund	2,983	-	2,983
Roswell Fund	22,383	14,137	36,520
Ukraine Appeal	-	61,131	61,131
	<u>66,358</u>	<u>81,263</u>	<u>147,621</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>248,126</u>	<u>93,700</u>	<u>341,826</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	105,411	(92,974)	12,437
Restricted funds			
Rabbinic Training Fund	23,995	(18,000)	5,995
Roswell Fund	37,812	(23,675)	14,137
Ukraine Appeal	76,482	(15,351)	61,131
	<u>138,289</u>	<u>(57,026)</u>	<u>81,263</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>243,700</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>93,700</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	165,395	16,373	181,768
Restricted funds			
Rabbinic Training Fund	49,368	(8,376)	40,992
Community Connections Travel Fund	2,983	-	2,983
Roswell Fund	19,940	2,443	22,383
	<u>72,291</u>	<u>(5,933)</u>	<u>66,358</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,686</u>	<u>10,440</u>	<u>248,126</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	155,357	(138,984)	16,373
Restricted funds			
Rabbinic Training Fund	23,176	(31,552)	(8,376)
Roswell Fund	26,187	(23,744)	2,443
	<u>49,363</u>	<u>(55,296)</u>	<u>(5,933)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>204,720</u>	<u>(194,280)</u>	<u>10,440</u>

The Rabbinic Training Fund benefits students at Abraham Geiger College and Leo Baeck College.

Community Connections (formerly Exodus 2000) work covers twinning of UK Communities with Communities in the Former Soviet Union, to assist in travel there, and to aid the youth.

The Roswell Fund represents the income received from a \$1 million fund set up by Betty and Arthur Roswell through the World Union for Progressive Judaism, for the purpose of training, educating, assisting and supporting leaders from WUPJ and EUPJ congregations in certain countries. Also note the reference made under Objectives and Activities in respect of funds received by the Roswell Fund and the Next Generation Leadership Development Fund reflected in the Balance Sheet against Creditors.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

