

EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the **Annual Meeting of the European Assembly of the European Union for Progressive Judaism** ("EUPJ") will be held at Beit Shmuel, 6 Elihayu Shama Street, Jerusalem, Israel on Friday 19 May 2017 at 11:45 am.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. **The Minutes (a copy of which accompanies this Notice) of the last meeting of the European Assembly** held in London on 17 April 2016.
3. **Welcome** and brief presentation on the World Union for Progressive Judaism by Carole Sterling, the Chair of the WUPJ.
4. Presentation and consideration of the **Chairman's Report on 2016 by the Chairman Miriam Kramer**, on the past year's activity of the Management Committee and Executive Board. (The full Chairman's Report will be included with all the other 2016 reports in the Annual Meeting Booklet which is to be circulated to members and made available on the EUPJ website before this meeting. Some brief supplementary comments will be presented by the Chairman under this agenda item).
5. Consideration and approval of **the examined annual Accounts of the EUPJ for 2016** (included with all the other 2016 reports in the Annual Meeting booklet) **with the Treasurer's Report presented by Honorary Treasurer David Pollak**.
6. **Resolution to ratify the appointment of the Examiner of the 2016 Accounts and to re-appoint the Examiner of the 2017 Accounts:** "Resolved that the appointment of the accounting firm Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2016 annual accounts of the EUPJ, be ratified and that the appointment of Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2017 annual accounts for the EUPJ, be approved."
7. **Resolution to amend the Constitution:** "Resolved that the Constitution of the EUPJ be amended as provided for in the draft Deed of Amendment which accompanies this Notice and which is presented to the meeting, with effect from the close of this meeting." Note – A memorandum with the reasons for the proposed changes to the Constitution accompanies this Notice, along with the draft Deed of Amendment. The proposed amended Constitution will also be available on our website.
8. **Proposals to approve the admission to membership as a member of the EUPJ of the Federazione Italiana per L'Ebraismo Progressivo:** "Resolved that Federazione Italiana per L'Ebraismo Progressivo (the newly established Italian Federation known as FIEP) be admitted as a Constituent Member of the EUPJ with effect from the date of this resolution, subject to the condition that if (i) an EUPJ Constituent Member (Joining Community) joins FIEP and resigns its membership of EUPJ; and (ii) FIEP subsequently ceases to be a member of EUPJ; then in such case the Joining Community shall be entitled to be re-instated as a Constituent Member of EUPJ provided that at such date the Joining Community meets EUPJ membership criteria."
9. **Elections to EUPJ Offices –**
 - a. Jonathan Lewis, the representative of Reform Judaism in the United Kingdom on the Executive Board, retired in July 2016 and Reform Judaism in terms of Section 6.1.4 of the

Constitution nominated **Robert Weiner** as their new representative. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.

- b. **John Clark** was nominated by Or Chadash, our sole member in Austria, in terms of Section 6.1.4 of the Constitution to represent Austria on the Executive Board. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.
- c. **Gilbert Lederman** was jointly nominated by Beth Hillel and IJC, our two members in Belgium, in terms of Section 6.1.4 of the Constitution to represent Belgium on the Executive Board. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.
- d. **Jonathan Wootliff** was jointly nominated by Bejt Simcha and ZLU, our two members in the Czech Republic, in terms of Section 6.1.4 of the Constitution to represent the Czech Republic on the Executive Board. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.
- e. **Arthur Buchman** was nominated by Shir Hatzafon, the Progressive Community in Denmark, in terms of Section 6.1.4 of the Constitution to represent Denmark on the Executive Board. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.
- f. **Marc Konczaty** and **Celia Naval** were nominated by the Assemblée du Judaïsme Libéral Français, our member in France, in terms of Section 6.1.4 of the Constitution to represent France on the Executive Board. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.
- g. **Tamás Gróf** was jointly nominated by Bet Orim and Szim Shalom, our two members in Hungary, in terms of Section 6.1.4 of the Constitution to represent Hungary on the Executive Board. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.
- h. **Joyce Bigio** was jointly nominated by Beth Hillel (Rome), Beth Shalom (Milan), Lev Chadash (Milan) and Shir Chadash (Florence), our four members in Italy, in terms of Section 6.1.4 of the Constitution to represent Italy on the Executive Board for the period 1 December 2016 to 31 May 2017 and for **Fabio (Ben) Fantini** to represent Italy on the Executive Board from 1 June 2017 until 31 December 2017, whereafter a representative will be nominated by FIEP. These appointments were ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now require ratification by the European Assembly.
- i. **Rabbi Jackie Tabick** was nominated by the European Beit Din in terms of Section 6.1.5 of the Constitution to represent the European Beit Din on the Executive Board. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.
- j. **Rabbi Ruven Bar-Ephraim** was appointed to the Executive Board as a co-opted member for a second term at the 2014 European Assembly but has now been nominated by the EUPJ Rabbinic Assembly in terms of Section 6.1.5 of the Constitution to represent the EUPJ Rabbinic Assembly on the Executive Board and Rabbi Bar-Ephraim has accepted this new role on the Executive Board. This appointment was ratified by the Executive Board in December 2016 and now requires ratification by the European Assembly.
- k. **Rabbi Mark Goldsmith** has served two consecutive terms as a co-opted member of the Executive Board and is, accordingly, not eligible for a further term and will be standing down from the Executive Board at the Meeting.

10. Report by the European Beit Din.

11. Any other business.

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

John Cohen - Honorary Secretary
Dated: 18 April 2017.

Note: 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 place provided that notice of intention to appoint a proxy has been received by the Chairman or Secretary or administrator not less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting and the actual proxy (in the form attached) and copy of the notice of intention to appoint a proxy which was given in time, is given to the Chairman of the meeting prior to the start of the meeting.

Appointment as Constituent Delegate and Form of Proxy

European Union for Progressive Judaism

We, [*insert name of Constituent Member* _____] of [*insert address* _____]
being a Constituent Member of The European Union for Progressive Judaism (“EUPJ”) hereby appoint [*insert name of Constituent Delegate* _____]
as a Constituent Delegate in terms of Clause 5.3 of the EUPJ Constitution to represent us at the Annual European Assembly Meeting of the EUPJ, to be held on 19 May 2017.

Signed _____ (the Constituent Member)

Date _____

I, [*insert name of Constituent Member* _____] of
[*address* _____]
being a duly appointed Constituent Delegate, hereby appoint -
[the Chairman of the meeting] or [_____]
to act as my proxy and to vote on my behalf at the Annual European Assembly Meeting of the EUPJ, to be held on 19 May 2017 and any adjournment of it.

Signed _____ (the Constituent Delegate)

Date _____