

The EUPJ organises biennial conferences. They are hosted by one of our communities and enable all our members and leaders across Europe to meet, study, gain new skills and make and renew friendships. The last very successful conference took place in London 14-17 April 2016.



Opening Ceremony
The Guildhall London

WUPJ Chair Carole Sterling honours outgoing
EUPJ President Leslie Bergman.
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The European Union For Progressive Judaism

EUPJ is the umbrella organisation linking and supporting over 170 Liberal and Reform communities in more than 16 countries, with new communities regularly seeking membership. Our continued growth across Europe is testament to the fact that our Liberal and Reform approach unites Jews who want an inclusive, egalitarian, non-fundamentalist and modern interpretation of Judaism.

The EUPJ is one of the seven regions of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The WUPJ has its headquarters in Jerusalem, and is the largest movement of affiliated Jews in the world with 1.8 million members.

The European Union for Progressive Judaism from our office in London actively promotes and supports Jewish community development across Europe in the following ways:



Kabbalat Shabbat at Beth Hillel Roma

- Through our Rabbinic Training Fund we sponsor and support students at our European rabbinic seminaries; Leo Baeck College and Abraham Geiger Kolleg.
- We provide support to small communities to employ Rabbis.
- We provide support for current and potential community leaders to attend the Beutel Leadership Training Seminars run by the Anita Saltz International Educational Centre based in Jerusalem. These courses are run both in Israel and Europe.
- Together with leaders of the World Union for Progressive Judaism we promote the recognition of Progressive communities within the general community of their country.
- We support new and developing communities with advice and rabbinic visits, synagogue activities and the publication of Progressive prayer books in national languages.
- We publish a monthly on-line newsletter to publicise activities and achievements of our communities across Europe. Subscribe at www.eupj.org.
- We provide the services of the European Bet Din to countries with insufficient rabbis to form a national Bet Din.
- We arrange twinning of congregations for mutual support.
- We support national youth movements and Europe-wide activities for youth and young adults.
- We maintain close contact with the WUPJ offices in Jerusalem and New York.



Celebrating the new Torah in Madrid
Photo: Victoria Atlas

Above all, the EUPJ seeks to foster and stimulate the growth of Progressive Judaism throughout Europe because we believe that Progressive Judaism, with its combination of respect for Jewish tradition and an openness to modernity, provides the blueprint for Jewish continuity in the 21st century and beyond.



EUPJ Leadership at Keren Or, Lyon
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