

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 Sunday 6 September 2020 at 5pm (BST). This meeting will be held electronically via Zoom – See full note at end of Notice.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** for absence.
2. **The Minutes (a copy of which accompanies this Notice) of the last Annual General Meeting of the European Assembly** held in Rome on 19 May 2019.
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 **Chair's Report on 2019 by the Chair Sonja Guentner**, 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 2019 reports in the 2019 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 2019** (the Accounts). The Accounts will be available for inspection on the EUPJ website by no later than 1 September 2020. The Treasurer's Report to be presented by Vice-Chair Finance David Pollak, together with a brief financial summary, will be included in the Annual Report.
6. **Resolution to ratify the appointment of the Examiner of the 2019 Accounts and to re-appoint the Examiner of the 2020 Accounts:** "Resolved that the appointment of the accounting firm Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2019 annual accounts of the EUPJ, be ratified and that the appointment of Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2020 annual accounts for the EUPJ, be approved."
7. **Resolution to ratify the admission of Bnei Sefarad Jewish Community Valencia**, known as **Bnei Sefarad** and based in Valencia, Spain **as an Associate Member of the EUPJ** by the EUPJ Executive Board on 3 December 2019: "**Resolved that** the decision by the EUPJ Executive Board on 3 December 2019 to appoint Comunidad Judía De Valencia Bnei Sefarad – Bnei Sefarad Jewish Community Valencia, known as Bnei Sefarad as an Associate Member of the EUPJ with effect from that date, in terms of Section 4 of the Constitution, be and is hereby ratified in terms of the proviso to Section 4.2 of the Constitution."
8. **Resolution to ratify the admission of Ec Chaim Synagogue**, known as **Ec Chaim** and based in Warsaw, Poland **as an Associate Member of the EUPJ** by the EUPJ Executive Board on 28 July 2020: "**Resolved that** the decision by the EUPJ Executive Board on 28 July 2020 to appoint Ec Chaim Synagogue, being part of the Jewish Religious Community in Warsaw (GWZwW), known as **Ec Chaim** as an Associate Member of the EUPJ with effect from that date, in terms of Section 4 of the Constitution, be and is hereby ratified in terms of the proviso to Section 4.2 of the Constitution." In admitting Ec Chaim as an Associate Member, the Executive Board included a provision relating to discussions to be held between Ec Chaim and GWZwW and certain of our members in Poland, which should result in Ec Chaim becoming a full Constituent Member by the end of 2020. Members will be updated in this regard at the Meeting.

9. **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 –

- As President, Gordon Smith;
- As Vice-President, Miriam Kramer;
- As Chair, Sonja Guentner;
- As Vice-Chairs – Rabbi Menno ten Brink, John Cohen, David Pollak and Robert Weiner;
- As Ex Officio representative of the European bet Din, Rabbi Jackie Tabick;
- The following representative appointees – Rabbi Edward van Voolen (Abraham Geiger Kolleg), Anton Fishman (Leo Baeck College), Marek Jezowski – Beit Polska), Joyce Bigio (FIEP Italian Federation) and Sara Losch (UpJ – Union for Progressive Jews in Germany).

The above appointments were unanimously endorsed by the Executive Board at its meeting on 28 July 2020, with the exception of Joyce Bigio and Sara Losch whose nominations were received after that date.

10. **Rabbinic Matters** – brief presentations from the EUPJ European Rabbinic Assembly and the European Beit Din by Rabbi Dr René Pfertzel and Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick.
11. **EUPJ Brussels Office** – brief presentation on the progress of the NOA project by Bill Echikson, the Office Director.
12. **Any Other Business.**

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

John Cohen – Vice-Chair Governance and Honorary Secretary

Dated: 5 August 2020.

Note:

- (1) **Online Meeting Only** - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and following the guidelines of the UK Charities Commission and good practice, this meeting will not be in person as is usual, but will be held electronically via Zoom.
- (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 by no later than 3 September 2020. Each Constituent Delegate will receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 4 September 2020, and this link should 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 by no later than 3 September 2020. Each Associate Delegate will receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 4 September 2020, and this link should 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, may only do so 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, which will be explained during the meeting.
- (6) **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.

Schedule 1 - Appointment as Constituent Delegate

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 the person set out below as a Constituent Delegate in terms of Clause 5.3 of the EUPJ Constitution to represent us at the Annual General Meeting of the European Assembly of the EUPJ, to be held on 6 September 2020.

Delegate Name - _____

Delegate email address - _____

Delegate mobile phone number - _____

All information provided to the EUPJ will be held by it in accordance with its privacy policy contained in its website.

Signed _____ (the Constituent Member)

Date _____

Schedule 2 - Appointment as Associate Delegate

European Union for Progressive Judaism

We, [*insert name of Associate Member* _____] of [*insert address* _____]

being an Associate Member of The European Union for Progressive Judaism (“EUPJ”) hereby appoint the person set out below as an Associate Delegate in terms of the EUPJ Constitution to represent us at the Annual General Meeting of the European Assembly of the EUPJ, to be held on 6 September 2020.

Delegate Name - _____

Delegate email address - _____

Delegate mobile phone number - _____

All information provided to the EUPJ will be held by it in accordance with its privacy policy contained in its website.

Signed _____ (the Associate Member)

Date _____

Form of Proxy

I, [*insert name of Constituent Delegate* _____] of
[*address* _____]

being a duly appointed Constituent Delegate by _____ [*insert
name of Constituent Member*], hereby appoint - [the Chair of the meeting] or

[_____] to act as my proxy and to vote on my behalf at the

Annual General Meeting of the European Assembly of the EUPJ, to be held on 6 September 2020 and at
any adjournment of it.

Signed _____ (the Constituent Delegate)

Date _____