

EUPJ Proposal to encourage its communities to ensure, wherever possible, full marriage equality before the next EUPJ biennial meeting.

- Whereas the European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ) condemns all forms of bigotry and discrimination in our society as being incompatible with the preservation of human dignity which is destructive of *tzelem elohim*, and;
- Whereas the EUPJ upholds the principle of treating all people equally whether by gender, age, colour or sexual preference, and;
- Whereas the EUPJ has long championed full equality of women in our movement and in society generally and strived to eliminate gender-based stereotypes, and;
- Whereas the 2011 International Assembly of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) called on all institutions, colleges, congregations and youth groups to give equal opportunity to gay and lesbian bisexual transgender and inter-sex members (GLBTI), especially in terms of leadership and learning and to be aware of gender issues when developing study curriculum, and;
- Whereas the 2011 International Assembly of the WUPJ called on all institutions associated with the WUPJ to treat GLBTI couples in the same manner as married heterosexual couples and families, and;
- Whereas the 2013 International Assembly of the WUPJ called upon all institutions associated with the WUPJ to promote marriage equality within our movement, and to join with others to support legislation to help guarantee the legal rights of GLBTI couples to marry civilly and religiously, and to secure their marital legal rights in full equality to heterosexual couples;
- Following the EUPJ's first Pride Shabbat on 3 July 2021, the first regional event of its kind within the WUPJ, and in view of a worrying backsliding of human rights, in particular for GLBTI people, in many parts of the EUPJ region, EUPJ HEREBY reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the equal rights of all its members, whatever their gender orientation or identification, and encourages its communities to ensure, wherever possible, full marriage equality.