

EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

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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 Tuesday 31 August 2021 at 5pm (BST). 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 last Annual General Meeting of the European Assembly** held via Zoom on 6 September 2020.
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 for 2020 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 reports in the 2020 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 2020** (the Accounts). The Accounts will be available for inspection on the EUPJ website by no later than 16 August 2021. The Treasurer's Report to be presented at the Meeting, together with a brief financial summary, will be included in the 2020 Annual Report.
6. **Resolution to ratify the appointment of the Examiner of the 2020 Accounts and to appoint the Examiner of the 2021 Accounts:** "Resolved that the appointment of the accounting firm Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2020 annual accounts of the EUPJ, be ratified and that the appointment of Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP to perform an examination of the 2021 annual accounts for the EUPJ, be approved."
7. **Resolution to ratify the admission of Ec Chajim Praha**, known as **Ec Chajim** and based in Prague, Czech Republic **as a Constituent Member of the EUPJ** by the EUPJ Executive Board on 21 March 2021: "**Resolved that** the decision by the EUPJ Executive Board on 21 March 2021 to appoint Ec Chajim Praha of Prague in the Czech Republic, known as Ec Chajim, as a Constituent 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. **Ec Chaim Synagogue Warsaw:** To update the EUPJ membership on the change of status of Ec Chaim Warsaw from Associate Member to Constituent Member.
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 Vice-Chair Finance – Paul Winter
 - Ex Officio and Representative Appointees – the names of which will be provided at the Meeting

10. **Rabbinic Matters** – brief presentations from the EUPJ European Rabbinic Assembly and the European Beit Din, as well as a brief presentation on the newly formed Central European Beit Din.
11. **EUPJ Brussels Office** – brief presentation on the activities of the Brussels Office.
12. **Other EUPJ Reports and Updates**
13. **Any Other Business.**
 - (a) Proposal to encourage communities to ensure full marriage equality. The full wording of the proposal is available on the EUPJ website.

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: 2 August 2021.

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, as it was in 2020.
- (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 2021. Each Constituent Delegate will then receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 27 August 2021, 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 2021. Each Associate Delegate will then receive an email link to the Zoom meeting by no later than close of business on 27 August 2021, 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 2020 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 - Constituent Delegate Appointment Form

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 31 August 2021.

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, a copy of which can be obtained from its website.

Signed _____ (the Constituent Member)

Date _____

Schedule 2 - Associate Delegate Appointment Form

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 31 August 2021.

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, a copy of which can be obtained from 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 31 August 2021 and at
any adjournment of it.

Signed _____ (the Constituent Delegate)

Date _____