

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF LIBERAL JUDAISM (ULPS) – KNOWN AS COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE MONTAGU CENTRE, 21 MAPLE STREET, LONDON W1T 4BE
SUBJECT TO SECTIONS 26 -32 OF THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF LIBERAL JUDAISM (ULPS)**

PRESENT	
PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENTS	Jeromé Freedman, Louise Freedman, David Goldberg, Corinne Oppenheimer
OFFICERS (DIRECTORS)	Simon Benscher, Jackie Richards, Graham Carpenter
RABBIS	Danny Rich (Senior Rabbi & Chief Executive), Richard Jacobi, Charley Baginsky, Aaron Goldstein, Leah Jordan, Shulamit Ambalu
COUNCIL	Alice Alphandary (SLLS), Geoffrey Ben-Nathan (Bedfordshire), Daniel Brown (Mosaic), Ros Clayton (Reading & York), Bryan Diamond (LJS), Gillian Dawson (Wessex), Peter Gordon (Nottingham), Jane Greenfield (Southgate), Val Harrison (Birmingham), Josie Kinchin (Finchley), Alex Kinchin-Smith (Finchley), Peter Loble (LJS), Tony Myers (West Central), Alan Solomon (Mosaic), Jill Stern (Ealing)
IN ATTENDANCE	Alexandra Simonon (minutes), Rebecca Fetterman, Sam Alston, Anna Craven, Tamara Joseph, Rachelle Ellerby, Robin Samson, Joan Michelson
	OPENING PRAYER Rabbi Aaron Goldstein
	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>Simon Benscher welcomed Peter Loble, Treasurer at the LJS, and Robin Samson from Kehillah North London.</p> <p>APOLOGIES from Robin Moss (BoNO), Mimi Konigsberg (NPLS), Willie Kessler, Deborah Kahn-Harris (LBC), Charles Middleburgh (LBC, Dublin), Noeleen Cohen (LBC), Jennifer Lennard (BKY), Stuart McDonald (BoD), Andrew Goldstein (President, LJ), Sharon Goldstein (Vice President, LJ), Janet Berkman (Peterborough), Ruth Selo (Bournemouth), Richard Stevens (Woodford), Ruth Seager (BoNO), Bob Kamall (Woodford), Rosita Rosenberg (Vice President, LJ), Bev Taylor (Vice President, LJ), Frank Maxwell (Birmingham), Margaret Jacobi (Birmingham), Harry Jacobi (Vice President, LJ) were noted.</p>
	<p>MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The minutes were signed as an accurate record.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
	<p>INTRODUCTION of Tamara Joseph, Liberal Judaism Social Justice Worker</p> <p>Tamara Joseph introduced herself and the work she is doing for LJ. She explained that she will be in touch with communities but that communities are also welcome to contact her immediately if they wish to do so.</p>
	<p>RABBINIC CONFERENCE REPORT</p> <p>Richard Jacobi presented his report (which he had submitted in written form) and said a few words about the work done by the Rabbinic Conference during their recent Kallah weekend, including the pulpit swap project.</p> <p>This year, 4th and 5th year rabbinic students were invited to Kallah.</p> <p>Rabbinic students who are serving a LJ community are kept up to date with rabbinic matters.</p>
	RABBINIC SCALES

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	<p>The updated rabbinic scales were circulated. DR indicated that these are only a minimum recommendation issued by LJ every year, but that communities are autonomous.</p>
	<p>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT - Simon Benscher</p> <p>SB has visited several communities where he has been made very welcome. He would be delighted to visit more, and will do his utmost to respond positively to every invitation he receives.</p> <p>SB has represented LJ to dinners and other events, and has expressed what a privilege it is to do so.</p> <p>He continues to work closely with DR and with Rabbinic Conference, and has expressed thanks to the staff at the Montagu Centre for their hard work.</p> <p>BoNO is now working hard on a fundraising strategy for LJ, and CB has included this in her strategy work.</p> <p>The merge of Bet Tikvah and Woodford is a very exciting development for Liberal Judaism as it will create a major Liberal community in the East End.</p> <p>SB continues to work very closely with the Alliance for Progressive Judaism.</p>
	<p>CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT – Rabbi Danny Rich</p> <p>Rabbi Danny Rich (DR) has continued his pastoral work. He thanked all the LJ communities and members who participated in Mitzvah Day.</p> <p>LJ has supported 19 communities over the High Holy Days.</p> <p>DR spoke to the BoD. The Council congratulated DR on this momentous occasion.</p> <p>Cemeteries: from 01/01/2017 there will be woodland burials at both Edgwarebury and Cheshunt for an extra cost of £1,600.</p> <p>The MC is becoming more of an education and spiritual centre.</p> <p>A budget for 2017 has been approved by BoNO.</p>
	<p>LEO BAECK COLLEGE</p> <p>Submitted a written report.</p>
	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rabbi Aaron Goldstein asked on behalf of Mimi Konigsberg how other communities are doing in relation to the BoD levy. DR indicated that Gillian Merron can be contacted and that she can be booked to go to speak to communities. ● Graham reminded everyone that they were welcome to attend the PR comms away day on the 4th of December. ● Alliance: we have hired an Israel Desk coordinator who will start in January.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day of Celebration: at NPLS on 11th June 2017.
	<p>SOME NEVER SEE A MAP: Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu presented a session based on her Talmud for Creative Leadership.</p>
	<p>DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 31 January 2017</p>