

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF LIBERAL JUDAISM (ULPS) – KNOWN AS COUNCIL
 HELD ON TUESDAY 1st May 2018 AT THE LIBERAL JEWISH SYNAGOGUE
 SUBJECT TO SECTIONS 26 -32 OF THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF LIBERAL JUDAISM (ULPS)

PRESENT	
PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENTS	Jeromé Freedman, Louise Freedman, Rabbi Harry Jacobi
OFFICERS (DIRECTORS)	Simon Benscher (Chair), Graham Carpenter, Amanda McFeeters, Jackie Richards, Ruth Seager, Amelia Viney, Karen Newman, Ros Clayton
RABBIS	Richard Jacobi, Charles Middleburgh, Charley Baginsky, Pete Tobias
COUNCIL	Frank Maxwell (Birmingham), William Glassman (Ealing), Sam Eastmond (Ealing), Ruth Selo (Eastbourne), Bob Kamall (ELELS), Richard Stevens (ELELS), Josie Kinchin (Finchley), Alison Turner (Herefordshire), Peter Loble (LJS), Alan Solomon (Mosaic), Jane Greenfield (Southgate), Stuart MacDonald
IN ATTENDANCE	Davina Bennett (Operations Manager, Elstree), Becca Fetterman, Ellie Lawson, Simon Lovick, Shelley Shocolinsky-Dwyer, Alexandra Simonon, Hannah Stephenson, Rafe Thurstance (minutes).
	OPENING PRAYER Rabbi Charley Baginsky
	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES SB welcomes everyone to the LJS, thanks the LJS for their hospitality.</p> <p>Attendees are notified that the meeting will be recorded for the sake of the minutes, and asks people to state any objections - none are recorded. Those in attendance are asked to state who they are before speaking.</p> <p>Sam Eastmond (Ealing), Davina Bennett (Elstree), Ellie Lawson (LJY-Netzer), Ruth Selo (Eastbourne) are welcomed to their first meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received for Aaron Goldstein, Andrew Goldstein, Sharon Goldstein, Nick Silk, Peter Gordon, Alice Alphandary, Robin Moss, Lucian J. Hudson, Janet Berkman, Graham Berkman, Jennifer Lennard, Tamara Joseph, Cathy Burnstone, Ed Herman, Corinne Oppenheimer, Robin Samson, Lea Muehlstein, Joan Shopper, Nick Belkin, and Rosie Ward.</p>
	<p>MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The minutes were signed as an accurate record.</p>

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	<p>Ruth Selo notes a typo in the second paragraph of the Rabbinic Conference Report.</p>
	<p>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT SB offered further thanks to The LJS.</p> <p>SB reported on his pride at having accompanied the LJ contingent to the EUPJ conference in Prague, and that he would be retiring as Co-Chair of Leo Baeck College.</p> <p>Council is further informed the Resource Bank is growing well; SB thanked Jane Burkeman for her Safeguarding contribution.</p> <p>SB informed Council that Officers currently sitting on BoNO would be retiring at the AGM - anyone interested in replacing them should speak to SB.</p> <p>SB offered special thanks to SSD, and CB for their work on GDPR and relationship building respectively but also for their collective work in covering Danny’s position during his sabbatical.</p> <p>In response to a question from the floor, it is agreed that management account reports can be circulated electronically prior to Council meetings.</p>
	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>Conference Of Liberal Rabbis and Cantors Report A report was circulated prior to the Meeting. SB applauded the appointment of Cantor Tamara Wolfson to Kehillah and NPLS.</p> <p>Leo Baeck College A report was circulated prior to the Meeting. Rabbi Dr Charles Middleburgh praises the recent achievements of the college including 12 alumni and a number of current students at the EUPJ Conference in Prague.</p> <p>CM offered his thanks and praise to Cantor Zöe Jacobs and Rabbi Aaron Goldstein for their leading of the service at the Spanish Synagogue in Prague.</p> <p>CM noted that during the EUPJ Conference that he conferred upon Rabbi</p>

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Francois Garaï the Fellowship of LBC in recognition of his outstanding service as a rabbi and teacher.

Biennial

Rabbi Charley Baginsky reported that many communities were still to sign up and take advantage of a subsidised ticket for the ‘relational Judaism’ track.

The community project was explained, and it was noted that three communities were still to receive their pack - this would be rectified by CM.

CM further reported that confirmed keynote speakers are Gillian Merron, CEO of the BoD, and Rabbi Daniel Freedlander, President of the WUPJ. It was noted that Reuven Marko, Chairperson of IMPJ, was also a possible keynote speaker.

Education

SB made clear his intention to personally oversee the creation of a position with responsibility for education as a whole.

Social Justice

A report was circulated prior to the Meeting, any questions would be forwarded to Tamara Joseph who had sent her apologies.

LJ Representatives on the Edgwarebury Board

Ruth Seager reported that due to upcoming retirements, a contingency plan was being created for the vacant seats on the Board at Edgwarebury Cemetery; Alexandra Simonon would sit in one of those spaces. Two more members for the board were needed - Council was asked to consider who might take this places.

Board of Deputies Update

Karen Newman reported on the importance and relevance of the Board’s need for progressive voices, and the importance for young voices in helping with governance change.

Simon Lovick noted that LJY-Netzer can help to find and encourage both observers and potential deputies by using the links available to them.#

Election of Deputies

SB presents both Lauren Keiles and Stuart MacDonald as candidates for election

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as Liberal Judaism’s representatives on the Board of Deputies. Both are elected unanimously by all of Council.

Council is thanked for the smooth process.

AOB

Rabbi Harry Jacobi commented that Liberal Judaism should be proud of what it has achieved as a movement in Prague at the EUPJ Conference. He also expressed his belief that we should be proud of Rabbi Andrew Goldstein’s involvement in the presentation of a Sefer Torah to the community in Prague.

Rabbi HJ encouraged Council to follow the lead of the late Rabbi Hugo Gryn z”l, and to “not be afraid to cross narrow bridges”.

CB urged Council to consider attending the trustees’ training day led by LEAD in June, and invited Council to contribute in the continued growth of the LJ Resource Bank.

The meeting was closed at 19:22

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday 1 July 2018 (AGM - at Biennial)