

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF LIBERAL JUDAISM (ULPS) – KNOWN AS COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2018 AT THE MONTAGU CENTRE  
SUBJECT TO SECTIONS 26 -32 OF THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF LIBERAL JUDAISM (ULPS)

<b>PRESENT</b>	
PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENTS	Andrew Goldstein (President), Sharon Goldstein, Corinne Oppenheimer,
OFFICERS (DIRECTORS)	Simon Benscher (Chair), Ros Clayton, Danny Rich, Jackie Richards, Ruth Seager, Rosie Ward, Jane Drapkin, Karen Newman
RABBIS	Charley Baginsky, Janet Burden, Sandra Kviat, Charles Middleburgh,
COUNCIL	Alice Alphandry (SLLS), Geoffrey Ben-Nathan (Beds), Janet Berkman (Peterborough), Chrissie Hassall (Peterborough), Daniel Brown (Mosaic), Cathy Burnstone (Finchley), William Glassman (Ealing), Peter Gordon (Nottingham), Jane Greenfield (Southgate), Frank Maxwell, Robin Samson (Kehillah), Alan Solomon (Mosaic), Richard Stevens (ELELS),
IN ATTENDANCE	Shelley Shocolinsky-Dwyer, Alexandra Simonon, Rafe Thurstance (minutes), Charlotte Fischer, Daisy Bogod, Ben Combe, Ellie Lawson, Becca Fetterman,
	<b>OPENING PRAYER</b> Rabbi Charley Baginsky, a prayer for the ability to embrace difference and struggle
	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b> SB welcomes attendees to the meeting, and gives a warm welcome to first time attendees Chrissie Hassal, Ben Combe, and Jane Drapkin.  <b>Apologies</b> were received for Stuart Macdonald (BOD), Robin Moss (BoNO), Nick Silk, Rabbi Dr Margaret Jacobi (BPS), Graham Carpenter (BoNO), Ariel Chalklin (WCLS), Judith Fox (WCLS), Ed Herman (BoNO), Larry Navon (Eastbourne), Ruth Selo (Eastbourne),. Helen Goldhill (LJY-Netzer), Bob Kamall (ELELS), Louise & Jeromé Freedman (Vice Presidents) Mimi Konigsberg (NPLS), Leslie Moss (NPLS), Sam Eastmond (ELS), Carrie Shaw (Alliance Desk), Amanda McFeeters (BoNO)
	<b>MINUTES OF THE AGM of JULY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING</b> There were no matters arising, and the minutes were signed as an accurate record.
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The CST presented to Council on their activities, and how they carry out their work. In response to a question, the presenter informs Council that a complicated matrix is used to take decisions about grant awarding, and can include things such as community size, location, and surrounding organisations.

Rabbi Danny Rich asked Council to note that sometimes, the CST also provides grants to fund security at Jewish cemeteries, and not just to synagogue communities directly.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair thanked the team responsible for the Biennial for a successful weekend.

The Chair offered congratulations and thanks to Becca Fetterman and all LJY-Netzer movement workers for their efforts, and also to officers Graham Carpenter and Robin Moss for their work with the LJY-Netzer team.

The Chair praised the alliance, and the work that Carrie Shaw does across the board.

In light of the upcoming fundraising dinner, the Chair thanked and congratulated Tom Rich, Rabbi Charley Baginsky, and Yszi Hawkins for their efforts.

Council was informed that Leo Baeck College is doing well, and the Chair wishes Jill Todd well as she is currently ill.

The Chair offered thanks to the College, and to Liberal Judaism as a movement for giving him many reasons to be proud to represent them on a daily basis at many varied events.

**REPORTS**

**Chief Executive and Senior Rabbi**

Danny Rich delivered the report that was previously circulated. In response to questions;

- Council was informed that anyone is free to contact DR or BoNO directly if there are any concerns regarding any perceived conflict of interest between his work at Liberal Judaism, and his work as a councillor for the Labour Party.
- Council was reminded that both staff and DR are party apolitical when working, and will continue to be so
- The Chair informed Council that despite some concern from communities about his appearance at the 'enough is enough' rally outside parliament,

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this was in a personal capacity, and that he remains convinced that Liberal Judaism must remain neutral in terms of taking a party political stance.

- Council was reminded that staff, including the Senior Rabbi, always seek to advance the cause of Liberal Judaism, even if it cannot always represent each of the c. 10,000 individual members.
- Council was reassured that the Board of National Officers and staff are aware of the importance of speaking with a unified voice, and that BoNO (which is elected by Council) continues to discuss community concerns via Link Officers.

### **Safeguarding**

Danny Rich presented a resolution for Council's consideration:

- Lodge at the Montagu Centre an approved policy or policies which is reviewed for update at least annually and which may be shared with other Liberal Judaism constituents;
- Provide annually the Montagu Centre with the name and contact details of its Designated Safeguarding Lead; and
- Send a Trustee and a senior employee (where relevant) to a training session every three years.

A lengthy discussion ensued, following a report from Becca Fetterman outlining training, and materials, that have been created for community safeguarding leads and trustees. Council was shown how to access and presented with possible uses for the folders and documents available.

The resolution was carried with 48 votes in favour, and two against.

### **Finance**

The management accounts were circulated prior to the meeting of Council. The Chair thanked SSD and RW for their work in ensuring that LJ moves forward with the plan to have £25,000 of reserves per annum.

### **Conference Of Liberal Rabbis and Cantors Report**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting, and Council was asked to wait until January for an update on the new siddur.

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	<p>It was agreed that in January, Rabbi Aaron Goldstein would deliver a comprehensive report on the editing process, as well as the collation and usage of feedback received.</p> <p><b>Leo Baeck College</b>          There were no questions regarding the report previously circulated.</p> <p><b>Social Justice</b>          Jane Drapkin was welcomed as the Officer with responsibility for Social Justice.</p> <p>It was agreed that going forward, BoNO would include a report in LJ Today that informs Council and communities of BoNO discussions and the work it is doing.</p>
	<p><b>LJY-NETZER</b>          Council was informed of the success of the recent camps, and literature was circulated regarding upcoming events.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting was closed at 20:55.</p>
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 22 January 2019</b></p>	