

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF LIBERAL JUDAISM (ULPS) – KNOWN AS COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE MONTAGU CENTRE  
SUBJECT TO SECTIONS 26 -32 OF THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF LIBERAL JUDAISM (ULPS)

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| <b>PRESENT</b>              |   |
| PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENTS | Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein (President), Sharon Goldstein, Corrine Oppenheimer  |
| OFFICERS (DIRECTORS)        | Ruth Seager (Acting Chair), Ros Clayton, Danny Rich, Jackie Richards, Karen Newman, Graham Carpenter, Amanda McFeeters, Paul Silver-Myer  |
| RABBIS                      | Aaron Goldstein, Sandra Kviat, Charley Baginsky, Janet Burden   |
| COUNCIL                     | Joel Beckman (Crouch End), Janet Berkman (Peterborough), Jane Carpenter (Reading), Robert Freudenthal (Kehillah), Kathryn Fuller (BKY), Gerard Geneed (South Bucks), William Glassman (Ealing), Chris Godbold (LJS), Peter Gordon (Nottingham), Jane Greenfield (Southgate), Tamara Joseph (Finchley), Bob Kamall (ELELS), Karen Katz (Brighton), James Krikler (SLLS), Jennifer Lennard (BKY), Philip Mackle (Manchester), Frank Maxwell (Birmingham), Leslie Moss (Northwood and Pinner), Michael Reibscheid (Elstree), Ben Rich (York), Michael Rudolf (Ealing), Alan Solomon (Mosaic), Stuart Spivack (ELELS), Richard Stevens (ELELS),   |
| IN ATTENDANCE               | Alexandra Simonon (minutes), Becca Fetterman, Shelley Shocolinsky-Dwyer   |
|                             | <b>OPENING PRAYER</b><br>Rabbi Aaron Goldstein led the opening prayer.  |
|                             | <b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b><br>The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting, particularly Chris Godbold (LJS), Leslie Moss (NPLS), Philip Mackle (Manchester), Mike Ribescheid (Elstree), and Robert Freudenthal (Kehillah) who were attending council for the first time.<br><br><b>Apologies</b> were received for Stuart MacDonald (BoD), Geoffrey Ben Nathan (Bedfordshire), Nick Silk (Edinburgh), Margaret Jacobi (Birmingham), Peter Whear (Norwich), Bob Kamal (ELELS), Leslie Isaacs (Stevenage), Ariel Chalklin (WCLS), Susan King (NLS), Robin Samson (Kehillah), Joan Shopper (VP), Cathy Burnstone (FPS), Bryan Diamond (Honorary Archivist), Craig Simmons (KLS), Lucian Hudson (VP), Robin Moss (BoNO) Jeromé Freedman (VP), Louise Freedman (VP), and Hannah Stephenson (BoNO). |
|                             | <b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING</b><br>There were no matters arising, and the minutes were signed as an accurate record, noting that the date was 2019 and not 2018.   |
|                             | <b>ACTING CHAIR'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruth Seager gave Council an update on Simon Benscher's health and expressed best wishes for a prompt recovery.</li> <li>• Ruth reported on her experience with the LJ comms team and how impressed she has been with their efficiency. For example today they dealt with the response to Rabbi Mirvis' comments swiftly and effectively.</li> <li>• The office administration is tight, well organised and professional.</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Friends Scheme is a great success, and allows people who want to support LJ to donate even if they cannot afford to be a patron.</li> <li>• Fundraising is another area in which we are seeing progress, and one officer is currently working with staff to develop legacy income.</li> <li>• Safeguarding is a very important issue for LJ and our communities, and it has now spread through the movement with the support of staff.</li> <li>• The challenges remain the same: mainly maintaining membership and building income.</li> <li>• An issue came to light recently from which we have learnt a few things: that fellow trustees are an enormous resource of strength, that our current governance arrangements have been too cumbersome so that communication has been impeded - we are now looking at better ways of working, and that people can hold different views and, at the same time, all share a love of Liberal Judaism.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>PARTY POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT</b><br/>         This matter was a reserved matter. Therefore the minutes of the conversation are not public.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>STRATEGY</b><br/>         A strategy report and outline of what is planned for the coming year was presented by Rabbi Charley Baginsky and Shelley Shocolinsky-Dwyer. The presentation will be circulated to all communities shortly after the meeting.</p> <p>Council was reminded of the Biennial date (22-24 May 2020) so that they can ensure that it is advertised in their communities.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>Chief Executive and Senior Rabbi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report was circulated in advance and no questions were raised at the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Leo Baeck College</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report was circulated in advance and no questions were raised at the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>CoLRaC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report was circulated in advance and no questions were raised at the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Justice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report was circulated in advance and no questions were raised at the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Silver-Myer invited Council members to email him if they have any questions. <a href="mailto:p.silver-myer@liberaljudaism.org">p.silver-myer@liberaljudaism.org</a><br/>         He presented the management accounts and indicated that LJ was heading towards a small surplus. There are, however, some pinch points at specific times, and it helps greatly to keep finances healthy if communities pay their invoices on time.<br/>         RS thanked Paul and added that he was a great addition to BoNO.</li> </ul> |

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**LJY-NETZER**

The new team of movement workers is working very hard and the start of the year has been very successful. Communities are reminded that if they wish to have a movement worker visit their communities, they are welcome to contact LJY-Netzer. This year's Israel Tour is likely to sell out so children who are interested should sign up ASAP. There is a priority period for LJ members that ends on 16 January. For any questions regarding bursaries application, please contact Becca Fetterman on [becca@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:becca@liberaljudaism.org)

**LJ Today**

Is in the process of having a refresh. Delivery to communities will be one of the issues considered.

**AOB**

- Andrew Goldstein thanked Ruth for stepping in at short notice as acting chair.
- Staff will ensure that Council lists are up to date to that everyone who should be receiving papers receives them.

Meeting closed.

**DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 21 January 2020**