



UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Statement on Decision on Non-Orthodox Burials in Israel

The Moetzah (Council) of Australian, New Zealand and Asian Progressive Rabbis is heartened by the decision of the IDF to allow soldiers to be buried by rabbis from all the religious streams of Judaism (and also to have secular funerals). This important decision will allow families to mourn and be comforted with rituals that accord with their own practices and beliefs.

We believe that this is a very positive step in the move for inclusion and acceptance of all the expressions of Jewish religious practice in Israel. We hope that it will be the first of many changes that will allow Israel to truly embrace the religious diversity of 21st-Century Judaism.

We applaud the work of Hiddush, whose tireless work for religious equality in Israel has enabled this landmark decision.