MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024
Held online via Zoom

UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

AGENDA

1. **Attendance and apologies** (see below)

2. **Confirmation and adoption of Minutes of the AGM held on 26 November 2023**:
   Larry Lockshin moved to adopt, Helen Shardey seconded, unanimously adopted

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous AGM**: no matters arising

4. **Co-Presidents' Report**: The Co-Presidents' Report was included in the UPJ Annual Report 2022-2024, which can be read on the UPJ website (https://www.upj.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Annual-Report-2023-2024.pdf)
   a) Julie Selby thanked Danny and Larry for their hard work;
   b) Danny said this year had many challenges since 7 October, looking forward to implementing more strategy than able to do this year;
   c) Larry agreed it has been a very busy year, gratifying to see UPJ stand together with wider community
   d) Larry welcomed UPJ Chair Phyllis Dorey OAM, WUPJ Secretary Sharene Hambur and WUPJ Representative to the UPJ Helen Shardey OAM.

5. **Treasurer's Report**: The Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements are included in the Annual Report on the UPJ website (https://www.upj.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/UPJ-Financial-Statements-year-ended-30.06.24-signed.pdf).
   a) Harry said the Financial Statements have been certified and approved;
   b) Helen asked about affiliation fees, can a list be provided showing which congregations are current; she also asked for revenue from affiliation fees; Harry agreed to share at next Exec meeting;
   c) Cash balance is $137k at end of June; $253k in term deposits;
   d) Harry moved to adopt Financial Statements; seconded by Danny Hochberg; unanimously approved.

6. **Re-appointment of Joey Borensztajn at Arnold Bloch Leibler to serve as Honorary Solicitor of the Association**: Moved by Brian Samuel OAM, seconded by Dorothy Graff OAM, unanimously approved.

7. **Re-Appointment of Lowe Lippmann as auditor of the Association**: Harry recommended that we defer this and look at other alternatives for 2025.

8. **Re-Appointment of Public Officer**: Moved by Dorothy Graff OAM that Brian Samuel be appointed as Public Officer, seconded by Maureen Barten, unanimously approved.

9. **Motion to continue the job-sharing for the office of President pursuant to clause 87 of the Constitution**:
   It is resolved that Danny Hochberg and Larry Lockshin will job-share the office of President.
   Moved by Ayal Marek, seconded Peter Kohn, unanimously approved.

10. **Election of Ordinary Committee Members:** All positions are filled and no election was needed: Mazel tov to Committee Members: Avishai Conyer, Sarah Greenbaum, Daniel Pedroso and Herme Rabl.

11. **Election of Officers of the UPJ Executive Committee:** All positions are filled and no election was needed: Mazel tov to newly elected Officers Vice-President Amanda Mace and Honorary Secretary Naomi McKeown.

12. **General Business**

a) Brian Samuel OAM asked when and where is the 2026 Biennial? Larry said Melbourne is most likely location, date/chair TBD.

b) Larry and Danny thanked Sally for her amazing service as UPJ Treasurer over the past 10+ years, stepping in during a difficulty financial time and bringing back financial stability.

c) Larry and Danny also thanked Lynda Ben Menashe and Vered Harel, who stepped down from the Executive Committee;

d) Rabbi Dr Esther Jilovsky added her thanks to Danny, Larry and Jocelyn for a great Biennial, and Sally and Dorothy for their amazing work;

e) Sally thanked Danny and Larry for their kind words, and also thanked Dorothy;

f) Jocelyn added her thanks to Biennial Co-Chair Sarah Greenbaum and said how lucky the Exec is to have Sarah join the committee;

g) Harry thanked Sally for such a wonderful handover as Treasurer:

h) Dorothy thanked Peter Kohn for his loyal support of the UPJ;

i) Larry thanked Jocelyn, and shared that she is planning to retire in July 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 8.15pm AEDT

Attended	**Apologies**
Maureen Barten	Monica Feigin
Helen Bryant	David Knoll AM
Sally Castle	Roger Mendelson
David Cohan	Rabbi Fred Morgan AM
Avishai Conyer	Deborah Ogawa
Gina Davidson	Mark Pryor
Phyllis Dorey OAM	Rabbi Gary Robuck
Dorothy Graff OAM	Pam Spiegel
Sarah Greenbaum	Michael Taft
Ruth Gross	
Sharene Hambur AM	
Janet Henrie	
Robert Hershan AM	
Kassia Klinger	
Danny Hochberg	
Rabbi Dr Esther Jilovsky	
Peter Kohn	
Larry Lockshin	
Amanda Mace	
Ayal Marek	
Naomi McKeown	
Daniel Pedroso	
Herme Rabl	
Jocelyn Robuck	
Brian Samuel OAM	
Karine Santana-Ormonde	
Ben Schwall	
Julia Selby	
Helen Shardey	
Hilary Silbert	
Rick Wolozny	