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Funding for Progressive Judaism

# Annual Report 2009

January - December



# OUR HISTORY

1939: The Leo Baeck School, the first Progressive Jewish institution in Israel (Palestine), was founded in Haifa.

1950s: Because of exchange control restrictions following the end of the second world war, visitors to Israel began taking gifts to the School, it not being feasible to give money. As a consequence, members of ULPS decided that the School would gain most benefit if the help being offered were channelled through a central organisation and thus the Friends of the Leo Baeck School came into existence.

1965: With the expansion of Progressive Jewish activity, the name was amended to the Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and by this time, members of RSGB were fully involved in the organisation.

In parallel, following the end of the war, the needs of Europe were being recognised and the Friends of Progressive Judaism in Europe was formed by the European Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism to help the European communities - or what remained of them - re-establish themselves.

1978: The two organisations merged, becoming the Association of Friends.

1988: Again the name was amended, this time to a more meaningful title - The Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and Europe.

1991: With the need for increased resources, firstly in Israel as the movement expanded and secondly in continental Europe and the Former Soviet Union as new communities started springing up following the collapse of the communist regimes, fund raising became of prime importance. To meet this need, the Friends developed in 1991 from a fund collecting to a fund raising organisation and since 1994 has been conducting an appeal to members of RSGB and ULPS each year at Shabbat Shekalim.

2001: To reflect this main emphasis on fund raising, the Friends have adopted a new slogan - Funding for Progressive Judaism.

2002: We undertook to directly support a Rabbi to work with the congregations in Lower Saxony (Germany), following on from the European Region Conference in Barcelona.

2005: New logo for FPJ adopted and the British Friends of Leo Baeck Haifa launched.

2006: 40th Anniversary of FPJ.

2008: Launch of website.

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2009

Becoming chairman of **FPJ** in June 2009 has been an exciting but challenging experience.

Taking on the role in the midst of the worst recession in a generation has been daunting, to put it mildly. Our communities are not immune to job losses; indeed some of our synagogues struggle to function on reduced budgets as many of us look to cut our spending.

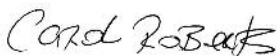
Would our appeals attract donors and could we rely on them to support us to the extent they had in better times? Or, would charitable giving be a casualty of hard times? Many charities report a drop in donations in 2009 by around 25 per cent. Would **FPJ** suffer similarly?

I am very pleased and not a little relieved to report that my concerns were unfounded and that our donors and synagogues continue to support **FPJ** appeals at Shabbat Shekalim and the High Holy Days not just at previous levels but, in the case of the appeal for Israel, in excess of past records. This is a wonderful result and our supporters are to be lauded for their determination to see the mitzvah of tzedakah fulfilled despite hard times and in the midst of the financial crisis. It is indeed a testament to Progressive Judaism that the central tenets of social justice and care for others remain uppermost in the most difficult of times.

My transition from committee member to chairman has been greatly facilitated by the wonderful support I have received from the **FPJ** executive and committee members, past chairman, Jane Greenfield and the invaluable help and guidance from our administrator, Neil Drapkin. The support and encouragement of community leaders, our patrons and rabbis has proved invaluable and for this I am extremely grateful.

Carol Roberts

Chairman



December 2009.

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# TRUSTEES REPORT

## OBJECTIVE OF THE CHARITY

The main objective of the Charity is to raise awareness of the needs of Progressive Jewish institutions in Israel and Europe (including the former Soviet Union) and to provide financial support for these institutions and the charitable work they perform. We meet this objective by keeping our donors and potential donors informed of the Charity's activities on a regular basis and by holding normally three appeals each year.

## RESULTS

The Charity's income for the year amounts to £89,460. It has been derived from donations received in response to our appeals, bank interest and income tax recovered on gift-aided donations. Because an appeal can produce donations over several weeks, the inward and outward cash flows in any one year are not necessarily equal but taking one year with another, the policy is to distribute the whole of the income.

Looking to the future, the Trustees will be considering next year additional ways of increasing the number of regular and occasional donors.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Charity and of its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:-

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Charities Act and with the applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

## APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 and signed on its behalf

Carol Roberts  
Chairman



# COMMITTEE

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to representatives of each of the constituent bodies of the Movement for Reform Judaism (hereinafter called 'MRJ') and Liberal Judaism (hereinafter called 'LJ') or any member thereof and any independent Progressive Synagogue. A constituent body shall in this context be deemed to include a constituent or affiliated group in addition to which the Women's sections and Youth sections of MRJ and LJ and of the World Union for Progressive Judaism shall also be eligible for membership. Being a member makes a person eligible to vote at general meetings and to be nominated to the committee.

## PATRONS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 2009

### Patrons

Judge Clive Callman  
Ruth Cohen  
Jackie Gryn  
Baroness Neuberger DBE  
Hilda Schindler  
Sir Sigmund Sternberg OStJ KCSG JP

### Trustees

Ken Teacher  
Susan Terpilowski

### Committee Members

Carol Roberts (Chairman)  
Jane Greenfield  
Rabbi Harry Jacobi  
Jack Lynes  
Bobbi Riesel  
Kathryn Michael  
Sarah Rosen-Webb

Monica Jankel  
Tessa Samson  
Hilda Schindler  
Ken Teacher  
Susan Terpilowski  
Charlie Gluckman

### Administrator

Neil Drapkin

As at December 2009.

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## **We are different**

### **How?**

**We are the only UK Charity that raises money solely for projects in Israel, FSU and Europe that are Progressive. Hence we can ask only Movement for Reform Judaism, Liberal Judaism and independent Progressive members to contribute to these funds.**

## **PROJECTS FOR 2009**

The following projects were supported

### **ISRAEL**

Kehillat Sulam Yaakov

Jewish-Arab Community Center, Acre

IMPJ

IRAC

Support of the Leo Baeck Education Centre-Haifa,  
for co-existence and other projects.

Kibbutz Lotan

### **EXODUS 2000**

Feodosiya

General Fund

### **EUROPEAN REGION**

Warsaw - Siddur translation

Vienna - Scroll repair

General Fund



# ACCOUNTS

Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and Europe

12 Months Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

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# ACCOUNTS

**Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and Europe**

**12 Months Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.**

## ACTING TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires financial statements to be prepared which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of each financial year and the Statement of Financial Activities for the year itself.

The Executive Committee confirms that these financial statements comply with the above requirements. In particular, the Executive Committee has selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently, made reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, and complied with applicable accounting standards.

## END OF YEAR

The accounts relate to the 12 month year from 1st January to 31st December 2009

## RESULTS

The accounts for the 12 months ending 31st December 2009 show net incoming resources of £10,593. These are made up of donations and other income of £92,824 less expenses consisting of donations to supported projects of £76,401 and administration costs of £5,829

These figures compare with net outgoing resources of £8,129 for the year ending 31st December 2008.

Overall the Charity has fulfilled its function of collecting funds and distributing them to Progressive Jewish causes in Israel, Europe and the Former Soviet Union (referred to in the accounts as FSU) .

NEIL DRAPKIN  
Administrator/Acting Treasurer  
June 2010.

# ACCOUNTS

## Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and Europe

### Accounts for the year to 31 December 2009

#### Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	2009 Restricted Funds	Total	2008
<b>Income Receipts</b>					
Donations		5,570	84,338	89,908	83,241
Bank Interest		38		38	940
Income Tax recovered		362	2,115	2,477	5,279
Legacies			400	400	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>5,971</b>	<b>86,853</b>	<b>92,824</b>	<b>89,460</b>
<b>Donations made during year</b>					
FSU	3		1,000	1,000	4,740
Israel	1		40,969	40,969	61,056
Europe	2		6,765	6,765	11,638
LBEC-H	4		27,668	27,668	12,340
			<b>76,401</b>	<b>76,401</b>	<b>89,774</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
Sundry expenses and administration costs		5,829		5,829	7,814
		<b>5,829</b>	<b>76,401</b>	<b>82,231</b>	<b>97,589</b>
<b>Net receipts for year</b>				<b>10,593</b>	<b>(8,129)</b>
<b>Cash and bank balances less creditors 1 January 2009</b>				<b>17,758</b>	<b>31,154</b>
<b>Cash and bank balances less creditors 31 December 2009</b>				<b>28,351</b>	<b>17,758</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2009</b>					
<b>Monetary Assets</b>					
<b>Bank and Cash balances</b>					
NatWest Bank Deposit Account		6,694			14,105
NatWest Bank Current Account		100			1,303
CAF Bank		19,501			
			<b>26,295</b>		<b>15,408</b>
Accounts receivable			2,477		5,252
				<b>28,772</b>	
Less uncleared cheques					(1,675)
Less Creditors at year end				(571)	(1,382)
Plus uncleared deposits					5
Plus undeposited funds				150	150
<b>Cash and bank balances less creditors at year end</b>				<b>28,351</b>	<b>17,758</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Shares awaiting sale at market value	5			680	253
<b>Total assets</b>				<b>29,031</b>	<b>18,011</b>

# ACCOUNTS

## Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and Europe

### Accounts for the year to 31 December 2009

#### Notes to the accounts

		2009		2008
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
<b>1. Donations made to Israel</b>				
Acco		27,394	27,394	14,375
IRAC	2,000		2,000	-
IMPJ		1,833	1,833	31,521
Kehillat Sulam Yaakov		3,020	3,020	-
Brit Olam				14,750
Kibbutz Lotan	1,000		1,000	410
<b>ISRAEL TOTAL</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>32,247</b>	<b>35,247</b>	<b>61,056</b>
<b>2. Donations made to Europe</b>				
Europe		6,765	6,765	-
Spisska Nova Ves		-	-	638
General Allocation		-	-	11,000
<b>EUROPE TOTAL</b>		<b>6,765</b>	<b>6,765</b>	<b>11,638</b>
<b>3. Donations made to FSU</b>				
General allocation	1,000	-	1,000	3,000
Feodosya		-	-	1,740
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>4,740</b>
<b>4. From BFLBEC-H</b>		27,668	27,668	12,340
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>66,680</b>	<b>70,680</b>	<b>89,774</b>

#### 5. Shares awaiting sale

At year end the balance of shares awaiting sale had a market value of £680 (£253 in 2008)

# ACCOUNTS

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and Europe (The Charity)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2009, which are set out on the annexed pages of Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2009 and Notes to the accounts.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act;
- and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**Date 11 April 2010**

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