The Movement for
Progressive
Judaism

INAUGURAL DINNER

30 November 2025
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RUNNING ORDER

Welcome Rabbi Charley Baginsky & Rabbi Josh Levy, Co-Leads, The Movement for Progressive Judaism

Shehecheyanu & Shofar Blowing

Hamotzi – Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu & Rabbi Igor Zinkov

Starter

MPJ Story continues

Clergy Choir – our Clergy and musicians join in harmonies

Main Course

Keynote speaker: Attorney General Lord Richard Hermer KC in conversation with Rabbi Rebecca Birk

Appeal: Dr Ed Kessler MBE, Chair, MPJ Implementation Board

Dessert

Birkat HaMazon – Grace after Meal

Final songs and goodbyes
- Noeleen Cohen, Chair, MPJ Dinner and music team

With thanks to our wonderful Clergy, musicians, RSY-Netzer and LJY-Netzer for leading us in prayer and song this evening:

Rabbi Eleanor Davis, Rabbi Nicola Feuchtwang, Rabbi Paul Freedman, Rabbi Naomi Goldman, Cantor Sarah Grabiner, Cantor Zöe Jacobs, Rabbi Richard Jacobi, Leo Nicholson, Rabbi Gershon Silins, Mich Sampson, Cantor Rachel Weston, Cantor Tamara Wolfson, Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers

Friends,

Welcome and thank you for joining us on this historic evening to mark the creation of the Movement for Progressive Judaism. Tonight is a celebration: joyful recognition of the journey that has brought us here, and a shared commitment to the future we will build together.

The creation of a broader and distinct Jewish voice will reshape expectations, amplify Progressive Jewish values, and ensure a wide representation of ideas and experiences.

Our mission is to strengthen, support and connect communities so that a vibrant and innovative Jewish life thrives wherever Jews live; to amplify our values and forms of Jewish practice; and to nurture the next generation who will carry this work into the future.

This evening is also an invitation to join us. The success of our new Movement depends on more than structures and plans; it depends on you — your voice, your partnership, your support. Through your generosity and active engagement, a shared vision will be transformed into tangible life-changing work throughout the UK, and beyond. Your support will also ensure that Progressive Jewish life is accessible, innovative, and sustainable.

This evening's celebration is also an opportunity to honour the lay leaders, clergy and communities whose dedication brought us here; and to honour you, for choosing to be part of what comes next. This is a once-in-a-generation moment to create a bold, compassionate partnership that will sustain and enrich Jewish life wherever you live.

With hope, gratitude and warm wishes,

Dr Ed Kessler MBE
Chair, MPJ Implementation Board

Noeleen Cohen
Chair, MPJ Inaugural Dinner





Wherever we go, our communities remind us why the Movement matters. It lifts them, links them, and gives them the confidence that together we shape a Judaism greater than any one community could create alone.

This moment is a leap of faith, one we have taken together with all of you who have dedicated your lives to Progressive Judaism. Each of us has built, led, and nurtured communities that thrive because they are places of belonging, learning, and compassion. We have seen how Progressive Judaism gives people language for faith and justice, a sense of home, and the confidence to live their Jewish values with pride and purpose.

Now we are choosing to believe that, together, we can be even more, more connected, more courageous, more ambitious for what Progressive Judaism can mean in our time. The creation of the Movement for Progressive Judaism allows us to bring together all that we have built into one strong, confident, and creative force for good.

Our vision reaches both inward and outward. We will strengthen and sustain the communities that already form the heart of our Movement, supporting rabbis, educators, and volunteers, investing in youth and students, and ensuring that every Progressive Jew, wherever they live, feels part of something larger and alive. And we will speak beyond our walls, ensuring that Progressive Judaism stands publicly for the values of inclusion, equality and moral courage that the world so deeply needs.

Everyone in this room has already been part of that story. Your leadership, generosity, and faith have brought us to this moment.

Now we ask you to help us take the next step. Your support tonight will turn vision into reality, building a Movement that sustains our communities, inspires our youth, and gives voice to a Judaism of justice, compassion, and joy.

Together, we can create the future our people and our world need.

Rabbi Charley Baginsky and Rabbi Josh Levy
Co-Leads of Progressive Judaism



MENU

Starter

Crisp Poached Egg, pickled beetroot,
roast cherry tomatoes, tarragon mayo (V)
Avocado salad (VG, GF)

Main

Teriyaki Seabass chili spiced pak choi & broccoli stir-fry,
wasabi sweet potato mash, pickled ginger cream (GF)

Butternut Squash, Vegan Cheese & Leek Wellington,
parsley sauce, served with your main menu garnish (VG)

Dessert

Vegan Chocolate Mousse, fruit skewer with fruit compote
(VG,GF)

House Red: Valdemoreda Tempranillo, Spain, Castilla
House White: Vialetto Grecanico, Italy, Sicily

To have reached this moment in the history of our Movements is one of the proudest achievements in our lives.

We want to pay tribute to Rabbi Charley and Rabbi Josh for their remarkable partnership and vision, and for their energy and courage which has brought us to this milestone. Not to mention the impassioned leadership of the Advisory Board by Ed Kessler.

Our grateful thanks go to all who have played a part in this venture, including our fellow trustees and the leaders of all our communities who facilitated consultations to involve our most important people – our members – in the decision to form the Movement for Progressive Judaism.

This journey is a shared journey. We are all part of it and each one of us can make our own individual contributions to its success.

In Pirke Avot 2.16 we are reminded:

"It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it." This tells us we must acknowledge the scale of the task, emphasising our personal responsibility, our continuing roles from generation to generation and to always be intentional in our actions.

It hasn't been easy to be a Progressive Jew over the last two turbulent years. Our Rabbis and Cantors have worked hard to keep us connected to each other and to our Judaism in these challenging times.

Our leaders have charted a course within which we recognise that silencing dissent deepens division, and that our tradition teaches us that "disagreement is not a threat to unity, it is part of how truth emerges".

We recognise that we stand on the shoulders of giants who attempted to bring our two great movements together in the past. We now have the responsibility to take what is best about our Liberal and Reform traditions and shape this into a stronger inclusive, pluralistic Movement that will continue to be an inspiring influence in our lives, and a guardian and generator of a dynamic, creative, values-based Progressive Judaism in the lives of future generations.

Paul Langsford
Chair, The Movement for Reform Judaism



Karen Newman
Chair, Liberal Judaism





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THE PRIME MINISTER

It is my distinct honour to extend warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to everyone gathered for the inaugural Annual Dinner of the Movement for Progressive Judaism for the United Kingdom and Ireland. I am truly grateful for the invitation to share in this momentous occasion, which marks a new chapter for British and Irish Jewry.

The historic unification of Liberal Judaism and the Movement for Reform Judaism is a profound testament to the enduring spirit of community, partnership, and shared purpose. By coming together as one Movement, you are building on a rich legacy, reaffirming your core values, and charting a bold path forward for generations to come. For over a century, the communities that today form the Movement for Progressive Judaism have played a vital role in the religious, cultural, and civic life of our country. Your commitment to embracing tradition whilst championing progress has helped shape a Judaism that is both rooted and responsive, a Judaism that stands as a beacon of inclusivity, compassion, and hope.

At the core of your mission lies an unwavering dedication to equality, justice, and the celebration of diversity. Your doors have always been open to all who seek meaning and community, regardless of background or circumstance. This steadfast commitment to inclusivity enriches not only Jewish life but the fabric of our wider society. I am especially heartened by your investment in young people, nurturing the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and visionaries. In empowering youth and fostering their engagement, you are ensuring that the Movement's values and aspirations will continue to flourish long into the future.

The Movement for Progressive Judaism has long been a voice of moral conscience, dialogue, and partnership within our faith communities and the nation as a whole. Your contributions to interfaith understanding, social justice, and national life are deeply valued and appreciated.

I extend my very best wishes for a memorable evening of celebration, fellowship, and inspiration.

Keir Starmer

30 November 2025

I am delighted to send my warmest congratulations to all those celebrating the formation of the Movement for Progressive Judaism for the UK and Ireland.

This whistoric union of Liberal Judaism and the Movement for Reform Judaism represents a truly significant moment for the Jewish community and our nation as a whole. The merger of two denominations, drawing on 250 years of Progressive Jewish history, is a testament to the strength, vitality and forward-thinking spirit that has enriched British life for generations.

The new Movement will be the UK's largest synagogal body, encompassing 80 communities and representing around 30,000 Jewish people. These are not merely statistics, but families, friendships and faith communities that have contributed immeasurably to the fabric of our society.

Your focus on strengthening communities, nurturing young people, and ensuring your Movement remains vibrant and relevant for future generations is vital. Such investment in youth, our future, is particularly striking.

But it's really the breadth and diversity of your communities that reflects the confidence and vitality of a Movement that knows its values and its purpose in contemporary Britain.

At a time when faith communities face many challenges, your unity sends a powerful message. It shows that coming together, whilst honouring treasured traditions, can create something stronger and more vibrant for the generations ahead.

I wish you every success as you embark on this exciting new chapter. May the Movement for Progressive Judaism continue to flourish, inspire and contribute to the rich tapestry of British religious and civic life for many years to come.

With my very best wishes,

Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP
Leader of His Majesty's Official Opposition



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I am delighted to offer my warmest congratulations to all those involved in the formation of the Movement for Progressive Judaism. The coming together of Liberal Judaism and Reform Judaism into a single, united movement is a powerful testament to what faith can achieve when communities dream boldly and act courageously.

In my own ministry across the Diocese of Chelmsford, I witness every day the life-changing power of belonging, inclusion, and shared purpose. Faith communities flourish when they are places of welcome, acceptance, and generosity of spirit.

As you celebrate this historic union, I hope it will be a time not only of celebration but of renewed energy and imagination. May the Movement for Progressive Judaism continue to thrive and shine as a beacon of welcome and hope, both within the Jewish community and across society.

May this new chapter be marked by friendship, unity, and an ever-deepening sense of purpose: a joyful reminder of all that can be achieved when we walk together as people of faith.

Yours,

+ Guli Chelmsford

The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani
Bishop of Chelmsford



The historic unification of two Progressive Jewish movements is a landmark moment in the enduring journey of British Judaism.

This significant development, rooted in over two centuries of religious heritage, represents not only a consolidation of faith traditions and leadership, but also a reaffirmation of values that resonate across our religious traditions: equality, inclusivity, and the commitment to nurturing future generations.

At a time when faith communities are called to respond to complex social challenges, this unification of two Progressive Jewish movements stands as a testament to the strength found in unity, and to the vital role religious institutions continue to play in shaping a cohesive and compassionate society.

May this new chapter in Reform Judaism bring continued growth, understanding and enduring harmony. We look forward to deepening our bonds of mutual respect and collaboration as partners in the shared pursuit of justice, peace, and the common good.

Imam Dr Qari Asim, MBE
Co-Chair of the British Muslim Network



It is with tremendous joy and pride that I extend heartfelt congratulations to all of you gathered tonight to celebrate this historic and hope-filled moment – the unification of Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism into one vibrant, powerful Progressive Jewish Movement in the UK and Ireland.

This merger is not only a matter of organizational success; it is a sacred act of klal Yisrael – a living expression of Jewish peoplehood. In coming together, you are modelling the courage and vision that our global Reform Movement holds in such deep esteem: the conviction that our shared values, moral commitments, and sense of purpose are stronger than the labels or differences that might once have separated us. You have chosen unity over division, partnership over pride, and the promise of a shared Jewish future over the comfort of familiar pasts.

From North America, we are watching with admiration and inspiration. You have not only strengthened Progressive Judaism in Britain and Ireland but have fortified the global Reform Movement. Your leadership in the recent World Zionist Congress elections – ensuring a strong Progressive and Reform voice within the institutions that shape the Jewish future – demonstrates your steadfast commitment to Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, and to the principle that love of Israel must always be coupled with the pursuit of justice and peace.

Our Movement is global, but its heartbeat is shared – in our synagogues, in our activism, in our Torah. Tonight, as you celebrate this new chapter, know that your sisters and brothers across the ocean are celebrating with you. May this union deepen your capacity to bring light, dignity, and compassion to British Jewry and to the entire Jewish world.

Mazal tov to each and every one of you – may you go from strength to even greater strength.

With admiration and friendship,

Rabbi Rick Jacobs
President of the Union for Reform Judaism



It is with great joy and deep admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all who have brought about the founding of the Movement for Progressive Judaism in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The unification of Liberal Judaism and the Movement for Reform Judaism marks not only a historic milestone, but also a powerful affirmation of what Progressive Judaism has always stood for: connecting communities, fostering inclusion, and providing a path for all who seek to belong and take part.

Here in Israel, the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ) shares in your excitement and sense of purpose. We know how vital a unified Progressive voice can be in strengthening Jewish life, advancing the values we hold dear, and ensuring that Judaism continues to speak in a language that is engaging, relevant, and morally grounded.

Our partnership with Progressive Judaism in the UK and Ireland has always been one of deep friendship and shared conviction. You have stood beside us, determinedly, in the struggles for religious freedom, equality, and the democratic character of Israel. Even in times of war and uncertainty, when we as Israelis have felt isolated, your steadfast support and moral clarity have been an anchor of comfort and strength. You have shown that Progressive Judaism can hold true to its values while remaining deeply connected to Israel, even when the path is complex.

Progressive Judaism in the UK and Ireland has long been a source of inspiration to us: a partner in dialogue, a steadfast friend, and a model of community engagement. The new Movement carries forward this legacy with renewed strength and clarity, representing the rich diversity and creativity of today's Jewish world.

May the Movement for Progressive Judaism continue to grow and inspire, shaping a Jewish future that is unified, courageous, and filled with purpose. On behalf of the IMPJ, we celebrate with you and look forward to walking this path together, in partnership and friendship.

Yours,

Anna Kislanski
CEO of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ)



IN CONVERSATION



Rt Honourable Lord Richard Hermer KC

The Rt Honourable Lord Richard Hermer KC is the current Attorney General for England and Wales, a position he has held since July 2024, having been appointed by Prime Minister Keir Starmer the day after the General Election.

Richard was called to the Bar in 1993 and took silk in 2009. He served as Head of Matrix Chambers and as a Deputy High Court Judge. His practice was predominantly focused on human rights, international and constitutional law.

Richard grew up in Wales where he attended Cardiff Reform Synagogue and became active in RSY-Netzer. He is a member of Alyth (North Western Reform Synagogue).



Rabbi Rebecca Birk

Rabbi Rebecca Birk has served as Rabbi of Finchley Progressive Synagogue since 2011. She was Co Chair of the Conference of Liberal Rabbis and Cantors, and has long been an active voice within the Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Rabbi Rebecca is the founding Rabbi of the Progressive congregation in Stockholm and served there between 2001 and 2020 as a visiting Rabbi.

Passionate about community engagement, learning, and the relationships that lie at the heart of synagogue life, Rabbi Rebecca is especially proud of the social justice initiatives she has led at FPS, particularly successfully settling Syrian refugees under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) in the Borough of Barnet.






JEWISH


חוכשי
הארצו

The Movement for Progressive Judaism (MPJ)

The movement for REFORM JUDAISM liberal judaism



265

A record number of converts in both Batei Din- over 20% increase



3200+

Participants and leaders in RSY-Netzer, LJY-Netzer and local youth activities



£76,218

of bursaries awarded to young people and their families to participate in RSY and LJY activities



50+

Special public, political and communal engagements of Rabbis Charley and Josh, Co-Leads, MPJ

2024 IMPACT



40%

of our communities partnered with us on projects or accessed our specialist advice



400+

People participated in MPJ conferences and training



87

New leaders trained by LJY-Netzer and RSY-Netzer



288

media items of MPJ clergy and lay leaders



234+

Ad hoc support/ check-in meetings with Progressive Communities

The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) proudly celebrates the creation of the new Movement for Progressive Judaism (MPJ) for the United Kingdom and Ireland.

This initiative is an exemplary model of unity – bringing together communities that share common values while honouring their diversity, which enriches our vibrant way of living Judaism and contributing to society.

This visionary leadership achieves the greatest convergence of our communities: under one unified Progressive Movement, representing a third of synagogue-affiliated Jews and aiming to engage a similar number of unaffiliated Jews who identify with Progressive Jewish values.

We congratulate and take inspiration from this transformative and innovative process, which will serve as a model for other countries and regions. With the conviction that what unites us is stronger than what divides us, we are building a robust, pluralistic space firmly aligned with the values of Progressive Judaism and our unwavering commitment to the State of Israel – independent of its governments.

This new Movement will make Progressive Judaism far more visible in the UK and Ireland, both within the Jewish community and on the national stage. It will empower us to respond decisively to global antisemitism, which often manifests as anti-Zionism, threatening communities across Europe and beyond – especially in the wake of the 7 October pogrom.

WUPJ stands alongside and amplifies the increasingly powerful voice of Progressive Judaism on critical issues of our time, both within and beyond the Jewish community. The Movement's leaders actively engage in national discourse and build meaningful relationships with those shaping society, while offering steadfast solidarity and support for Israel.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and reaffirm our commitment to working together on the enormous challenge we celebrate today with all of you and the extended WUPJ family.

B'Shalom,

Phyllis Dorey OAM
Chair, WUPJ



Rabbi Sergio Bergman
President, WUPJ



It is a great joy to extend heartfelt congratulations, on behalf of the European Union for Progressive Judaism, on the occasion of the first Annual Dinner of the Movement for Progressive Judaism. The creation of this new Movement marks a milestone for Progressive Judaism in the United Kingdom and Ireland – a moment of shared leadership, continuity of values, and renewed commitment to innovation in Jewish life.

The Progressive communities of the UK and Ireland have always also played a vital role in nurturing the spiritual life of our wider European family. The EUPJ's ability today to support emerging congregations – from Finland to Georgia, from Lithuania to Cyprus – rests on the vision and generosity of spirit that have always characterised our British partners.

Lily Montagu, one of the founding figures of Liberal Judaism and a pioneer of our global movement, wrote in 1899 that "it is only by association that we can effectually enunciate the principle that we are required to use in God's service all the gifts of mind and heart which He has granted to us." Her conviction that cooperation and shared purpose are the lifeblood of spiritual renewal remains as relevant now as it was then.

Looking ahead to the World Union for Progressive Judaism's centenary celebration in London, 25–28 June, we are reminded once again of Montagu's prophetic words that "the present is the right hour, and England is the fit place for the initiation of this movement, which may restore to Judaism its glory." This gathering will honour not only the courage and imagination of those who founded the WUPJ, but also the enduring British leadership that continues to inspire Progressive Jews around the world.

As we celebrate with you the founding of the Movement for Progressive Judaism, we warmly invite you to be part of our historic celebration in London, where together we will honour our past and shape our shared future as one global Progressive family.

In friendship and shared purpose,

Rabbi Lea Mühlstein
Chair of the European Union for Progressive Judaism



On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and trustees of Leo Baeck College, I want to express our delight at the creation of the Movement for Progressive Judaism.

As the place where the MPJ's predecessors have always worked most closely together, Leo Baeck College has long been an advocate of a single, unified Progressive Jewish movement in the UK and Ireland. LBC has trained well over 90% of the Progressive clergy working in Britain, both currently and historically. Our alumni have been the backbone of our congregations in turn creating a vibrant Progressive Judaism. Now with the combined resources invested in the Movement for Progressive Judaism our communities and their institutions will be able to thrive to their fullest potential.

Leo Baeck College looks forward to working in close partnership with the Movement for Progressive Judaism to ensure that indigenous rabbinic training remains a foundational part of how we invest to sustain our community's ongoing success and development. Alongside the rabbinic programme, we are hopeful that through joint working we can create more meaningful educational journeys for Progressive Jews right across our new movement, ensuring, among other things, a pipeline for future leadership.

So many LBC alumni have been involved in the creation of the Movement for Progressive Judaism that we cannot be anything other than wildly enthusiastic about the potential for this new movement. Just as we pray for the future of any couple coming together under the chuppah, we pray for the union of our two previous movements into the Move-ment for Progressive Judaism

שַׂמֵּחַ תְּשַׂמַּח ... כְּשַׂמֵּחֲךָ יְצִירְךָ בְּגַן עֵדֶן מִקֶּדֶם

- that the Divine will grant them great happiness, like God's creation in Eden long ago, and that we, our members now, and our future generations are worthy to create a Jewish movement that honours all that is holy, both in our Jewish world and beyond.

Rabbi Professor Deborah Kahn-Harris
Principal of Leo Baeck College



On behalf of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, I am delighted to offer a hearty Mazal Tov on the occasion of the first annual dinner of the newly established Movement for Progressive Judaism.

As the democratically elected representative organisation of the Jewish community in the UK, our core business is bringing together Jews across the spectrum of Jewish practice and identity.

We deeply appreciate the bold and historic step Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism have made in coming together. We pay tribute to the remarkable leadership of Progressive Judaism co-leads Rabbi Josh Levy and Rabbi Charley Baginsky, respective chairs Paul Langsford and Karen Newman, Ed Kessler, and all who have made this happen.

I have had the privilege of visiting many progressive synagogues since I was elected President nearly a year-and-a-half ago. There is a real dynamism in the Progressive movement at the moment and a real opportunity for further work together on our community's shared priorities – to fight antisemitism; stand up for peace and security in Israel and the Middle East; defend our religious freedoms; make our community more united and more inclusive; and celebrate our faith, heritage and culture as British Jews.

The Movement for Progressive Judaism may be a new organisation but it also has the foundation of a long tradition of Judaism which for many years has played an important part in our communal life. I am sure that under this new umbrella the Movement will go from strength to strength.

We look forward to working with you all towards a brighter future for the UK Jewish community.

Phil Rosenberg

President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews



As Chair of the Jewish Leadership Council, it gives me great pleasure to wish the Movement for Progressive Judaism mazal tov on the occasion of its first Annual Dinner.

The JLC has long been proud to count both Liberal Judaism and the Movement for Reform Judaism among its members, and their merger to form this new movement marks a historic moment in British Jewish life. At a time when our community faces complex challenges, the need for such unity has never been greater.

Progressive Judaism will be guided by four key missions: to strengthen, support, and connect its communities; to promote and amplify Progressive values and forms of Jewish life; to inspire and nurture the next generation of Progressive Jews; and to foster inclusion, offer meaningful resources, and open pathways for those seeking to join. These aims reflect not only the values of Progressive Judaism but the principles that underpin a strong and vibrant Jewish community across the UK and Ireland.

In particular, Progressive Judaism's investment in the next generation, through the outstanding work of LJY-Netzer and RSY-Netzer, ensures that young people are not only participants in Jewish life but leaders shaping its future.

On behalf of the Jewish Leadership Council, its members and staff, I extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of Progressive Judaism as it embarks on this exciting new chapter.

Keith Black
Chair of the Jewish Leadership Council



I am delighted to be attending the first Annual Dinner of the Movement for Progressive Judaism with my wife Gabrielle.

My introduction to this Movement came from an initial meeting with Rabbi Charley Baginsky at a Labour Friends of Israel Lunch in November 2022. We were seated together having never met before and I was fascinated by both Charley and our discussion around the theological differences between Liberal and Reform Judaism.

Given my prior experiences I offered to support any movement there might be towards any potential merger/co-creation. This concept excited me greatly.

Since then I have spent many meetings with both Rabbi Charley and Rabbi Josh Levy. I have also had the pleasure of meeting with Ed Kessler too.

I am in awe of the vision and foresight of these three individuals as well as many others whom I have met subsequently along the journey towards this newly established entity.

The Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region engage with our entire community – from Progressive to United to Charedi to Chassidim. To that end we are working hard within Greater Manchester to support the challenge/opportunity for the three Reform synagogues post the sale of Jackson's Row, evaluating how the three Shuls may co-exist moving forward.

I am really excited for the much louder and more confident voice that this combined movement will offer you all on a public and national level. I believe that it is needed and will be most welcome.

This really is a significant moment in time within British Jewish history of which we can all be proud. I am delighted to play a very small part in that and I wish you all the very best of luck.

Mark Adlestone OBE
Chair of the Jewish Representative
Council of Greater Manchester and Region



SONGS

HINEIH MAH TOV MEDLEY

Text: Psalm 133:1

Music: Folk, Elana Arian, Rick Recht, Cantor Becky Mann

הִנֵּה מַה טּוֹב וּמַה נָּעִים

שֶׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם יָחַד

Hineih mah tov

Umah na'im

Shevet achim gam yachad

How good it is and how pleasant when we dwell together in unity.

SHEHECHEYANU

Text: Talmud & Liturgy

Music: Tzvika Pik

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם.

שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch attah, Adonai eloheinu, melech ha-olam,

shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higgiy'anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,

who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

HAYASHAN YIT'CHADEISH

Text: Rav Kook

Music: Cantor Shani Ben-Or and Boaz Dorot

הַיָּשָׁן יִתְחַדֵּשׁ וְהֶחָדָשׁ יִתְקַדֵּשׁ

Ha-yashan yitchaddeish, v'hechadash yit'kaddeish

The old shall be renewed and the new shall be made holy

YITCHAZEIK V'YASHUV

Text: Rav Kook

Text: Netivot shalom on shmini

Music: Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller

יִתְחַזֵּק וְיָשׁוּב לִבְנוֹת אֶת עַצְמוֹ

Yitchazeik v'yashuv livnot et atzmo

Be strengthened and return by rebuilding yourself

BIRKAT HA-MAZON בִּרְכַּת הַמָּזוֹן GRACE AFTER THE MEAL

בְּרִיךְ רַחֲמָנָא, מַלְכָּא דְעַלְמָא, מָרֵיהּ דְהַאי פִּיתָּא

Brich rachamana, malka d'alma, mareih d'hai pitta

Blessed be the Merciful One, Sovereign of the Universe, Owner of this bread. We have eaten and drunk. Let us thank the Holy Blessed One who gives us bread to eat, clothes to wear, and years to live. May things always get better, never worse, and may the Creator's goodness towards us never cease.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַזָּן אֶת הַכֹּל

Baruch attah Adonai ha-zan et ha-kol.

Blessed are You God, providing food for all.

HAL'LU

Text: Psalm 150, Music: Sufi

הַלְלוּ, הַלְלוּ, הַלְלוּ

כֹּל הַנְּשָׁמָה תְּהַלֵּל יָהּ הַלְלוּיָהּ

Hal'lu, hal'lu, hal'lu x2

Kol ha-n'shama t'halleil yah

Hall'lu, hall'luyah

Let every soul praise God!

OSEH SHALOM

Text: Liturgy, Music: Yoel Sykes

עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו

הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ

וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל

וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל

וְאִמְרוּ : אָמֵן

Oseh shalom bimromav

Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

v'al kol yisra'el

v'al kol yoshvei teivel

v'imru, Amen

May the Maker of peace on high bring this peace upon us,

upon all Israel, and upon all who dwell on earth.

SALAAM

Text and Music: Moshe Ben Ari / Sheva band

עוֹד יָבוֹא שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ

וְעַל כֻּלָּם

שָׁלוֹם (שָׁלוֹם) עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל הָעוֹלָם סַלַאם

Od yavo shalom aleinu

V'al kullam

Salaam! (Shalom!) aleinu v'al kol ha-olam,

Salaam, salaam.

May there be peace upon us and upon everyone.

Peace, upon us and upon all the world.

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