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UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM VOTES BRISBANE TO FULL MEMBERSHIP

On Sunday 2 November in Melbourne, Brisbane Progressive Jewish Congregation (BPJC) was admitted as a member of the Union for Progressive Judaism (UPJ)*. The decision followed a twelve month post-application assessment period, in accordance with the UPJ's membership policy.

In responding to the decision at the UPJ Annual General Meeting, Congregation President Tony Leverton acknowledged the hard work of a team of dedicated Congregation members since BPJC's formation in January 2007. Mr Leverton praised the support received from the UPJ's President and Immediate Past President, its Rabbinical Council and its current and former Executive Directors. He expressed particular appreciation for the assistance of BPJC's sister congregation, Temple Shalom Gold Coast, and other UPJ congregations.

Since its founding, BPJC has been pursuing its vision of *"A vibrant and enduring focus for Progressive Jewish life and thought in Brisbane"* with a range of religious, educational and social activities, culminating in the appointment of its first Minister, Cantor David Bentley. A full schedule of activities is planned for the coming year.

*NOTE

The UPJ is the Australia, Asia and New Zealand umbrella body for Progressive, Liberal, Reform and Reconstructionist Jewish congregations. It represents 22 congregations and six affiliated organisations. The UPJ is one of seven regions of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, an organisation comprising 1,200 congregations, 1.7 million Jews in 40 countries around the world.

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