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We declare that the following Rabbis are affiliated with the **Italian Federation for Progressive Judaism (FIEP)** and its member congregations, and are actively supporting the activities of the **European Rabbinical Assembly (ERA)** of the **European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ)** in Italy:

Rabbi Joel Oseran,	Rome,	Congregation Beth Hillel
Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild,	Milan,	Congregation Lev Chadash
Rabbi Donald Goor,	Milan,	Congregation Beth Shalom
Rabbi Robert Levy and Rabbi Leigh Lerner,	Florence,	Congregation Shir Hadash
Rabbi Ariel J Friedlander,	Emilia-Romagna,	Congregation Or 'Ammim

Each of these Rabbis is a member of the **ERA**. Neither the **EUPJ** nor the **ERA** have nominated or otherwise approved of any other Rabbi to represent or promote Progressive Judaism in Italy, and no other Rabbi in Italy may claim to represent the **Italian Progressive Jewish Movement**. It follows that any solemn acts, religious decisions or certifications authorized by any other persons, including experts in Jewish scholarship, are not considered valid by the **EUPJ** and **ERA**.

To avoid any doubt, the **ERA** and the **EUPJ** have determined that the following Progressive Batei Din, whose conversion certificates are recognized by the State of Israel, are the only Progressive Jewish Batei Din recognized in Europe:

- Beit Din of Liberal Judaism** (U.K., Denmark, Ireland, Beit HaChidush, the Netherlands)
- Beit Din of the Reform Movement** (U.K.)
- Allegemeine Beit Din** (Germany)
- Beit Din of the Dutch Federation for Progressive Judaism** (the Netherlands)
- Kerem, the Beit Din of the French and Francophone Communities** (France, Luxembourg, Belgium & French-speaking Switzerland)
- Beit Din of the Swiss-German and Austrian Progressive Communities** (German speaking Switzerland and Austria)
- Beit Din of the European Union for Progressive Judaism**, which has jurisdiction over Italy and the other European countries not included above.

This declaration is made in the name of the following:

- Italian Federation for Progressive Judaism (FIEP)**
- Beit Din of the European Union for Progressive Judaism**
- European Rabbinical Assembly (ERA)**
- European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ)**

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