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Gabriel Steinhardt

President, Jewish Community of Lisbon

Gabriel Steinhardt was elected President of the Jewish Community of Lisbon (Comunidade Israelita de Lisboa) for the 2016-2018 triennium on June 5th, 2016.

Steinhardt is a businessman who served as Managing Director of several international companies in Portugal and in Spain. His professional background also includes Board of Director-level membership in business associations in both countries.

He is fluent in English, Spanish, French, Hebrew and Portuguese. He lived in Israel from 1975 to 1990 and has an in-depth knowledge of Israel related issues, through his experience as a spokesman in media and public relations. He has been elected twice for the Board of Directors of his community, under two different presidents.



Catarina Vaz Pinto

Culture Councillor, Lisbon City Council

Catarina Vaz Pinto holds a law degree from the Portuguese Catholic University (UCP), Lisbon, and a postgraduate degree in European Studies from the College of Europe, Bruges. Vaz Pinto has served as Culture Councillor for the Lisbon City Chamber since November 2009. She is a cultural manager and independent consultant in the areas of cultural policy and development, cultural and artistic education. Vaz Pinto has been the Executive Coordinator of the Gulbenkian Programme for Creativity and Artistic Creation/ Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (2003-2007) and a consultant for Quaternaire Portugal, SA, in the area of cultural projects and policy (2001-2005). She was executive director and lecturer in the postgraduate degree in Cultural Management for Cities at the Institute for Business Management Development – INDEG/ISCTE (2001-2004), State Secretary of Culture (1997-2000), Deputy Minister of Culture (1995-1997) and co-founder of Fórum Dança Cultural Association, acting as Chief Executive (1991-1995).



Mariana Abrantes de Sousa

Treasurer, Sousa Mendes Foundation

Mariana Abrantes de Sousa is an economist with degrees from the University of California-Berkeley and Princeton University and extensive experience as an investment banker and international finance consultant. She worked as financial controller in the Ministries of Health and Transport, reporting to the Portuguese Minister of Finance from 2006 to 2010. She is a member of the Portuguese Economics Association and the Portuguese Institute of Corporate Governance IPCG. Abrantes de Sousa has been involved in the movement to recognize Aristides de Sousa Mendes for more than 25 years in the United States and Portugal. Born in Coimbra, Portugal, she holds U.S. and Portuguese citizenships.



Hugo Miguel Vaz

Jewish Community of Oporto

Hugo Miguel Vaz holds a bachelor's degree in Archaeology with a master's in Museum Studies.

He is the coordinator of the Culture, Archive and Tourism Department of the Jewish Community of Oporto and of the Jewish Museum of Oporto.



Michael Leo Rothwell, Ph.D.

Jewish Community of Oporto

Michael Leo Rothwell holds a Ph.D. in mathematics. He is a member of the Board and head of the Cultural Department of the Jewish Community of Oporto.