

## **Announcement from the Chief Rabbis office, with regards to the upcoming elections**

To the holy community of the Federal Republic of Lostisland,

As election will take place in March 2022, I would like to issue the following guidelines and statement, as Chief Rabbi of the Federal Republic:

It is a privilege that we, as Jews, have always had the civil rights to take an active part in Lostislandic society and politics.

As such, election time is an opportunity to play our part in who will run the country in the upcoming years.

Though voting is personal, it is important that the community observes the following guidelines:

- 1) Choose a candidate, that is known to be an upright individual and that has a good reputation.
- 2) DO NOT choose a candidate that is known to encourage or advocate any behavior that is contradictory to Torah values! This includes acts of immorality (such as homosexuality), idol worship (such as proselytism/conversion of Jews), etc...
- 3) One should avoid supporting or campaigning for a specific candidate publicly. As the Holy Satmar Rebbe zt"l, ones quoted the pasuk, when talking about being too much involved in politics among the nations: "Ki Ger Hayiti B'Eretz Nochriya"
- 4) When voting have in mind that your choice will help to bring only good things to the Federal Republic, and as such to the Jewish community of Lostisland.
- 5) Ones elections have finished, and the new PM has been chosen, it is important to 100% accept the decision of the electorate and support the new government. By doing so, we will do our part in keeping Lostisland strong and stable.

The above guidelines are not to be understood as an attack toward specific candidates, but simply represent the view on voting as a member of the Lostislandic Jewish community, and DOES NOT apply to the general public!

The Chief Rabbi does not speak for the Federal Republic, nor does he force individual members of the Jewish community to adhere to the guidelines!

It is important to understand that Judaism teaches that, at the end, the person elected is the one that Hashem (G-d) has decided to become PM and lead the Federal Republic!

As a final note:

I and the Chief Rabbis office, are unable to endorse any specific candidate, as my office is of a religious nature and I firmly believe that Religion should not actively interfere in the political sphere, as mentioned in point 5 of the guidelines!

May G-d always bless our leaders and may we continue to pray for them, that they will make wise and right choices!

May G-d bless our holy congregation and the Federal Republic of Lostisland.

Brochos v'kol tuv,

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