

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF CONGREGANTS Sunday 4 JULY 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a General Meeting of Congregants to be held at 10:30am on Sunday 4 July 2021, online via Zoom (video conferencing)

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13 June 2021

Dear

We are delighted to invite you to a General Meeting of Congregants on Sunday 4 July 2021. Please see below the Explanatory Note and Agenda for the meeting which will once again be held on Zoom.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This meeting has three main purposes:

1) To update congregants on key areas of communal life, including our continuing response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the reopening of the physical building; preparations for the High Holy Days; building development and leadership renewal.

2) To vote on a procedural resolution:

As a consequence of the change in financial year end from 31 December to 31 August, there will be no Annual Meeting of Congregants in the calendar year 2021. The next Annual Meeting of Congregants (AMC) will take place in January 2022 to allow sufficient time for the preparation of the Annual Report and Statutory Accounts which must be approved at the AMC. From 2022 onwards there will be two General Meetings of Congregants, one in January (AMC) and the other in July (to approve subscriptions). This requires an amendment to Article 13.5 of the Synagogue's Articles of Association.

As explained in detail in the letter of 9 May 2021 (which can be accessed here), the trustees are asking the community to agree that the next leadership transition (the election of the trustee board, designated officers, President, and a new Vice President) take place at the AMC in January 2022. This will allow the current board to oversee the challenges of the next few months, while embedding the new leaders coming onto the board as part of the ongoing programme of leadership renewal. This short extension to the term of office of the current Trustee Board requires an amendment to the Transitional Provisions of the Articles. From 2022, the annual transition of leadership will take place at the AMC in January.

The Articles of Association with the amendments clearly marked up is available on the website. Click here for the Articles.

3) To vote on two financial resolutions:

The first is the annual vote for congregants to approve the levels of subscriptions for the coming year, which this year are once again in line with inflation. This vote previously took place in December, but is now in July, to reflect the change to the end of our financial year.

As the previous financial year ended on 31 December, the second is to vote to approve the 2020 Statutory Accounts and Annual Report. At the AMC in January 2022, we will approve the Statutory Accounts for the period January-August 2021.

The **Agenda** including Resolutions can be accessed by <u>clicking here</u> We look forward to seeing you online at the meeting.

Adam Martin Company Secretary

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