

5779 – 5783

Notable Jewish Dates

2018 – 2023

FESTIVAL	2018/2019 5779	2019/2020 5780	2020/2021 5781	2021/2022 5782	2022/2023 5783
ROSH HA-SHANAH <i>1 Tishri</i>	Monday 10 September	Monday 30 September	Saturday 19 September	Tuesday 7 September	Monday 26 September
YOM KIPPUR <i>10 Tishri</i>	Wednesday 19 September	Wednesday 9 October	Monday 28 September	Thursday 16 September	Wednesday 5 October
1ST DAY SUKKOT <i>15 Tishri</i>	Monday 24 September	Monday 14 October	Saturday 3 October	Tuesday 21 September	Monday 10 October
SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH * <i>22 Tishri</i>	Monday 1 October	Monday 21 October	Saturday 10 October	Tuesday 28 September	Monday 17 October
1ST DAY CHANUKKAH <i>25 Kislev</i>	Monday 3 December	Monday 23 December	Friday 11 December	Monday 29 November	Monday 19 December
TU BI-SH'VAT <i>15 Shevat</i>	Monday 21 January	Monday 10 February	Thursday 28 January	Monday 17 January	Monday 6 February
PURIM <i>14 Adar</i>	Thursday 21 March	Tuesday 10 March	Friday 26 February	Thursday 17 March	Tuesday 7 March
1ST DAY PESACH <i>15 Nisan</i>	Saturday 20 April	Thursday 9 April	Sunday 28 March	Saturday 16 April	Thursday 6 April
7TH DAY PESACH <i>21 Nisan</i>	Friday 26 April	Wednesday 15 April	Saturday 3 April	Friday 22 April	Wednesday 12 April
YOM HA-SHO'AH <i>generally 27 Nisan</i>	Thursday 2 May	Tuesday 21 April	Thursday 8 April	Thursday 28 April	Tuesday 18 April
YOM HA-ATZ'MA'UT <i>generally 5 Iyar</i>	Thursday 9 May <i>(4 Iyar)</i>	Wednesday 29 April	Thursday 15 April <i>(3 Iyar)</i>	Thursday 5 May <i>(4 Iyar)</i>	Wednesday 26 April
SHAVU'OT <i>6 Sivan</i>	Sunday 9 June	Friday 29 May	Monday 17 May	Sunday 5 June	Friday 26 May
TISH'AH B'AV <i>generally 9 Av</i>	Sunday 11 August <i>(10 Av)</i>	Thursday 30 July	Sunday 18 July	Sunday 7 August	Thursday 27 July
S'LICHOT <i>(night of)</i>	Saturday 21 September	Saturday 12 September	Saturday 28 August	Saturday 17 September	Saturday 9 September

The dates above refer to the days of festivals. All festivals begin at sunset the evening before and end at sunset the following day.
Most Progressive Jews in the Diaspora observe the eighth day of Sukkot as Simchat Torah, some may follow the orthodox practice and instead observe the next day.



Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2018

for presentation at the 88th Annual General Meeting
to be held at the Synagogue on Sunday 13 January 2019 at 11:00am
Registered Charity No 236711



Our beautiful 'Eitz Chayim' (*Tree of Life*) Memorial, which was donated by the family of Sidney Sinclair z"l, a former SLLS chairman, is located prominently towards the front of the Synagogue sanctuary and its leaves record the names and dates of our dear ones.

Remembering departed loved ones is ingrained in Jewish tradition and, for a modest contribution, a leaf inscribed with the name of *your* loved one could be added to this permanent memorial.

For further information contact the SLLS office:
office@southlondon.org; 020 8769 4787

WHO WE ARE AT SOUTH LONDON LIBERAL SYNAGOGUE

South London Liberal Synagogue includes a wide range of people: Jewish families, mixed Jewish/non-Jewish families, and those from diverse backgrounds who have become Jews by choice. Our synagogue is a proud constituent of Liberal Judaism, the national movement, and part of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. As with other LJ congregations, we consider as Jewish anyone who was raised as a Jew or who has converted under the auspices of any recognized authority in this country or abroad.

Some SLLS members have non-Jewish partners whom we also welcome. Some maintain their connections with their own cultures and traditions but at the same time they make a valued contribution to our community. Many will have children in Geshher (Religion School) and are welcome to become involved with Geshher and other synagogue activities. Any Jewish person may become a member of SLLS regardless of gender, sexual orientation or marital status. We welcome all individuals who are sincerely interested in converting to Judaism and who want to learn more about Jewish life and religion. We have a membership category of "Friend of SLLS" for those who are not eligible for full membership.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT SLLS INCLUDES:

SERVICES ARE HELD EACH SHABBAT MORNING AT 10:45AM AND THERE IS A SERVICE AND CHAVURAH (BRING-AND-SHARE MEAL) HELD ON THE 4TH FRIDAY IN EACH MONTH AT 6:30PM
HIGH HOLYDAYS AND FESTIVALS SERVICES – FOR DETAILS SEE SOUTH CIRCULAR

Regular Shabbat morning family service led by GESHER גשר pupils & members at 10:45am
Torah portion of the week Saturday mornings at 9:45am before the service

GESHER גשר, for children from 5 – 15 years, meets on Saturdays, 9:45am – 12:15pm

Pupils are prepared for *Bar / Bat Mitzvah* and *Kabbalat Torah*

Little Stars Toddler Group meets on Saturdays during **GESHER גשר** term time at 10:00am

FRIENDS OF GESHER גשר

SOCIAL ACTION

Interfaith programmes with other local communities

Pastoral care, visiting and other types of support

Visitors are always welcome.

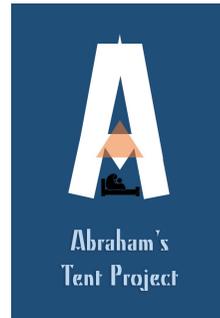
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or visit the Synagogue's website: www.southlondon.org

(Full details of all activities appear in our monthly **South Circular**
and in our weekly *ebulletin*)

ABRAHAM'S TENT PROJECT

After almost two years of fundraising and planning the building work for Abraham's Tent, our project is now complete. SLLS's disused caretaker's flat has now been converted and refurbished to accommodate a refugee family at present living in a refugee camp.



The family who arrive in 2019 will be supported by a community sponsorship partnership (a collaboration between Liberal Judaism, West London Synagogue and SLLS).

Prior to their arrival the group is already busy collecting items to make the flat a home. If you can help by donating items or money for white goods and mattresses please email abrahamstentfurnishings@gmail.com.

Once they arrive, volunteers will advocate for the family to access the services they need, support their acquisition of the English language and befriend and mentor them. If you would like to get involved in this exciting stage of the project please let the coordinator know by emailing Abrahams.tent.cs@gmail.com

To get involved in community sponsorship:

abrahams.tent.cs@gmail.com

To donate furnishings or money for white goods:

abrahamstentfurnishings@gmail.com

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(correct at time of going to press in December 2018)

MINISTER	Rabbi Nathan Godleman MA	WHO'S WHO AT SLLS	
PRESIDENT	Louise Freedman	Administrator	Martina Zabel-Hoffman
VICE-PRESIDENTS	Cedric Briscoe, Eve Samson, Clive Hershman, Paul Infield	Burial and Cremation Scheme	
HONORARY OFFICERS		CO-ORDINATOR	Louise Freedman
CHAIR	Alice Alphandary	Eitz Chayim Memorial	
VICE-CHAIR	James Krikler	CO-ORDINATOR	Louise Freedman
TREASURER	William Cohen	Friends of Geshet	
SECRETARY	Andrew Hoffman	CHAIR	Shai Wade
COUNCIL	Jacqueline Ashton Paul Ashton Andrew Hoffman Sara McConnell Harriet Neuberger Kirst O'Neill Gillian Walker	Marriage Secretary	Gillian Walker
		Additional Secretaries	Jeromé Freedman Eve Samson
		Membership	
PROPERTY TRUSTEES		SECRETARY	Louise Freedman
	Paul Infield, Eve Samson and Shai Wade	Rites & Practices	
GESHER & LITTLE STARS TODDLER GROUP		SECRETARY	Louise Freedman
HEAD TEACHER	Jacqueline Ashton	Security	James Krikler Ron Mortimer
ADMINISTRATOR	Emmanuelle Smith	Stewarding	Harriet Neuberger
TEACHING STAFF		"South Circular"	
Avigayil Ashton	Jacqueline Ashton	EDITOR	Louise Freedman
Zach Ashton	Ella Cohen		
Henrietta Cohen	Sam Cohen		
Aviva Haylor	Arthur Krikler		
Dena Wilson	Sarit Wilson Chen		

AFFILIATE ORGANISATIONS

Board of Deputies of British Jews: Representative Jeromé Freedman
Faiths Together in Lambeth
Liberal Judaism: Representative Alice Alphandary
London Citizens: Representative Lianna Etkind

President's Message

A huge thank you to everyone who, during this year, has given of their time and energy to help our Synagogue: our minister, Nathan Godleman, all those who have taken services, read Torah, taught our children, stewarded, helped with security, done parent door duty on Gesher weeks, weeded the front entrance, tidied up after us, made us laugh, prepared countless refreshments, kept our paperwork in order and represented SLLS in the wider Jewish and non-Jewish community.

We thank our Officers and Council for their dedication and enthusiasm and we look forward to their continued leadership with confidence.

Louise Freedman

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co-ordinated with several local groups including the Hyderi Islamic Centre and three local churches to develop our plan to support a family in the synagogue building by means of community sponsorship.

Abraham's Tent Project *Harriet Neuberger*

During 2017/2018 Abraham's Tent Project grew from a dream and fundraising target to a project very much made up of bricks and mortar. Our disused one-bedroom caretaker's flat, with ripped out kitchen and bathroom and peeling wood chip walls, has been transformed over the year. Guided by designs by James and Félicie Krikler, who redesigned the space into a warm two bed with open plan kitchen diner, we invited various builders to the property to offer quotes. We were fortunate to receive a congregant's recommendation for builder Ronnie Baba from Eliteskill, whom we appointed in January. They worked with us on all the infrastructure problems of getting safe gas and electricity to the property. After a community-wide effort to clear the flat of all the items accumulated there (Gesher books, old council minutes and dumped furniture) the building work started in May. By the end of July all structural and infrastructure work had been done, the flooring was being laid and only the kitchen and bathroom remained to be completed.

While the physical need for a haven for a refugee family is clear, Abraham's Tent Project was about providing more than a house to the family - welcoming them into the midst of our community. Hence, in partnership with Lambeth Refugees Welcome, we hosted a summer party at the beginning of July. Over a hundred people attended from the families that have already settled in Lambeth, and the Lily Montagu Hall was full of food, fun, music and games. The party was a great success, and launched our Community Sponsorship partnership bid with West London Synagogue and Liberal Judaism to support the family once they arrive as community volunteers. This partnership had grown in strength over the year and is currently in negotiation with the Home Office formally to take responsibility for resettling the family once they arrive.

What has been amazing is the sense of community that has been established through this project, with other members of the Jewish community, our neighbouring places of worship and the wider community showing their support. Over this year we have raised nearly £50,000 from over 200 distinct donors including donors from every faith and none, our closest neighbours and international donors. We look forward to 2018/2019 when the flat will be completed, furnished and we shall finally be able to welcome a refugee household into its own self-contained apartment, in what was formerly a part of our synagogue. **HN**

Lambeth Commemoration for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

For a tenth year we were actively involved in planning the Lambeth HMD commemoration in January.

School visits

An important aspect of our interfaith work is our schools programme; pupils visiting us at SLLS and, on occasion, our visits to local schools. We hosted a number of schools this past year with groups ranging from 25 to 90 pupils at a time and covering school grades Year 1 to Year 7.

Elizabeth Cove. We welcome news, views, photographs and articles. Please share your news with us because we cannot print what you do not tell us!

Chaplaincy and Caring

Elizabeth Cove continues to lead "Keeping in Touch" for us and contacts elderly, isolated and unwell congregants. We have a continuing need for volunteers to visit people in hospital or who are sick at home so, if you are able to offer help on our volunteers list, please contact the SLLS office.

Board of Deputies of British Jews *Jeromé Freedman*

1st June 2018 saw the beginning of the Board's latest triennial session since its foundation in 1760. The newly elected president is Marie Van der Zyl, only the second woman to be so elected. In addition, two more women were elected amongst the new vice-presidents who are Sheila Gewolb, senior vice-president; Amanda Bowman and Edwin Shuker. The Board's treasurer, Stuart MacDonald, a deputy for Liberal Judaism, was re-elected unopposed.

A new report, "Synagogue Membership in the UK in 2016" was produced by the Institute for Jewish Policy Research (JPR) on behalf of the Board of Deputies and reveals that 79,597 Jewish households across the UK held synagogue membership in 2016, down from 99,763 in 1990 being a 20% decline over a quarter of a century. The authors maintain that this is only partly due to assimilation and can be explained by demographic forces – a general decline in the number of UK Jewish households.

This report, that is certainly worthy of further study, shows that whilst the numbers of the Liberal and Reform memberships are largely stable representing, at 27%, about one third of the UK Jewish households, the mainstream Orthodox numbers have dropped from 66% in 1990 to 53% in 2016 though they remain the largest denominational group. In comparison, the strictly Orthodox group has grown by 139% since 1990 being 13.5%, and up from 4.5% a generation ago.

Concluding on a personal note, I have served as a deputy continuously for 21 years, the first six for Liberal Judaism whilst I was chairman, and subsequently for SLLS, and was re-elected in January for a further three years. The congregation is entitled to appoint, at no cost, a "Designated Observer" who is aged under 35. This position is still vacant. I should be more than happy to introduce any such member if he/she would like to contact me.

Citizens UK *Lianna Etkind*

SLLS continues to be involved in the Lambeth branch of campaigning alliance Citizens UK. Seven members of the synagogue attended the Delegate's Assembly in October 2017, joining local churches, schools and charities to set the key campaign agenda for the 2018 local elections. Four of our members also attended the Accountability Assembly at King's College London in April 2018, in which candidates standing for positions on the council were encouraged to make pledges on key issues prior to the election. SLLS has since been involved in post-election meetings, following up with Lib Peck, Leader of Lambeth Council, on candidate's pledges on affordable housing, access to university and supporting refugees.

As part of the Abraham's Tent project, SLLS also maintains a relationship with Lambeth Refugees Welcome, a project group of Lambeth Citizens. Through this link, synagogue members have

Chair's Report *Alice Alphandary*

5778 feels like a year when a number of things bubbling away have started to come into fruition. We saw the then Student Rabbi Nathan fill the shul for his first High Holy Days with us. He finished the year as a fully ordained rabbi and I was delighted that around 20 of us from South London went to his ordination service at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue back in July. And, most importantly, we managed to convince him to stay with us, starting as our full time rabbi in 5779.

A second highlight of the year was the fact that we started the building works to renovate the flat that we will make available to a Syrian refugee family. By the end of the summer, the flat was looking little like its previous incarnation as Gesher classrooms. I know Harriet is producing a separate report on this, but she is unlikely to acknowledge how much of her spare time she has given to making this project happen - a very big thank you to her.

I'll finish my report by saying a big thank you to everyone for helping to keep our community up and running. From those of you who do very visible things like providing kiddush, running Gesher (a very big thank you to Jackie) and to those who do so much behind the scenes - in particular Louise and Lou. Finally, no community would function without a wonderful rabbi so I want to thank Rabbi Nathan for all he has done for us over the past two years as a student rabbi and I look forward to seeing the community go from strength to strength under his spiritual leadership. **AA**

Minister's Report *Rabbi Nathan Godleman*

I am pleased to find myself in the position of writing my second annual report at SLLS. A little different this time, of course, as I do so as rabbi, rather than student minister, having been ordained on 2 July 2018. As well as a personal transition, it is one shared with the synagogue, which now has a full-time rabbi; its first for some years. Suffice it to say, I am honoured to be that person and it is very encouraging that this could be achieved. I thank all those involved.

I will speak broadly for the remainder of this report, constrained in specifics to the period ending on the day before my official tenure began, i.e. 31 August. For two years, following the retirement of my predecessor, a student rabbi served as minister, ably supported by a group of lay leaders and lay readers, who deserve to be applauded for their contribution, on and off the bimah. My time was divided between the Leo Baeck College, where I was completing my rabbinic studies, SLLS and other work commitments. I think that it is remarkable how much we achieved, nevertheless.

Often, the most important things in life are the most difficult to quantify. Alongside a general upturn in attendances and stable numbers, in terms of membership, the atmosphere has been wholly positive, I feel. The building, especially when Gesher is sitting, is a happy, noisy, vibrant place to be, and it signals a bright future. Old members are returning, others are getting more involved and new people are coming, liking what they see, and staying. Challenges include how to harness this energy to specific tasks. In other words, attracting more volunteers to relieve and replace those in our current pool. The AGM and the end of the Gesher year will see some key people stepping down and others needing to take on the mantle. Each member has a responsibility, not only to help run things, but to support new initiatives simply by being there.

In the past, I have written and spoken of having reached a turning point. I now feel we have moved beyond that, with a vista of bright, sunlit uplands, even! SLLS is most definitely on the map: in terms of the wider movement, where we take our place as a pillar of Liberal Judaism; in terms of the wider community, with the Abraham's Tent project coming to fruition and continuing to attract nationwide attention; and, crucially, in the lives of our members and friends, whose pastoral, educational, life-cycle and worship needs continue to be met at South London Liberal Synagogue, and where Judaism, in its communal aspect, is playing an ever-greater part in their lives. May it continue to do so and may the work of our hands prosper. **NG**

The year in review

We are fortunate to have a number of lay leaders who have participated in leading services for us this year: Ba'alei Tefillah Beverley Taylor, Paul Ashton and Harriet Neuberger, Simon Etkind, Kirst O'Neill as well as Jeromé Freedman, Lianna Etkind, Alice Alphandary, and Enid Rubenstein.

Our minister, Nathan Godleman, led Shiurim, and discussions, trying out timings both before and after Shabbat services.

Birth Annabelle Esther Tuska, daughter of Elizabeth and Mark and sister of Edward Goulding-Gray.

Deaths: Ramon Barnet and Lionel Phillips.

We welcomed a number of new members during the course of the year and we welcomed three young people who celebrated Kabbalat Torah – Lori Bennison, Rachel Feuer and Arthur Krikler.

We had birthday kiddushim and Eitz Chayim leaf dedications.

Our Garden Shabbatot continued to be popular but although the summer weather was mainly sunny and cloudless the Shabbat evening weather did not always allow services to be held outside.

Once again we were involved with our neighbours in arranging the annual Lambeth HMD Commemoration. Since the Lambeth Assembly Hall was still undergoing refurbishment we were grateful to the Surrey County Cricket Club for once more hosting the event at the Kia Oval. The theme for the year was "The Power of Words". The keynote speaker was Nikos Souslouos, an HMDT Youth Champion Board Member, with contributions from Refugees Welcome, Dunraven School and the choir from Corpus Christi School. We have continued to be active within Lambeth Citizens (see separate report).

Reports on Synagogue Activities

Gesher Team: Head *Jacqueline Ashton*, **Administrator** *Louise Cohen*

5778 has been an enjoyable year for Gesher. In Jewish Studies our Israel term culminated in an Israel themed day where we created a mosaic to recognise the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. We also investigated the history of our Synagogue and welcomed past president, Jeromé Freedman, into the cheder, who kindly spent a morning answering questions that arose from our research.

The achievements of our students were celebrated in our end of year family service, and was also a time to say thank you to two of our teachers who, having grown up in Gesher, are leaving to pursue further study. Sarah Ish-Horowicz leaves us to spend a year travelling prior to attending University and Sam Vickers left to focus on his studies. Both were inspiring teachers and role models and will be missed by the children and teaching staff. We also said goodbye and thank you to Lou Cohen who has been our administrator for several years, and wished her well in her new venture. Earlier in the year we said farewell to Ella Palmer, who after several years as assistant Head Teacher, left to plan some time abroad. We wish them all every success.

The success of Gesher would not be possible without the dedication and creative teaching of our teachers and assistants. Their efforts help provide a fun, Jewish atmosphere for our children, where they can discover their heritage and learn Hebrew.

Friends of Gesher *Shai Wade, Chair*

Friends of Gesher is open to all members and Friends of SLLS and aims to support Gesher activities.

We held a number of coffee mornings throughout the year as an opportunity to spend time together, to plan the year's activities and to encourage the involvement and participation in Gesher and wider SLLS activities and vice versa.

Throughout the year, Friends of Gesher continued to assist with door duties, including preparing kiddush during term time and offering Gesher teachers greater support in preparing break-time refreshments and school clear up. Friends of Gesher enjoyed decorating the Succah for the Succot celebration and arranged a successful Hanukkah party.

The end of the academic year (2017/2018) was marked with the annual Gesher Summer Party celebrated for the second time at the Dulwich Woods venue.

Celebrations were tinged with sadness as Lou Cohen stepped down as Gesher Administrator after many years of making a very hard job look extremely easy. We will continue to miss her fantastic and dedicated support.

We look forward to continued activities in 2019 – where we hope to see more and more SLLS members joining in. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved or informed of Friends of Gesher plans. shai.wade@btinternet.com

South Circular *Editor, Louise Freedman*

South Circular, the Synagogue's newsletter, is published eleven times each year and, particularly for our more isolated members, is an important link with SLLS together with the telephone contact from

SOUTH LONDON LIBERAL SYNAGOGUE IS A PROUD CONSTITUENT OF LIBERAL JUDAISM WHICH IS PART OF THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM (EUROPEAN UNION) AND IS A SUPPORTER OF LEO BAECK COLLEGE.

Liberal Judaism affirms the dynamic, developing character of our Jewish religious tradition. Judaism has never stood still. Its history is a history of continuity and change. Questing and questioning, Liberal Judaism is an authentic and modern form of Judaism, rooted in a deep and meaningful engagement with Jewish texts, values, culture and history. It is a movement with a sense of purpose, engaged in community life, study, spirituality and social action. It believes in personal freedom and responsibility and the shared and collective bonds that unite us as Jewish people and members of humanity. Liberal Judaism welcomes those who grew up as Jewish and those who, later in life, have become accepted into Judaism. Liberal Judaism is inclusive and egalitarian, giving equal status within Judaism to those traditionally excluded, helping all its members to embark on their personal Jewish journeys. Liberal Judaism should be a positive, joyous and active part of our members' lives, to be used to enrich their relationships with those around them. www.liberaljudaism.org/

The World Union for Progressive Judaism's over 1,200 congregations around the world – both large and small, some established and others just starting – currently affiliate with Reform, Progressive, Liberal or Reconstructionist Judaism. With an estimated 1.8 million members in 45 countries, the liberal streams of Judaism represent a global community with diverse practices but a similar goal: a contemporary, creative expression of Jewish spiritual and cultural identity that is rooted in our rich Jewish traditions.



The European Union of the World Union, based in London, focuses particularly on the challenges of continental Europe where the increasing Jewish population now provides enormous potential for growth. Communities destroyed during the Nazi period are re-emerging and rebuilding themselves from both survivors who returned after the Second World War and immigrants from the Former Soviet Union, many of whom are settling in Germany where there are now 18 congregations and many education programs. Two rabbinical seminaries, in Germany and the Netherlands, are complementing the work of the Leo Baeck College in the UK in training rabbis for Europe.

Outside the United Kingdom, there are substantial congregations in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland as well as smaller ones in the Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Spain and Sweden. A well organized European Union Beit Din provides a coherent structure for emerging communities and offers a modus vivendi for individuals and for new groups living under difficult circumstances particularly in former Communist countries. www.eupi.org/

Leo Baeck College is a preeminent institution of Jewish scholarship and learning that is the heart of the intellectual and spiritual life of the Progressive Jewish community. Leo Baeck College combines inspirational, high calibre teaching with a commitment to developing rabbis, other professionals, and lay leaders who will build sustainable, accessible, and thriving Progressive Jewish communities.



The college library, second to none, is a resource not only for its students, but for the whole community. Reader's tickets are available to those interested. Its resource centre is well-stocked with teaching resources to support Religion School teachers. www.lbc.ac

South London Liberal Synagogue

Council's Report
Registered Charity No 236711

The Council presents its report together with the Financial Statements of the Synagogue for the year ended 31 August 2018. These Financial Statements are not statutorily required to be audited and have been independently examined by Úna Ní Dhónaill whose report appears below.

Origin, objectives and principal aims and activities of the charity

The Synagogue was formed in 1929 and has the following purpose:

to advance Liberal Judaism by actions, teaching and practice, in particular (but not exclusively) by means of:

- providing religious education for children and adults and providing facilities and teaching leading to *Bar Mitzvah* or *Bat Mitzvah* and *Kabbalat Torah* (Confirmation);
- providing and maintaining a place for public religious worship and to providing, arranging and conducting religious services;
- providing facilities for the solemnisation of marriages and for burials and cremations.

Council

The Council members who served during the year were: Alice Alphandary (Chair), James Krikler (Vice Chair), Andrew Hoffman (Hon Secretary), William Cohen (Treasurer), Paul Ashton, Jacqueline Ashton, Sara McConnell, Harriet Neuberger, Kirst O'Neill and Gillian Walker.

Membership – all categories

Total at 31 August 2018: 183 (2017: 190) which included 7 Honorary Members (2017: 7) and 12 Friends (2017: 14).

Members We welcomed: Lori Bennison, Rachel Feuer, Dalia Goldberg, Martin and Yochaved Goldberg, Sam Infield and Arthur Krikler.

Birth Mazal tov and welcome to Annabelle Esther Tuska, daughter of Elizabeth Goulding and Mark Gray and sister of Edward Goulding-Gray.

Deaths We record with sorrow the deaths of: Ramon Barnet and Lionel Phillips.

Review of the activities

A review of the activities of the Synagogue is contained in the Chair's Report on page 4 and in the reports on Synagogue activities on pages 5 and 6 and on page 15 onwards.

Reserves policy

The Charity's principal activities are detailed above.

1. The present reserve level is considered realistic in order to maintain liquid reserves to cover the Synagogue's day to day activities.
2. At each annual Budget meeting, a review of the current level of reserves will be undertaken against Budget predictions.

At 31 August 2018 Unrestricted Funds amounted to £136,886 (2017: £148,598). Total funds stood at £160,840 (2017: £206,107)

Risk management

Council has decided not to prepare a formal risk review report. However, it will continue to review areas of potential risk. The principal financial risks identified in the short to medium term are as follows:

- The ability to attract new Members,
- Affordability of subscriptions,
- Inflation, which is not easily offset by increased subscriptions,
- The possible need for further repairs to the Synagogue building
- A continuing imbalance between income and expenditure.

Statement of Council's responsibilities

The law requires the Council to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, Council is required to:

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iii) prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Synagogue. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Synagogue and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Alice Alphandary, Chair

PLEASE DON'T FORGET US IN YOUR WILL

You have supported the SLLS during your lifetime; why not also in your Will for future generations?

LEGACIES MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

By leaving a bequest to SLLS you will support the future of Liberal Judaism in South London.



*For further information please contact
office@southlondon.org or 020 8769 4787*

South London Liberal Synagogue

Financial Projection 2018 – 2019

Income	£		£
Subscriptions	49,000		
Rabbinic Salary Donation Fund	20,800		
Donations/Legacies	5,000		
Gift Aid repayment	10,000		
Appeals Income	5,000		
Hire of Hall	30,000		
Fundraising Income	1,000	Etz Chayim (Leaf Sales)	100
		Chevra	225
		HHD Tickets	675
			<u>1,000</u>

Burial & Cremation Fees	900
Adult Education	0
Bank Interest	40
Total Income	£121,740

Expenses

Rabbinic Costs	56,000		
Staff Costs	15,000	Administrator & Cleaners + NI	
Building Maintenance	7,500		
Affiliation Fees	14,380	London Citizens	700
		Board of Deputies	500
		Liberal Judaism	13,180
			<u>14,380</u>

Education	6,000	Teachers' pay+NI+Gesher	
Insurance	8,400		
Utilities	8,000		
Management & Administration	6,000		
Loan Repayments	2,500		
Depreciation	3,500		
Total Expenditure	£127,280		

Net Surplus/Deficit (£5,540)

Note 1: SLLS also anticipates a rental income from the flat, of which 10% will be donated to a Refugee Charity.

Tangible fixed assets	Freehold property & improvements	Organ	Furniture & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 31 August 2017	174,676	6,995	16,820	198,491
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South London Liberal Synagogue

Council's Report
Registered Charity No 236711

The Council presents its report together with the Financial Statements of the Synagogue for the year ended 31 August 2018. These Financial Statements are not statutorily required to be audited and have been independently examined by Úna Ní Dhónaill whose report appears below.

Origin, objectives and principal aims and activities of the charity

The Synagogue was formed in 1929 and has the following purpose:

to advance Liberal Judaism by actions, teaching and practice, in particular (but not exclusively) by means of:

- providing religious education for children and adults and providing facilities and teaching leading to *Bar Mitzvah* or *Bat Mitzvah* and *Kabbalat Torah* (Confirmation);
- providing and maintaining a place for public religious worship and to providing, arranging and conducting religious services;
- providing facilities for the solemnisation of marriages and for burials and cremations.

Council

The Council members who served during the year were: Alice Alphandary (Chair), James Krikler (Vice Chair), Andrew Hoffman (Hon Secretary), William Cohen (Treasurer), Paul Ashton, Jacqueline Ashton, Sara McConnell, Harriet Neuberger, Kirst O'Neill and Gillian Walker.

Membership – all categories

Total at 31 August 2018: 183 (2017: 190) which included 7 Honorary Members (2017: 7) and 12 Friends (2017: 14).

Members We welcomed: Lori Bennison, Rachel Feuer, Dalia Goldberg, Martin and Yochaved Goldberg, Sam Infield and Arthur Krikler.

Birth Mazal tov and welcome to Annabelle Esther Tuska, daughter of Elizabeth Goulding and Mark Gray and sister of Edward Goulding-Gray.

Deaths We record with sorrow the deaths of: Ramon Barnet and Lionel Phillips.

Review of the activities

A review of the activities of the Synagogue is contained in the Chair's Report on page 4 and in the reports on Synagogue activities on pages 5 and 6 and on page 15 onwards.

Reserves policy

The Charity's principal activities are detailed above.

1. The present reserve level is considered realistic in order to maintain liquid reserves to cover the Synagogue's day to day activities.
2. At each annual Budget meeting, a review of the current level of reserves will be undertaken against Budget predictions.

At 31 August 2018 Unrestricted Funds amounted to £136,886 (2017: £148,598). Total funds stood at £160,840 (2017: £206,107)

Risk management

Council has decided not to prepare a formal risk review report. However, it will continue to review areas of potential risk. The principal financial risks identified in the short to medium term are as follows:

- The ability to attract new Members,
- Affordability of subscriptions,
- Inflation, which is not easily offset by increased subscriptions,
- The possible need for further repairs to the Synagogue building
- A continuing imbalance between income and expenditure.

Statement of Council's responsibilities

The law requires the Council to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, Council is required to:

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Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Synagogue. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Synagogue and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Alice Alphandary, Chair

PLEASE DON'T FORGET US IN YOUR WILL

You have supported the SLLS during your lifetime; why not also in your Will for future generations?

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By leaving a bequest to SLLS you will support the future of Liberal Judaism in South London.



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Financial Projection 2018 – 2019

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		Chevra 225
		HHD Tickets 675
		<u>1,000</u>

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Adult Education	0
Bank Interest	40
Total Income	£121,740

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		Liberal Judaism 13,180
		<u>14,380</u>

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Insurance	8,400	
Utilities	8,000	
Management & Administration	6,000	
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