



WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE AGM

Tuesday 16 June, 7pm
Following Ma'ariv at 6.30pm

Zoom details for both Ma'ariv and the AGM:

Zoom room: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88352303770?pwd=aDh4ZnlXL1BqcHhGUHltQTE5UXovdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 5230 3770 | Password: 076520

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AGM WILL BE RECORDED

Over the last three months we have all been forced to become a great deal more familiar with Zoom, Teams and Skype as a way of "meeting" and conducting our lives. Our virtual services and teaching have come on by leaps and bounds, and there have been some deeply moving moments when hundreds of us have gathered together for communal events, happy or sad.

However, virtual meetings are not the same as real ones, and a host of fascinating scientific and sociological academic projects are already under way trying to understand better where the differences lie. It seems that we all tend to spend far too much of our meetings looking at ourselves and not the person we are trying to communicate with! - a problem that Jews spotted well ahead of others as Martin Buber's 'I and thou' or Jonathan Sacks' new book on 'Morality' can testify to.

The last three months has also unfortunately brought about a share in issues of online abuse and manipulation of meetings open to anyone who can join. We cannot assume that everyone who will attend the meeting will be members or even favourably inclined towards us.

In order to avoid such risks we have taken three steps:

1. Proposers and seconders for all the motions requiring a vote have come forward, their details are attached. Please may we ask again for completion of proxy forms. There will be an online facility for each Zoom subscriber to enter one vote for against, or to abstain. Unfortunately technology is limiting us to one per subscriber rather than the number in a household that may be watching each Zoom.
2. Please complete the accompanying proxy vote forms so far as possible to stewart.sether@wls.org.uk ahead of the meeting. You will be able to continue sending votes to the same email address until 12.00 on 16 June or by post to Stewart Sether.
3. Please submit any questions to aqmquestions@wls.org.uk. **No questions will be allowed during the Zoom meeting and the chat will be disabled.**

One of the positive effects of the events of the last few months is that synagogue attendance has risen, our sense of community and efforts to support each other has grown substantially. I very much hope that you will be able to attend our AGM.

Mark Fox, President

CO-SENIOR RABBI Helen Freeman

CO-SENIOR RABBI David Mitchell

RABBI Neil Janes

RABBI Sybil Sheridan

RABBI EMERITA Julia Neuberger

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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Opening Blessing - Rabbi David Mitchell

1. Matters arising and confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 June 2019 – click [here](#)
2. President's Address
3. Chairman's Report
4. To receive the Community Reports for 2019 as presented by the Chairman - **click [here](#)**
5. To confirm the appointment of the Auditors and receive and adopt the Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 – **click [here](#)**
6. Transition changes to the Constitution – **click [here](#) for the amended Rules and [here](#) for the amended Articles which can also be found on our website**
7. To ratify the appointment of the new Chairman from 12 July
8. To appoint new members of the Board – see biogs [here](#)
9. To ratify the appointment of the incoming Junior Wardens
10. Update on WLS Airspace
11. AOB

The procedure for AOB is that any attendee at the AGM who wishes to raise any AOB as a result of the meeting will be invited to submit written questions to agmquestions@wls.org.uk at the end of the meeting and we will endeavour to deal with any matters raised as quickly as we are able.

Closing Blessing - Rabbi Helen Freeman

Accessing Zoom:

- on your computer - click on the Zoom room link and if/when prompted, enter the Meeting ID and Password.
- on your mobile/tablet - download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app, then enter the Meeting ID and Password.

Please contact David Greenbury at david.greenbury@wls.org.uk or call 07595 987341, if you need more help.

Proxy Votes:

In accordance with current regulatory recommendations for virtual AGMs please can we encourage you to complete the proxy vote form ([here](#)) by:

- **email to stewart.sether@wls.org.uk by 5pm on Monday 15 June**
- **post to Stewart Sether at 33 Seymour Place, W1H 5AU by Friday 12 June**