



**SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE
JEWS' CONGREGATION, LONDON**

**(registered with the Charity Commission as the Spanish and
Portuguese Jews' Synagogue)**

**Speech of the Mahamad and Accounts
for the
Annual Meeting of Yehidim**

5770 - 2010

to be held in the

**NAIMA JPS
21 ANDOVER PLACE
LONDON NW6 5ED**

on

WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2010

at

8.00PM

Registered Charity No. 212517

To all Yehidim and Yehidot

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Howard Miller, Chief Executive

Attendance at the Annual Meeting is restricted to Yehidim and Yehidot only.

Attention is drawn to the following extract of Ascama 7.4:

“No person indebted to the Synagogue for Finta for one year or upwards, as defined in Ascama 4.2, shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of Yehidim, unless he has discharged such debt at least seven days before the date of the meeting”.

AGENDA

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** - nominations will be invited at the meeting.
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**
- 3. MINUTES** - To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Yehidim held on **31 March 2009**. A copy has already been sent to all those Yehidim who were present at the meeting. Copies are available on request from the Chief Executive and will be available at Naima JPS one hour before the meeting.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 31 MARCH 2009**

13. PRAYER FOR THE ISRAEL DEFENCE FORCES (IDF)

The yehidim agreed in 2009 that the existing prayer for Israel should be amended to include a prayer for the IDF, the wording to be proposed by Rabbi Levy and considered by the yehidim at their following meeting. **Rabbi Levy's proposed wording is attached.**

14. MOTION PROPOSED BY DORIS OSEN, ADAM OSEN AND GIDEON OSEN

In view of the several breaches of Ascamot by this Mahamad, the Yehidim have no confidence in this Mahamad.

15. MOTION PROPOSED BY WILLIAM FATTAL AND JEAN PIERRE HASSOUN

Motion and covering letter attached. Following receipt of the motion it became apparent that the yehidim do not have the power to effect the proposed amendment, so the motion will now be treated instead as a request to the Elders to make the proposed amendment.

16. MOTION PROPOSED BY MICHAEL BRANDON, BRIAN FERNANDEZ, DAVID NUNES VAZ, JOYCE NUNES VAZ AND SILVANO STAGNI

This meeting has no confidence in our governance as a whole.

17. MOTION PROPOSED BY MICHAEL BRANDON, BRIAN FERNANDEZ, DAVID NUNES VAZ, JOYCE NUNES VAZ AND SILVANO STAGNI

This meeting calls for a comprehensive review of our governance, covering:

- **Our need for a formal statement of our aims and goals**
- **A review of the separation within our organisation of ecclesiastical staff from our management decision-making**
- **A review of all reporting relationships**
- **The formulation of a formal complaints procedure**
- **A system of performance appraisals for all employees.**

5. ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF ELDERS - The number of valid nominations having exceeded the number of vacancies, there will be an election by postal ballot.

6. ELECTION TO THE MAHAMAD - The number of valid nominations having exceeded the number of vacancies, there will be an election by postal ballot.

7. ELECTION TO THE SPANISH & PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD - The number of nominations not having exceeded the number of vacancies, the following are deemed elected to serve for three years from the 2010 Annual Meeting of Yehidim:

Sylvia Graham Stuart Morganstein

8. ELECTION TO THE HEBRAT GUEMILUT HASADIM – The number of nominations not having exceeded the number of vacancies, Frank Martin is deemed elected to serve for two years from the 2010 Annual Meeting of Yehidim.

9. ELECTION TO THE SEPHARDI KASHRUT AUTHORITY - The number of nominations not having exceeded the number of vacancies, the following are deemed elected to serve for two years from the 2010 Annual Meeting of Yehidim:

Barry Benveniste Sarah Magnus Charles Silas

10. SPEECH OF THE MAHAMAD AND ACCOUNTS - **To receive the Speech and Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2009.** As agreed at the 2009 Annual Meeting, the Speech and Accounts are being sent by e-mail to all members who are on the Congregation's e-mail list. Copies are available for other members as follows:

- Downloadable (at <http://www.wsps.org.uk/accounts.html>)
- By e-mail (please e-mail cynthiajesner@spsyn.org.uk to request)
- By post (please call 020 7289 2573 to request)

The Mahamad would like to stress to all members who wish to ask questions arising from the Speech or the Accounts that they are more likely to receive a full and prompt reply if the Chief Executive or the Accountant has at least a week's notice of any questions to be asked.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

To re-appoint H W Fisher & Co. as Auditors until the 2011 Annual Meeting of Yehidim.

12. 'FRIENDS OF BEVIS MARKS' MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

It is proposed by the Mahamad that a new category of membership be introduced to be known as 'Friend of Bevis Marks Synagogue'. It will initially be set at £100 per annum and will be available only to people who do not live in the UK. It will confer no benefits of membership apart from receipt of the Sephardi Bulletin.

COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE CONGREGATION AND ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2009

BOARD OF ELDERS

President: A Magnus

Vice-President: D Dangoor (also an elected member of the Board)

E Barnett***	Mrs M Berger	D Dangoor	D Dwek	D Ettinghausen	Dr J Graham***
R Hayim	S Horesh*	Mrs E Lebrecht	R Leon***	Mrs E Lithman	Mrs S Magnus***
F Martin***	Dr A Mendoza**	A de Mesquita*	L Morgan	Dr S Morganstein	D Nunes Vaz***
K Rubens OBE*	R Sabah**	S Sacerdoti***	S Sackman	Dr S Sassoon	Dr E Shaoul **
J Solomons	G Temple**	S Zubaida** (Gabay)			

* Life Elders

** Gentlemen of the Mahamad

*** Ex-officio Elders

PARNASIM

Bevis Marks Synagogue:	S Dias	N Ereira
	Dr S Morganstein	
Lauderdale Road Synagogue:	Y Dwek	Dr S Gabbay
	Dr E Shaoul	G Temple
Wembley Synagogue:	G Ben-Nathan	T Fox
	D Sassoon	R Sassoon
	F Zelouf	

PARNAS OF TERRA SANTA: M Ben-Nathan

PARNAS OF CAUTIVOS: J David

BEVIS MARKS SYNAGOGUE COMMITTEE

Chairman: D Nunes Vaz

Mrs N Ereira, N Ereira, E Menashy, A Mendoza, Mrs J Nunes Vaz, S Sackman, Mrs P Zekaria

Ex-officio: Bevis Marks Parnasim, J Solomons (former Chairman),

G Temple (Mahamad Representative)

Co-opted: S Stagni

LAUDERDALE ROAD SYNAGOGUE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

President: Mrs E Levy

Vice-President: Mrs G Elia

Chairman: Mrs S Magnus

Mrs M Amar, Mrs D Bensusan, Mrs J Dangoor, Mrs R Dwek, Mrs S Dwek, Mrs Z Dwek, Mrs C Ekaireb, Mrs C Gherson, Mrs J Gourgey, Mrs S Graham, Mrs J Gubbay, Mrs L Gubbay, Mrs E Hakkak, Mrs Y Hardoon, Mrs C Hayim, Mrs D Nahon, Miss B Politi, Mrs A Rejwan, Miss L Ryder, J Sacerdoti, Mrs J Sacerdoti, Mrs B Simon, Mrs J Sopher

Consultants: Mrs R Levy, Mrs G Martin

Ex-officio: Lauderdale Road Parnasim, Dr E Shaoul and G Temple (Mahamad Representatives)

WEMBLEY SYNAGOGUE COMMITTEE

Chairman: R Leon

D Avital, D Bennis, Dr S Sassoon, V Sassoon, Miss D Zelouf, F Zelouf

Ex-officio: Wembley Parnasim, Dr S Sassoon (Chairman of Ladies' Guild), Dr N Hasson (former Chairman), R Sabah (Mahamad Representative)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL RECORDS AND TREASURES

Chairman and Hon Archivist: Miss M Rodrigues-Pereira
Rabbi A Gubbay Rabbi Dr A Levy OBE Mrs E Levy Prof R Loewe
Dr C Loewe D Nunes Vaz C Sacerdoti E Samuel
R Sassoon Dr J Schonfield Ms M Schmool
Ex-officio: Gentlemen of the Mahamad

ASCAMOT COMMITTEE

In process of being reconstituted as at 31 October 2009

BETH HOLIM - EDINBURGH HOUSE

Executive Committee
Chairman: B Mocatta **Treasurer:** T Fox **Wardens:** Mrs V Ettinghausen, Dr S Sassoon

General Committee
President: D Ettinghausen
E J C Album Mrs M Ben-Nathan J David Mrs S Kandel
Mrs E Levy Mrs R Levy Mrs J Mocatta Mrs D Nahon
E Segal C Silas G Temple Dr A Webber

BEVIS MARKS SYNAGOGUE TRUST

Chairman: Lord Levene of Portsoken KBE
M Brandon D Nunes Vaz Mrs P Roditi I Zekaria

BRANDON ENDOWMENT

F Martin R Hayim A Magnus

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Chairman: D Ereira
Dr S Sassoon (Wembley) Mrs S Magnus (Lauderdale Road) M Bitton (Bevis Marks)
Ex-officio: Dr E Shaoul (Mahamad Representative) **Co-opted:** Mrs R Levy
Surveyor: N Gee

DISUSED CEMETERIES COMMITTEE

Chairman: L Dias
Rabbi A Gubbay D Nunes Vaz Mrs M Brown (ex-officio)

DOWER SOCIETIES

Chairman: Mrs M Decent
N Ereira Mrs J Sacerdoti R Sassoon Mrs P Zekaria
Ex-officio: R Sabah (Mahamad Representative)
S Horesh represents the Dower Societies on the Investment Committee of the London Sephardi Trust

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Vacant
Mrs M Berger D Dangoor S Zubaida (Gabay)

GABAY'S COMMITTEE

F Martin Dr N Hasson S Sacerdoti (previous Gabay) S Zubaida (Gabay)

HEBRAT GUEMILUT HASADIM

Senior Parnas: F Martin **Junior Parnas:** A Mendoza
D Bennis A Gherson R Leon B Musikant
Ex-officio: L Dias, Prof R Loewe (Former Parnasim of Hebra),
R Leon (Parnas of Lavadores),
S Zubaida (Gabay), A Mendoza (Mahamad Representative)
Representatives of other Synagogues: B Abraham (Eastern Jewry),
L Sassoon and S Fenton (Holland Park), W Schneider (Neveh Shalom)

HOLY LAND AND COALS & BLANKETS TRUSTS

D Dangoor Mrs C Hayim L Gubbay B Mocatta
Ex-officio: Mahamad Representative

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE LONDON SEPHARDI TRUST

Chairman: D Dangoor

Representing the Congregation:
E Azouz L R Nahon S Sebbag
S Zubaida (Gabay) Vacancy (Chairman, Finance Committee)

Representing other charities:
Mrs M Berger, B Mocatta, S Horesh, Dr S Morganstein

LARA TRUST

Chairman: B Musikant
D Ettinghausen Mrs S Magnus R Sassoon
Ex-officio: Gentlemen of the Mahamad

LAUDERDALE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

President: Mrs V Morris **Chairman:** Mrs M Gubbay **Treasurer:** Mrs A Selwyne

LAUDERDALE ROAD SYNAGOGUE SEATING COMMITTEE

Chairman: D Dwek
Mrs M Amar Mrs S Azouz J Birshan Mrs S Magnus
Mrs J Price Dr E Shaoul B Shemtob

LAVADORES

Parnas: R Leon
Rabbi I Abraham B Aussenberg A Azagury Rabbi A Bassous M Benaim
A Bendahan J Bendahan S Bensoussan Rabbi J Berger A Bernett
Rabbi R Berisch M Bitton S Cuby Dayan A David D Dias
K Dias L Dias S Douer D Ettinghausen I Ezekiel
K Fisher H Franks J Gabay M Garson Y Garson
A Gherson S Harris I Hassan D Ishag Z Ishag
M Jackson M Lagnado A Levy Prof R Loewe F Martin
A de Mesquita A Moses Rabbi N Nadav L R Nahon D Osen
Rabbi M Nissim Dr D Pariente V Salem L Sassoon D Sauerteig
D Seal M Serfaty Dr J Shamash S Shenkin C Silas
S Solomon J Spain Rabbi C Tangy Dayan Dr P Toledano A Wahnon

LAVADORAS

Mesdames
K Asmoucha G Aussenberg L Azagury E Bendahan L Bendahan
E Benjamin M Berger C Cadranel L Denby S Douer
N Duke V Ettinghausen F Franks R Gabbay D Grant
G Godsi J Hammond S Harris A Hayes T Hersh
B Judah A Kelaty S Kendal C Lagnado D Lavi
E Lebrecht P Levi S Levy E Lithman M Malka
V Marshall S Medina M Mendoza J Mocatta R Montagu
T Morgan N Mousari K Musikant J Nadav C Nahon
H Norton D Osen A Rusnak J Sacerdoti S Sasson
E Sassoon C Sassoon Dr S Sassoon R Scott Q Selwyn
S Shaoul J Silver B Simon G Sinyor D Solomon
J Toledano A Zelouf

LEVANTADORES

E J C Album Rabbi J Berger S Dias D Ereira
L Morgan A Osen G Osen

MONTEFIORE ENDOWMENT

Chairman of Trustees: L Gubbay
Trustees: Rabbi Dr A Levy, R Musry, Mrs P Sinyor, R Sopher
Council: R Bilboul, Rabbi I Elia, C Goldstone QC, Mrs C Green, J Gubbay, A Handler, Sir Gavin Lightman QC, P Magnus, Prof S Miller, D Sacerdoti, J Sinyor, J Smouha, J Taylor

SEPHARDI KASHRUT AUTHORITY

Chairman: E Cohen
B Benveniste J David Mrs K Musikant Miss S Magnus Mrs J Misrahi

Co-opted: Rabbi I Abraham, D Dangoor, Rabbi I Elia, M Joshua, V Sasson
Ex-officio: A Mendoza (Mahamad Representative), E Silas (former Chairman)
Rabbinical Authority: Dayan S Amor, Dayan A David, Rabbi Dr A Levy OBE
Executive Director: D Steinhof

CONGREGATIONAL CLASSES

Chairman: M Pereira-Mendoza
Headteacher: Rabbi I Elia
Ex-officio: G Temple (Mahamad Representative)

SOCIETY OF HESHAIM

Thesoureiro: Dr J Schonfield **Parnas:** Dr E Shaoul
Rabbi A Gubbay L Gubbay L Kilshaw N Lebrecht
I Levy A Mendoza L R Nahon C Nathan
Ex-officio: Prof R Loewe, C Sacerdoti (former officers of the Society),
Representatives of Other Congregations: Prof J Florentin (Holland Park),
R Shasha (Sha'are Tefillah)

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE JEWS' CHILDREN'S FUND

Mrs M Adler Mrs V Ettinghausen Miss J Hassan Mrs S Kandel
Miss N Leon Mrs E Levy
Co-opted: M Dangoor, Miss S Magnus, Ms J Samuel

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

President: Mrs S Graham
Hon Secretary: Mrs S Kendal **Hon Treasurer:** Dr S Morganstein
Mrs P Sinyor
Ex-officio: R Sabah (Mahamad Representative)

VESTMENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mrs J Mocatta
Hon Secretary: Mrs E Levy **Hon Treasurer:** Mrs R Levy
Mrs D Benarroch Mrs L Dwek Mrs C Green
Mrs S Kendal Mrs R Montagu

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Association for Jewish Youth Religious Advisory Committee: Rabbi Dr A Levy OBE
Association of Jewish Women's Organisations in the UK: Mrs C Hayim
Board of Deputies: Dr J Graham, J Sacerdoti, S Sacerdoti
Committee for Admission of Ecclesiastical Officers:
Conjoint Passover Flour Committee:
Edgwarebury Joint Burial Board (Edgwarebury Cemetery): A Gherson, F Martin, A Mendoza, R Leon
Jewish Committee for H.M. Forces/Friends of Jewish Servicemen:
Jewish Memorial Council: B Benveniste
Joint Burial Committee (Golders Green Cemetery): A Gherson, F Martin, A Mendoza, R Leon, A Salem
London Board for Shechitah: E Arwas, E Cohen, J David, J Garson, A Magnus, Dr O Samuel
Richard Barnett Memorial Lecture Fund: Mrs B Barnett, Prof R Loewe, Miss M Rodrigues-Pereira,
Ms M Schmoool
Visitation Committee and Jewish After-Care Association:

OFFICIALS OF THE CONGREGATION AND ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

Rabbi Dr A Levy OBE
Ecclesiastical Authority of the Congregation

Dayan S Amor
Rosh Beth Din

Dayan A David
Member of the Beth Din

Rabbi I Abraham
Registrar of the Beth Din

The Rev H Benarroch BA
Senior Hazan of the Congregation

Rabbi I Elia BA
Rabbi of the Congregation
with responsibility for
Lauderdale Road Synagogue
and Headteacher of the Classes

The Rev Y Houry BA
Minister of the Congregation
with responsibility for
Wembley Synagogue

Choirmaster of the Congregation: M Martin
Director of Music: E Alderman
Honorary Hazan: P Maurice
Student Rabbi: J Berger

Shamash, Lauderdale Road Synagogue: E Pinchassoff
Shamash, Bevis Marks Synagogue: M Bitton

Honorary Archivist: Miss M Rodrigues Pereira

Chief Administrator: H Miller
Accountant: D Shah
Executive Director, Sephardi Kashrut Authority: D Steinhof
Cemetery Manager: J Crompton
Assistant Secretary of the Welfare Board: Mrs L Granville
PA to the Chief Executive: Mrs C Jesner
Sephardi Centre Administrator: Mrs J Reich
PA to Rabbi Levy: Mrs H Issacharoff
PA to Rabbi Elia: Miss A Goldberg
Administrative Assistant: Mrs R Cohen
Accountancy Assistant: Miss L Guillaumond
Caretaker, Lauderdale Road Synagogue: E de la Cruz
Caretaker, Wembley Synagogue: Mrs T Thotabaduge
Caretaker, Bevis Marks Synagogue: F Ospina-Giraldo

