



Minutes of Alyth's Special Meeting of Congregants

To elect Alyth deputies to The Board of Deputies of British Jews for the 2024-27 triennium

Monday 15 April 2024 (online)

<p>1) Welcome and Introduction from the President, Andrew Gellert (AG)</p>	<p>President, Andrew Gellert welcomed everyone to the meeting The purpose of tonight's meeting is to elect Alyth's Deputies to the Board of Deputies of British Jews for the next 3 year term. Before we go ahead with the business of electing our deputies some background to this process which happens every three years. The Board of Deputies is the oldest representative body of the British Jewish Community with a membership of over 200, diverse communal organisations. Deputies are elected on a tri-annual basis. This triennium starts now, in May 2024 and runs through to May 2027. Alyth is entitled to have 5 Deputies to represent our community at the Board. This year we are nominating four people to be Alyth Deputies.</p> <p>According to the governance requirements of the Board of Deputies, member organisations of the Board must elect their Deputies at an Annual General Meeting. The reason that we end up electing our Deputies at a specially constituted meeting is that our timing does not fall in line with the Board of Deputies elections. Our Annual Meeting of Congregants is in January, and Board Elections are in May. So once every 3 years we have this Special General Meeting of Congregants.</p> <p>We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who served as our Deputies over the last triennium. Danny Allen, Annabelle Daiches, Joe Grabiner, Sophie Hasenson, Jack Lubner and Sam Aleksander (our under 35 observer) have all served as Deputies over the past 3 years. Thank you to all of you for your service to Alyth and to the Board as members of the Progressive Group at the Board.</p> <p>Communal organisations are complex, especially one that represents the broad spectrum of Jewish interests that exist in the community today. Our Deputies have been considered, supportive and participative representatives in the many matters that the Board has addressed, including attempts to renew the governance of the Board, issues on Israel and Anti-Semitism. We thank them all for their time and commitment. Now to the new Deputies that we are electing tonight. 3 of our Deputies are standing for re-election and 1 new Deputy has put themselves forward.</p>
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	<p>Danny Allen, Annabelle Daiches, and Sophie Hassenson, will be standing for re-election. And, Mike Mendoza has put his name forward to stand as a Deputy over the next triennium.</p> <p>We are delighted that all of these members have agreed to stand and especially pleased that they represent a spectrum of Alyth's membership including some under-represented groups. Thank you for putting your names forward.</p>
<p>2) Election of Alyth's Deputies</p>	<p>So that everyone knows how we will go about electing our deputies, I will clarify the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In a moment, Adam will put the resolution up on the screen. - I will read out the resolution that asks us to elect those nominated as a single slate. - This is an uncontested election so it is practical and sensible to ask members to vote once to elect the whole slate. - You will then be given a minute to vote - Adam will then collate the result and publish it on screen. <p>Questions were taken from the community with regards inclusivity and representation at the Board. These were answered by AG, Adam Martin and Noeleen Cohen</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u> It is resolved that Danny Allen, Annabelle Daiches, Sophie Hasenson and Mike Mendoza be elected as Deputies, to represent Alyth at the Board of Deputies of British Jews for the 2024-2027 Triennium.</p> <p>A vote was taken and the resolution was approved.</p> <p>AG wished Mazel tov to the elected Deputies. We are grateful that you will all play a role in representing our community and the many Progressive voices around the Board of Deputies table. You will undoubtedly play a part in shaping the range of issues that impact on and shape the British and global Jewish community.</p>
<p>3) AOB</p>	<p>Robert Weiner asked that the candidates commit to the ourjewishvalues statements released and published on the joint LJ and RJ website so the Board would be in no doubt of all Progressive deputies position on many issues particularly around Israel at this traumatic time</p> <p>AG thanks everyone for attending and closed the meeting.</p>