

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Movement for Reform Judaism held on Sunday, 28th June 2009

Held at The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, Finchley, London, N3 2SY

- To seek the approval of the Meeting for the revised Constitution of the Movement for Reform Judaism, as attached, to be adopted. No significant changes have been made to the main aims and purposes of the Movement as described in the Constitution. The revised Constitution reflects the changes to the description of job titles and organisational names.
- 3118 Stephen Moss, Chair, opened the EGM and handed over to Rabbi Shoshana Boyd Gelfand.
- Rabbi Boyd Gelfand, Executive Director advised the Meeting that the changes to the Constitution were mainly cosmetic including additions of punctuation, but also there were some other, more substantial changes. She specifically referred to changes of title from "Head of the Movement and Chief Executive" to either "Executive Director" and/or "Head of the Movement", and also the addition of the schools "Clore Tikvah", "Clore Shalom" and "JCoSS" to any references to schools.
- 3120 Rabbi Boyd Gelfand invited questions none were asked.
- 3121 Stephen Moss then asked for a proposer and a seconder for the motion that the draft Constitution, already submitted to delegates, be adopted as the Constitution of the Movement for Reform Judaism 2009.
- 3122 Mike Cutter, West London, proposed the motion. This was seconded by Mike Tiller of Sukkat Shalom. The Chair asked for a show of hands. There was one abstention, none against and the rest of the meeting voted in favour of the motion.
- 3123 The Meeting therefore agreed that the 2009 version of the Constitution was adopted as the new Constitution of the Movement.
- If the meeting approves the revised Constitution then clause 7.3 (regarding General Meetings) will be amended in order to align with clause 14.3 (regarding Council Meetings). It will be amended to read as follows: "The quorum for a General Meeting shall be thirty delegates of Constituents present and representing not less than one-third of the number of Constituents."
- As the Meeting had agreed to Agenda Item 1 and the new version of the Constitution had been adopted, Rabbi Boyd Gelfand asked the Meeting to agree to a change to Clause 7.3 so that it would now read: "The quorum for a General Meeting shall be thirty delegates of Constituents present and representing not less than one-third of the number of Constituents."
- 3125 Stephen Moss asked for a proposer and a seconder to adopt this motion. John Speyer, Sheffield and District, proposed the motion and Jonathan Oppenheimer of Wimbledon seconded it.
- 3126 The Chair asked for a show of hands and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The Meeting therefore agreed that Clause 7.3 of the 2009 version of the Constitution would now read "The quorum for a General Meeting shall be thirty delegates of Constituents present and representing not less than one-third of the number of Constituents."
- 3128 The Extraordinary General Meeting was closed.