

UPDATE

# HIGHGATE SYNAGOGUE BUILDING PROJECT

CHIEF RABBI TO VISIT SHUL

For project launch -  
30 June @ 8pm

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO PROJECT LIFT OFF

### KEY RATIONALE OF BUILD

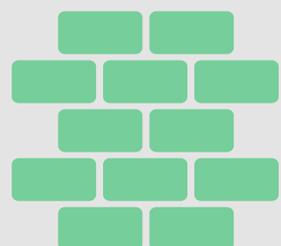


- 1 A SUSTAINABLE HOME**  
For our growing Community; sanctuary, social hall, classrooms, cottage all rebuilt for our community's future needs.
- 2 RECONFIGURED & ENHANCED SANCTUARY SPACE**  
Expandable space to solve for overcrowding during Simchas and High Holidays; Improved women's experience during services; climate control and improved acoustics.
- 3 IMPROVED, ENLARGED, SPACE FOR YOUTH**  
All Cheder classes will now be on site, flexible multi-use space for youth activities.
- 4 REBUILD OF RABBI'S COTTAGE**  
New fit for purpose accomodation for Rabbi and family: 2 additional bedrooms, additional bathroom; private family space etc.
- 5 DISABILITY ACCESS**  
Entire building wheelchair accessible.



### BENEFITS OF BUILD

- 60**   
more seats
- WOMEN & MEN**   
equidistant from action so - much friendlier to women
- RABBI'S COTTAGE**   
New fit for purpose, accommodation for Rabbi and family.
- ACCESSIBLE**   
friendly Shabbat lift and disabled access throughout building. Disabled WC
- GARDEN ROOM**   
for small meetings, talks and reflection
- STATE OF ART**   
up-to-date, building and amenities - including new kitchen
- ENHANCED**   
cloakroom and storage facilities
- ROOF TOP**   
great location for our Succah every year
- COST EFFECTIVE** ££  
to run. Easy to maintain



# KEY MILESTONES

OCT 2014

PLANNING PERMISSION

DEC 2014

PREPARATION

FEB / MARCH 2015

TENDERING CONTRACT

JUNE 2015

JULY 2015

UNITED SYNAGOGUE  
PROJECT SIGN OFF

NOV 2015

CONSTRUCTION

AUG 2016

ALTERNATIVE VENUE

ACCOMMODATION  
FOR RABBI



NOW



FUTURE



NOW



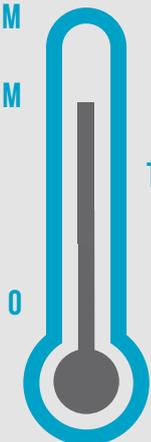
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# FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**TARGET: £2.1M**

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£1.5M



TO DATE

Everyone in the Community has now received a personal email, a letter or some other form of fundraising approach. Our target of £2.1 million is an ambitious one, but we have already raised £1.5 million in pledges, thanks to the generosity of about 80 donors (families / individuals).

We know that everyone in the Community has many calls on their generosity. The rebuilding project is a once in a lifetime project for this Community, a regeneration of both the Synagogue and the Rabbi's Cottage.

As everyone in the Community will benefit from the project, we feel that it is only right to ask everyone to contribute to the project - however large or small that contribution might be. There is a wide variety of ways of making a meaningful financial contribution to the project, including spreading your donation over several years. For example a regular monthly donation of £25 over a 5 year period is worth £1800 to the project, including Gift Aid relief.

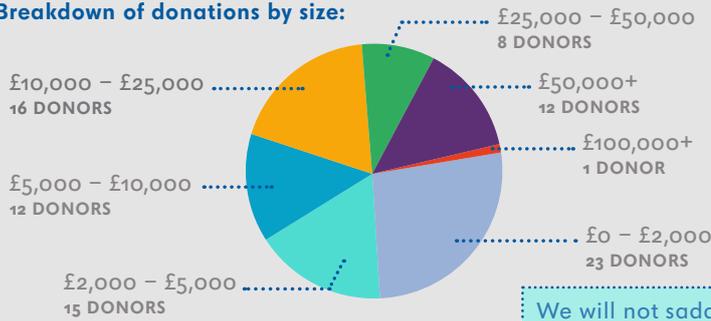
With less than 2 months until we go to the United Synagogue for final project sign off we need to close the funding gap of £600,000. We want the new building to be a gift for future generations from the membership of 2015 - not a burden for those who come after us.

# FINANCING AND FUNDRAISING

First round (2010/2011) pledges of < £1m: now at £1.5m

We are now in final negotiations with the United Synagogue about the structuring of financing.

## Breakdown of donations by size:



We will not saddle the Community with long term debts that cannot be repaid

- 80+ INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
- £350K CASH ALREADY COLLECTED
- 1 LEGACY DONATION OF £90K UNDERWRITING PLEDGES OF £100K+

# NEWS

## UNDER 20'S DESIGN COMPETITION RESULTS



We are working with Alex on finalising her design so that it can be used as part of the Shul's future identity.

We are delighted to announce the results of the under 20's design competition. The competition was for ideas for a new logo or symbol to represent the shul. The Building Committee were impressed by the quality of the entries and are delighted to announce the winners: The winner is Alex Helfgott. Special mentions to Benji Callman, Tammy Callman, Sam and Joseph Callman and Gail Lazarus.

PRIZE FOR DESIGN COMPETITION TO BE PRESENTED BY CHIEF RABBI ON 30TH JUNE

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