

## ASSOCIATES of THE NORTHWOOD & PINNER LIBERAL SYNAGOGUE (1 September 2018)

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

This is an arrangement to enable membership of NPLS to be more inclusive of mixed faith families or where a Full Member's spouse or partner is Jewish but is not or does not wish to become a full member of NPLS.

- 1 Spouses and partners of Full members of NPLS are eligible to become Associate Members. To be included as an Associate Member a Jewish partner must be, and remain, a full member of another synagogue.
- 2 The NPLS Board must approve each application.
- 3 Associate Members are included in family subscriptions. An additional subscription is payable for an Associate Member whose partner is paying a single subscription.
- 4 Associate Members are entitled to participate in all NPLS social, adult education and cultural activities and to attend all religious activities. Associate Members also receive High Holyday tickets.
- An Associate Member shall not cease to be an Associate Member in the event of the death of his or her spouse or partner who is a Full Member. In the event of such death, their children under twenty-one shall continue to be entitled to the same benefits as children of Full Members. Such Associate Members with children will continue to be described as Associate Family members.
- An Associate Member who is divorced from a Full Member shall automatically cease to be an Associate Member on the date of the decree absolute of divorce. An Associate Member whose civil partnership with a Full member is dissolved shall automatically cease to be an Associate Member on the date of the final order for dissolution of the civil partnership. An Associate Member who is a partner of a Full Member, but who is not married to or is not a civil partner of that Full Member, shall cease to be an Associate Member when he or she ceases to be a partner of that Full Member. Following divorce, dissolution of a civil partnership, or the dissolution of a partnership that is not a marriage or civil partnership, a non-Jewish Associate Member shall be offered the opportunity to become a Friend of NPLS.
- 7 Associate Members are not eligible to vote at general meetings. The rules for entry of Associate Members into the NPLS Burial Cremation and Funeral Expenses Schemes are governed by the rules of that scheme.

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## FRIENDS of THE NORTHWOOD & PINNER LIBERAL SYNAGOGUE (1 September 2018)

This is an arrangement to enable interested people who have a reasonable prior connection with NPLS to have an association with the Synagogue without joining as members.

- Anyone with a reasonable prior connection with NPLS may apply to become a Friend of NPLS. To be included as a Friend a person who is Jewish must be, and remain, a full member of another synagogue.
- 2 The NPLS Board must approve each application.
- Friends are required to pay an annual subscription equal to one-third of the net single subscription per single or couple. Subscriptions are due annually on 6<sup>th</sup> April. New Friends pay the appropriate proportion to the next 5<sup>th</sup> April in their first year. Both of a couple who are each eligible to become a Friend will be included in one Friend's subscription.
- 4 Friends receive Davar and are entitled to participate in all NPLS social, adult education and cultural activities and to attend all religious activities.
- A separate charge is made for High Holyday tickets, equal to the normal charge made for guests of members, for those Friends who are not members of another synagogue.
- Friends are not eligible to vote at general meetings, to receive pastoral care or to participate in the NPLS Burial Cremation and Funeral Expenses Scheme.

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## Notes - not forming part of the NPLS' policies shown above

The following is current practice (August 2018) and may be helpful to note when new Friends or Associates join NPLS.

- 1 A Friend of NPLS is:
  - o Someone attending the A2J programme, or
  - Someone with no spousal or partnership relationship to a full NPLS member.

If Jewish, the person must be a full member of another Shul (LJ or any other).

- 2 An Associate member is:
  - Someone who is the spouse or partner of a full NPLS member, and may also be attending the A2J programme.

If Jewish, the person must be a full member of another Shul (LJ or any other).

- 3 To clarify the membership categories for someone attending the A2J programme:
  - Someone attending A2J with no spousal or partnership relationship to a full NPLS member must be or become a Friend of NPLS.
  - Someone who is the spouse or partner of a full NPLS member must be or become an Associate Member.