

Council: Tuesday, 23 September 2014

Motion: Councillor Eva Greenspan

Recognising the community contribution of the Chief Rabbi

Council wishes to recognise the eminent services rendered by the Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, within the borough, nationally and internationally, to the enhancement of the Jewish community and the promotion of inter-faith understanding and community cohesion.

Council is proud of the long association Ephraim Mirvis has had with the London Borough of Barnet, from his residency and leadership as Rabbi at the Finchley United Synagogue, or Kinloss, continuing today through his work as the Chief Rabbi.

Council notes his substantial contribution to the local community during this time, not least through his founding of the Kinloss Learning Centre and Morasha Jewish Primary School, alongside his work in supporting the inter-faith harmony that is such a strong feature of life in our borough.

Just as with his predecessor as Chief Rabbi, Lord Jonathan Sacks, it is the wish of Council to formally recognise these contributions and record the high esteem in which Ephraim Mirvis is held by the Council and the community.

Council therefore resolves to, at a suitable time, call an Extraordinary meeting of Full Council in order to confer upon the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of The Commonwealth, Ephraim Mirvis, the Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Barnet (being the most honourable award it is in the Council's privilege to bestow).

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.