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An Act for confirming a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners
for the Jewish United Synagogues. [14th July 1870.] A.D. 1870.

WHEREAS the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, in their report to Her Majesty of their proceedings during the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, have reported that they have provisionally approved and certified (among other schemes for the application and management of charities) a scheme for the Jewish United Synagogues, and such scheme is set out in the appendix to their said report: 17th Report,
dated 26th
February
1870.

And whereas it is expedient that the said scheme, as the same is set out in the schedule to this Act, should be confirmed:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The said scheme shall be confirmed and take effect.

Scheme
confirmed.

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SCHEDULE to the Act.

UNION OF THE SYNAGOGUES.

Scheme.

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| Existing regulations annulled. | 1. The laws and regulations at the time of the establishment of this scheme or at any time previously thereto in force relating to the synagogues following, (that is to say,) the Great Synagogue, St. James's Place, Aldgate, in the city of London; the Portland Street Branch Synagogue, Great Portland Street, in the county of Middlesex; the Hambro' Synagogue, Church Row, Fenchurch Street, in the city of London; the New Synagogue, Great St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, in the city of London; and the Bayswater Synagogue, Chichester Place, Harrow Road, in the county of Middlesex; and to the subsidiary charities of the said respective synagogues; and the constitutions of the said respective synagogues; and the treaty or treaties at the time of the establishment of this scheme, or at any time previously thereto, in force between the said respective synagogues or any of them, are hereby annulled. |
| Uniting of present constituent synagogues. | 2. The synagogues herein-before named shall unite and form one institution, to be called "The United Synagogue," ק"ק בנסתר ישראל, and shall be the present constituent synagogues of the said institution, each of the said synagogues, whether the same has been independent, or a branch of any other or others of them, being one of such constituent synagogues; and the subsidiary charities of the synagogues herein-before named shall be subsidiary charities of the United Synagogue. |
| Future constituent synagogues. | 3. Upon the admission into the United Synagogue as herein-after mentioned of any synagogue other than the synagogues herein-before named, the same shall be a constituent synagogue of the United Synagogue, and the subsidiary charities thereof shall be subsidiary charities of the United Synagogue. |
| Meaning of words constituent synagogue, or constituent synagogues. | 4. Whenever the words constituent synagogue or constituent synagogues are herein-after used, the same shall refer to the constituent synagogues for the time being of the United Synagogue, including as well the synagogues herein-before named as any other synagogue which shall have been admitted as herein-after mentioned. |
| Objects of the United Synagogue. | 5. The objects of the institution to be called "The United Synagogue" shall be the maintaining, erecting, founding, and carrying on, in London and its neighbourhood, places of worship for persons of the Jewish religion who conform to the Polish or German ritual, the providing means of burial of persons of the Jewish religion, the relief of poor persons of the Jewish religion, the contributing with other Jewish bodies to the maintenance of a Chief Rabbi and of other ecclesiastical persons, and to other communal duties devolving on metropolitan congregations, and other charitable purposes in connexion with the Jewish religion. |
| Religious observances. | 6. The form of worship in each of the constituent synagogues shall be in accordance with the Polish or German ritual. |

7. The United Synagogue and its subsidiary charities shall be under the management of a governing body, which shall be called "The Vestry of the United Synagogue," and shall consist of the following persons:—

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Vestry of
the United
Synagogue.

A. The two wardens for the time being of each of the constituent synagogues.

B. The two treasurers for the time being of the United Synagogue.

C. The two overseers for the time being of the poor of the United Synagogue.

D. The two treasurers for the time being of the burial society of the United Synagogue.

E. All persons who shall have served, or paid a fine for refusal to serve, any of the offices following; that is to say, president of the United Synagogue, vice-president of the United Synagogue, treasurer of the United Synagogue, and overseer of the poor of the United Synagogue.

F. Privileged members of the United Synagogue, not being at the time of election members of any of the preceding classes, to be elected by the constituent synagogues in manner following; that is to say, there shall in the present year, and in every alternate year after the present year, be held a meeting at each of the constituent synagogues, and at such meeting there shall be elected one person (being at the time of election a seat-holder of such synagogue) for every whole number of fifty seats in the part of the same synagogue appropriated to men which three months before the date of the meeting were in the occupation of tenants, and which have before the date of the summoning of the said meeting been duly returned to the vestry of the United Synagogue as in such occupation. The persons entitled to vote at the meeting shall be all male persons who shall, during the whole of the year immediately preceding the date thereof, have occupied seats at the same constituent synagogue as tenants, and shall not at the date of the meeting have been more than a year in arrear in payment of their accounts to the United Synagogue, and also all privileged members of the United Synagogue who shall at the date of the establishment of this scheme be privileged members of one of the synagogues following, that is to say, the Great, Hambro', and New Synagogue, and shall not have been in such occupation as aforesaid of seats at the said constituent synagogue, provided that such privileged members shall vote only at that constituent synagogue of which they were privileged members at the date of the establishment of this scheme, and shall not at the date of the meeting have been more than a year in arrear in payment of their accounts to the United Synagogue, and that they shall not in the same year have voted at a like meeting at another constituent synagogue.

8. All persons who at the date of the establishment of this scheme would but for this scheme be entitled to seats for life at the governing body of any of the present constituent synagogues, and all persons who at the date of the admission into the United Synagogue of any other synagogue would but for such admission be entitled to seats for life at the governing body of such other synagogue, shall, as from the date of the establishment of this scheme, or, as the case may be, of such admission as aforesaid, be entitled to seats for life at the vestry of the United Synagogue, and be members thereof, in addition to

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the persons designated in the last preceding clause. The persons who shall so become members of the vestry at the date of the establishment of this scheme shall, until the persons designated in the last preceding clause shall become members, constitute the vestry of the United Synagogue, and shall, until honorary officers of the United Synagogue shall be appointed, and subject to and so far as not inconsistent with this scheme, or any byelaws of the United Synagogue for the time being in force, have and exercise the like powers and duties in relation to their respective synagogues with the powers and duties which they theretofore had and exercised.

Election of
treasurers and
overseers of
the poor.

9. Two treasurers of the United Synagogue, and two overseers of the poor of the United Synagogue, shall be elected annually by the vestry from among the privileged members of the United Synagogue. They shall be honorary officers of the United Synagogue.

The seven
elders.

10. The vestry shall in every year elect from among its members (other than the persons who shall for the time being hold the offices herein-before mentioned) seven persons, who shall be called the seven elders of the United Synagogue.

The committee
of the United
Synagogue.

11. The wardens for the time being of the constituent synagogues, the two treasurers and two overseers of the poor for the time being of the United Synagogue, and the seven elders for the time being, shall constitute an executive committee of the vestry for general purposes, and shall be called The Committee of the United Synagogue.

President and
vice-presidents
of the United
Synagogue.

12. The vestry shall in every year elect from among the members for the time being of the committee a president and two vice-presidents of the United Synagogue.

President and
vice-presidents
to preside at
meetings.

13. The president shall be chairman at all meetings of the vestry and committee at which he shall be present; and one of the vice-presidents, or, if the vice-presidents shall also be absent, one of the treasurers of the United Synagogue, shall be chairman at any of such meetings, if and while the president shall be absent therefrom. If the president, vice-presidents, and treasurers of the United Synagogue shall all of them be absent from any such meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to be chairman.

Duties of
president and
vice-presidents.

14. The president, and in cases in which the president shall be unable or refuse to act, one of the vice-presidents, shall summon meetings of the vestry and committee, and shall, with the assistance of the committee, superintend the general business of the United Synagogue and its subsidiary charities.

Duties of
treasurers.

15. The treasurers of the United Synagogue shall have the general superintendence of the receipt and expenditure of all moneys on account of the United Synagogue and its subsidiary charities, other than the receipt and expenditure of money on account of the burial society of the United Synagogue.

The committee
of finance.

16. There shall be a committee of the vestry of the United Synagogue, which shall be called the committee of finance. The said committee shall consist of the two treasurers for the time being of the United Synagogue, and of one person for each of the constituent synagogues, to be elected in manner following; that is to say, at the meeting to be held at each of the constituent synagogues for the election of members of the vestry, the persons who shall be entitled to vote thereat shall select from among the persons elected at such

meeting as members of the vestry a person to be a member of the committee of finance. A.D. 1870.

17. The committee of finance shall assist the treasurers of the United Synagogue in the duties of their office, and shall have the general supervision of the financial concerns of the United Synagogue other than those of the burial society. Duties of the committee of finance.

18. The overseers of the poor of the United Synagogue shall superintend the relief of the poor of the United Synagogue. Duties of the overseers of the poor.

19. There shall be a committee of the vestry, which shall be called "The Committee for the Relief of the Poor." The said committee shall consist of the overseers of the poor for the time being and of four persons who shall be appointed annually by the vestry from among the members thereof. The committee for the relief of the poor.

20. The committee for the relief of the poor shall assist the overseers of the poor in the duties of their office. Duties of the committee for the relief of the poor.

21. There shall be a society, which shall be called "The Burial Society of the United Synagogue." The constitution of the society, and the conditions and privileges of membership, shall, subject to the provisions in relation thereto contained in this scheme, be determined by the vestry. The burial society of the United Synagogue.

22. There shall be no distinction as to the place of interment between privileged members of the United Synagogue and others; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prejudice the rights of property of persons who have acquired, or prevent persons from hereafter acquiring, land as sites for graves. No distinction as to place of interment between privileged members and other persons.

23. Two treasurers of the burial society shall be elected annually by the vestry from among the members of the burial society. They shall be honorary officers of the United Synagogue. The treasurers of the burial society.

24. The treasurers of the burial society shall have the general superintendence of the receipt and expenditure of moneys on account of the burial society. Duties of the treasurers and committee of the burial society.

25. All of the said committees shall be subject to the control of the vestry. Committees to be subject to control of vestry.

26. All matters, acts, and questions to be done, determined, and decided by the vestry, or by any of the said committees, shall be done, determined, and decided by the majority of the persons present at a meeting of the said vestry or committee. The chairman at any of such meetings shall, in case of equality of votes, have a double or casting vote; fifteen persons shall, until otherwise determined by the vestry, form a quorum at meetings thereof. Majority of persons present at meeting to determine questions, &c.

27. The said honorary officers, the seven elders, and the elected members of the vestry and of the said committees, shall hold office or serve from such time in the year of their election as the vestry shall determine, until the time at which, in the year of the next like election, their successors shall commence to hold office or serve. In case of any of the said officers dying during his term of office, a successor may be elected in manner hereby provided for the election of the officer so dying, and shall hold office during the remainder of the said term. Tenure of office of honorary officers, &c.

28. The property specified in the first schedule (being the site and buildings of the present constituent synagogues and of the burial grounds connected therewith, together with other lands belonging to or held in trust for the present Property in first schedule.

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Proviso as
to closing a
synagogue.

constituent synagogues,) shall be held by the respective trustee or trustees for the time being thereof (instead of the trusts now or heretofore applicable to the same) upon trust that the same shall be kept and used for such purposes and in such manner as the vestry shall, in accordance with the objects hereof and consistently with this scheme, direct. And it is hereby declared that the said respective trustees or trustee shall and may lease, sell, exchange, alienate, charge, or otherwise dispose of the said property or any part thereof, as the vestry shall from time to time direct; provided always, that so long as the annual income derived from the rental of seats at a constituent synagogue, and from the payments of seat-holders thereat, shall amount to or exceed the annual sums which shall be expended for the maintenance and support of such synagogue, and which the same synagogue shall be liable to contribute for the relief of the poor and other general purposes of the United Synagogue, the vestry shall not discontinue the synagogue as a place of worship, or sell the site on which the synagogue is built, or the buildings thereon, or otherwise deal with the same, so that such site and buildings cannot be used as a synagogue or place of worship; provided, nevertheless, that if it shall, in the opinion of the vestry, be desirable that any such synagogue shall be discontinued as a place of worship, although the said income shall amount to and exceed the annual sums hereinbefore mentioned, a meeting shall be held at which all male persons who shall, during the year immediately preceding the date thereof, have occupied seats in the same synagogue as tenants, and shall not at the date of such meeting have been more than a year in arrear in payment of their accounts to the United Synagogue, shall be entitled to vote. And the question whether the said synagogue shall be discontinued as a place of worship shall be put to the meeting. And in the event of the majority of persons present and entitled to vote at the meeting voting in favour of such discontinuance, and of at least one half of the persons entitled to vote (as well those present at the meeting as those absent therefrom) confirming the said vote at the meeting, or within a stated time thereafter, by recording the same in such manner as the vestry shall determine, the said constituent synagogue shall or may be discontinued as a place of worship, and the proviso lastly hereinbefore contained shall thereupon be void as to the same constituent synagogue and the site thereof, and the buildings upon such site; provided also, and it is hereby declared, that no purchaser at a sale by trustees or a trustee, by the direction of the vestry, shall be bound to see or inquire whether or not the same is in breach of the two provisos lastly hereinbefore contained, or either of them, but such sale shall, so far as concerns the safety or protection of a purchaser thereat, be valid, whether or not the same is in breach of such provisos or either of them.

The Central
Branch Syna-
gogue to take
the place of
the Portland
Street Branch
Synagogue.

29. The site and buildings of the Portland Street Branch Synagogue shall not be within the provisos in the last preceding clause contained. But the synagogue may be discontinued after the Central Branch Synagogue now in course of erection in Great Portland Street aforesaid shall be completed, and the Central Branch Synagogue shall, upon its consecration, by or with the sanction of the Chief Rabbi, take the place of the Portland Street Branch Synagogue for the purposes of this scheme, and the site and buildings thereof shall be subject to the last preceding clause, including the provisos therein contained.

30. The rents, profits, and income to arise from the letting or otherwise from the management of such part of the said property as shall not be used for the purposes of the United Synagogue, and the moneys to arise from the sale or disposition of such property or any part thereof, shall be applicable for the general purposes of the United Synagogue.

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Profits of such property to be applied to general purposes.

31. The funds specified in the second schedule (being certain funds belonging to the Great, Hambro', and New Synagogues respectively, which or parts of which were heretofore applicable to the general purposes of the same synagogues respectively), and the income thereof, shall be held by the respective trustees or trustee for the time being thereof (instead of the trusts now or heretofore applicable to the same) upon trust that the said funds and the income thereof shall be applied for the general purposes of the United Synagogue.

Funds in second schedule.

32. The funds specified in the third schedule (being certain funds belonging to the Great, Hambro', and New Synagogues respectively, which or parts of which were heretofore applicable as building funds), and the income thereof, shall be held by the respective trustees or trustee for the time being thereof (instead of the trusts now or heretofore applicable to the same) upon trust that the same shall be applicable as a building fund for the building and repair of constituent synagogues and burial grounds of the United Synagogue.

Funds in third schedule.

33. The funds specified in the fourth schedule (being certain funds belonging to the Great and New Synagogues respectively, heretofore applicable for the relief of privileged members and their families, and certain funds belonging to the Hambro' Synagogue, heretofore applicable to the general purposes thereof), or the income thereof, shall be held by the respective trustees or trustee thereof (instead of the trusts now or heretofore applicable to the same) upon trust that the same shall form a fund, to be called "The Privileged Members' Fund," and that the same fund, or the income thereof, shall be applicable to the relief, in such manner as the vestry shall determine, of privileged members of the United Synagogue, and of such classes of relations and connexions of privileged members of the United Synagogue as the vestry shall, consistently with this scheme, direct.

Funds in fourth schedule.

34. The funds specified in the fifth schedule (being funds belonging to or administered by the Great, Hambro', and New Synagogues respectively, which were heretofore applicable to special purposes, and forming subsidiary charities of the said synagogues), and the income thereof, shall be held by the respective trustees or trustee for the time being thereof upon, with, and subject to the same respective trusts, powers, and provisions as are now applicable to the same respectively, save and except, and it is hereby declared, that in any case in which a power or discretion is or has been reposed in any officer or officers, body or bodies of or connected with any of the present constituent synagogues, such power or discretion is hereby conferred upon and reposed in and shall be exercisable by the vestry of the United Synagogue, or any committee of the vestry, or any officer or officers of the United Synagogue to whom the vestry shall delegate the same; and save and except, and it is hereby declared, that in any case in which a person or persons, or a class or classes of persons, or an institution or institutions standing in any relation to any of the present constituent synagogues, shall be an object or objects of the charity constituted by any of the said funds, the object or objects of the charity representing the same

Funds in fifth schedule.

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Other property. 35. All property belonging to or held in trust for the present constituent synagogues, not specified in the schedules, shall belong to or be held in trust for the United Synagogue, and shall be dealt with and disposed of as the vestry shall from time to time direct.

Debts and liabilities transferred.

36. All debts, obligations, and liabilities at the date of the establishment of this scheme due or existing to or from the present constituent synagogues, or any of them, or any of their subsidiary charities, or to or from any officer or officers, body or bodies, trustee or trustees of or connected with the present constituent synagogues or any of them, in respect of the same constituent synagogues or any of them, or any of their subsidiary charities, shall be debts, liabilities, or obligations of the United Synagogue and its subsidiary charities respectively; and in any case in which any person or persons shall be entitled to or bound by the same debts, obligations, or liabilities by virtue of his or their being an officer or officers of any of the present constituent synagogues, the vestry may direct that any officer or officers for the time being of the United Synagogue shall be entitled to or bound by the same debts, obligations, or liabilities, and such officer or officers shall, when he or they shall be appointed, be entitled to or bound by such debts, obligations, or liabilities, in lieu of the person or persons theretofore entitled thereto or bound thereby. And the accounts which, at the date of the establishment of this scheme, are due or accruing due from any person to any of the present constituent synagogues, shall, in determining the question whether or how long such person shall have been in arrear in payment of his accounts to the United Synagogue, and for all other purposes, be considered as forming part of such last-mentioned accounts.

Vestry may accept gifts.

37. The vestry may accept gifts or endowments for particular charitable objects in connexion with the Jewish religion, or otherwise in aid of the purposes of the United Synagogue, or its subsidiary charities; and such gifts or endowments may be held and applied in accordance with the directions or stipulations (if any) which may be given or prescribed by the donors, provided that such directions or stipulations shall not be inconsistent with the provisions or objects of this scheme.

Bequest in wills of persons living at date of scheme.

38. Any bequest contained in the will of a person living at the date of the establishment of this scheme, in favour of or directed to be administered by or in connexion with any of the present constituent synagogues, or a subsidiary charity or charities of any of the same synagogues, shall take effect in favour of or be administered by or in connexion with the United Synagogue or (as the case may be) the corresponding subsidiary charity or charities of the United Synagogue, and shall be held by the trustee or trustees for the time being thereof upon, with, and subject to such trusts, powers, and provisions as are by such will expressed concerning the same, save and except, and it is hereby

declared, that in any case in which a power or discretion shall be by such will reposed in any officer or officers, body or bodies of or connected with any of the present constituent synagogues, such power and discretion shall be and be considered as having been conferred upon and reposed in and shall be exercisable by the vestry of the United Synagogue, or any committee of the vestry, or any officer or officers of the United Synagogue to whom the vestry shall delegate the same; and save and except, and it is hereby declared, that in any case in which a person or persons, or a class or classes of persons, or an institution or institutions, standing in any relation to any of the present constituent synagogues, shall be an object or objects named or designated in the said bequest, the object or objects of the same bequest shall be a person or persons, or a class or classes of persons, or an institution or institutions, standing in a similar relation to the United Synagogue generally; and save and except, and it is hereby declared, that the trusts, powers, and provisions by such will declared concerning the said bequest may, in other respects, be from time to time varied and modified by the vestry, so far as shall be deemed necessary for the due administration of the same, in connexion with the United Synagogue.

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39. The vestry may appoint trustees of any such gift or endowment as is mentioned in either of the last two clauses, and of any property which may hereafter be purchased or acquired by or for the purposes of the United Synagogue or any of its subsidiary charities.

Vestry may
appoint
trustees.

40. If any present or future trustee or trustees of any part or parts of the property specified in the schedules, or of any other property now or at any future time belonging to or held in trust for the United Synagogue or any of its subsidiary charities, shall die, or permanently reside abroad, or shall desire to be discharged, or refuse, or become bankrupt, or incapable to act, the vestry may appoint a new trustee or new trustees in the place of the trustee or trustees whose office shall be so vacated; and upon every or any such appointment the number of trustees may be augmented or reduced, but not so as to be permanently reduced below three.

Appointment
of new trustees.

41. Each of the constituent synagogues shall, in respect of such matters of a local nature affecting the same synagogue as are herein specified, and as shall be hereafter determined by the vestry of the United Synagogue, be under the immediate management of a body, which shall be called the Board of Management of the said constituent synagogue, and shall consist of the two wardens for the time being of the constituent synagogue, and of not less than five other persons, who shall be called committee-men. The said wardens and committee-men shall be privileged members of the United Synagogue, at the time of election holding seats at the said constituent synagogue, and shall be elected in manner following, that is to say:—There shall in every year be held a meeting at such constituent synagogue for the election of such wardens and committee-men; the persons entitled to vote at the meeting shall be all male persons who shall, during the whole of the year immediately preceding the date thereof, have been in occupation of seats at the same synagogue as tenants or seat-holders, and shall not at the date of such election have been more than a year in arrear in payment of their accounts to the United Synagogue. The persons who shall be elected shall hold office and be members of the board of management, from such time in the year of their election as the vestry of the United Synagogue

Board of management of
constituent
synagogues.

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Wardens to
preside at meet-
ings of board.

42. One of the wardens of a constituent synagogue shall preside at all meetings of the board of management thereof at which they or one of them shall be present. If both of the wardens shall be absent from a meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to be chairman.

Duties of
wardens.

43. The wardens of a constituent synagogue shall preside therein, and shall have the general superintendence of the religious service and local business thereof.

Majority of
persons present
at meeting of
board to deter-
mine questions,
&c.

44. All acts, matters, and questions to be done, determined, and decided by the board of management of a constituent synagogue shall be done, determined, and decided by the majority of persons present at a meeting of the said board. The chairman at any of such meetings shall, in case of equality of votes, have a double or casting vote. Three persons shall, until otherwise determined by the said board, form a quorum at any meeting thereof.

Board to pre-
pare annual
budget.

45. The board of management of each constituent synagogue shall annually prepare and submit to the vestry a budget or scheme, showing the estimated income and expenditure for the ensuing year in respect of the same constituent synagogue; and such budget or scheme shall, if and so far as the same shall not be varied by the vestry within two months after the same shall be submitted, and subject to such variations (if any) as shall within the said two months be made by the vestry, be deemed to be confirmed and adopted by the vestry; and the income and expenditure of the ensuing year in respect of the constituent synagogue shall, as closely as may be, be regulated by and with reference to the same budget. Provided always, that the provision made by this clause may, upon or at any time after the expiration of three years from the date of the establishment of this scheme, be annulled or varied by the vestry.

Board to have
power to have
supervision of
local officers,
&c.

46. The board of management of a constituent synagogue shall have the general supervision and control of all salaried officers of the United Synagogue whose duties relate specially to the said constituent synagogue, and shall have power, in case of a vacancy, to appoint any such officer, whose salary shall not exceed thirty pounds a year.

Board to have
power to direct
certain pay-
ments.

47. The board of management of a constituent synagogue shall have power to direct repairs in the same synagogue to an amount not exceeding in any one year the sum of fifty pounds, and to direct an expenditure for the general purposes of the same constituent synagogue to an amount not exceeding in any one year the sum of fifty pounds.

Board to fix
rentals of seats,
subject to con-
firmation by
vestry.

48. The board of management of a constituent synagogue shall fix the rentals to be paid for the use of seats thereat, and submit the same to the vestry, and such rentals shall, if and so far as the same shall not be varied by the vestry within two months after the same shall be submitted, and subject to such variations, if any, as shall within the said two months be made by the vestry, be deemed to be confirmed and adopted by the vestry, and take effect from and after the expiration of the said two months, until the same shall be varied by the said board of management and vestry in manner aforesaid.

49. The board of management of a constituent synagogue may permit any person to preach therein.

Board to allow persons to preach at constituent synagogues, &c.
Other powers of board.

50. The board of management of a constituent synagogue shall have such further and other powers with reference to the management of matters of a local nature affecting the same synagogue as shall be determined by the vestry of the United Synagogue.

51. The board of management of a constituent synagogue shall be subject to the control of the vestry of the United Synagogue.

Board to be subject to control of vestry.

52. The board of management of a constituent synagogue may make and submit to the vestry byelaws for the regulation and management of matters of a local nature affecting the same constituent synagogue, and such byelaws shall be considered by the vestry, and shall take effect, if and so far as the same shall be confirmed and subject to any variations which may be made by the vestry, provided that no such byelaws are repugnant to or inconsistent with this scheme or the byelaws of the United Synagogue for the time being in force. In the meantime, and until such byelaws shall be passed by the vestry, or the same laws and regulations shall be otherwise altered or revoked by the vestry, the laws and regulations at the date of the establishment of this scheme in force with respect to the respective present constituent synagogues shall, notwithstanding that the same are herein-before annulled, remain in force, subject to and so far as not inconsistent with this scheme or the byelaws of the United Synagogue for the time being in force.

Board to make byelaws.

53. The vestry of the United Synagogue shall, by its byelaws, determine the manner in and conditions upon which persons shall hereafter be entitled to become privileged members of the United Synagogue, and the conditions subject to which they shall continue as such members, and the privileges of or connected with such membership; provided that no such byelaws are repugnant to or inconsistent with the provisions herein contained with respect to such members.

Privileged members.

54. All applications to become privileged members of the United Synagogue shall be made to the committee of the United Synagogue, and shall be adjudicated upon by such committee.

Applications to become privileged members.

55. All persons who at the date of the establishment of this scheme shall be privileged members of any one of the synagogues following, that is to say, the Great, Hambro', and New Synagogue, shall be and are hereby constituted privileged members of the United Synagogue, and shall, so far as not inconsistent with this scheme, retain their present privileges; and all persons who at the date of the establishment of this scheme shall, or if they were of full age would be entitled as of right to become privileged members of any one of the same synagogues, shall have the like right of becoming privileged members of the United Synagogue.

Present privileged members of a constituent synagogue to be privileged members of the United Synagogue, &c.

56. The privileged members of the United Synagogue shall be entitled to precedence in the constituent synagogues in which they hold seats, according to seniority of membership; and in calculating such seniority the date of admission shall, as to persons at the date of the establishment of this scheme being privileged members of a constituent synagogue, be considered to be the date at which they shall have been made privileged members of such constituent

Precedence of privileged members.

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Precedence of
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officers.

synagogue, and as to other persons the date at which they shall have been made privileged members of the United Synagogue.

57. Persons who at the date of the establishment of this scheme are or who at any time have been honorary officers of any constituent synagogue shall be entitled to precedence in the same synagogue, according to the laws and regulations now in force with respect to such synagogue, and shall take similar precedence in any other constituent synagogue at which they may hold seats.

Vestry to de-
termine number
of salaried
officers, &c.

58. The vestry shall, subject to and so far as not inconsistent with the provisions of the 45th clause, have the power of determining the number of salaried officers of the United Synagogue, the amount of salaries to be paid to such officers, and the nature of the duties and liabilities attached to such offices.

Appointment
of officers of
United Syna-
gogue gene-
rally.

59. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office the duties of which relate to the United Synagogue generally, and the salary of which shall not be greater than 30l. a year, the vestry shall appoint a person to fill the same in such manner as they shall think fit; and whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office (other than that of Chief Rabbi) the duties of which relate to the United Synagogue generally, and the salary of which shall be greater than 30l. a year, the vestry shall give public notice of the existence of the vacancy, and such notice shall state the nature of the vacant office, the salary thereof, and the qualifications necessary therefor, and shall appoint a time for receiving applications from persons desiring to be candidates for the said office; and the vestry shall approve from among such persons of a person or persons as a candidate or candidates for the said office; and a meeting shall be held for the election of a person being the approved candidate or one of the approved candidates to fill the said office; and the persons entitled to vote at the said meeting shall be all male persons, who shall during the whole of the year immediately preceding the date thereof have been in occupation of seats at any constituent synagogue as tenants, and shall not at the date of such meeting have been more than a year in arrear in payment of their accounts to the United Synagogue, and also all privileged members of the United Synagogue who shall at the date of the establishment of this scheme be privileged members of one of the synagogues following; that is to say, the Great, Hambro', and New Synagogues, and shall not have been in such occupation as aforesaid of seats at a constituent synagogue; provided that such privileged members shall not at the date of the meeting have been more than a year in arrear in payment of their accounts to the United Synagogue.

Appointment
of local officers.

60. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office the duties of which relate specially to a constituent synagogue, and the salary of which shall be greater than 30l. a year, the board of management of the said constituent synagogue shall give public notice of the existence of the vacancy, and such notice shall state the nature of the vacant office, the salary thereof, and the qualifications necessary therefor, and shall appoint a time for receiving applications from persons desiring to be candidates for the said office; and the board shall approve from among such persons of a person or persons as a candidate or candidates for the said office; and a meeting shall be held for the election of a

person, being the approved candidate, or one of the approved candidates, to fill the said office; and the persons entitled to vote at the said meeting shall be all male persons, who shall during the whole of the year immediately preceding the date thereof have been in occupation of seats at the said constituent synagogue as tenants, and shall not at the date of such meeting have been more than a year in arrear in payment of their accounts to the United Synagogue, and also all privileged members not holding seats, and all widows of privileged members of the synagogues following, that is to say, the Great, Hambro', and New Synagogues, who at the date of the establishment of this scheme are entitled to vote at one of the same synagogues, shall continue to have the right of voting at that synagogue.

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61. All persons who shall at the date of the establishment of this scheme be salaried officers of any of the present constituent synagogues shall, subject to and so far as not inconsistent with this scheme, retain their offices on the same terms and conditions as they heretofore held the same; but they shall be deemed to be officers of the United Synagogue.

Presentsalaried
officers to retain
offices.

62. The vestry shall, subject to and so far as not inconsistent with the provisions of the 45th clause, have the power of regulating the income and outgoings of the United Synagogue and its subsidiary charities, and of determining the manner in which and the person or persons to or by whom the same shall be payable. In the meantime, and subject to and so far as not inconsistent with this scheme, the income and outgoings of the present constituent synagogues and of their subsidiary charities shall continue as heretofore, and shall be payable to and by the person or persons to and by whom the same have heretofore been payable.

Vestry to re-
gulate income
and outgoings

63. If the congregation of any synagogue or place of worship situate in London or its neighbourhood, for persons of the Jewish religion who use the Polish or German ritual, not being a constituent synagogue of the United Synagogue, shall desire to be admitted into the United Synagogue, and shall notify such desire by resolution passed in accordance with the laws and regulations for the time being in force with respect to the same synagogue, or (in the absence of any such laws and regulations) by resolution passed at a meeting of all persons who shall occupy seats at the said synagogue, by the majority of persons present at such meeting, the vestry shall, if they shall approve of such admission, submit the question to a meeting at which the persons entitled to vote shall be all privileged members of the United Synagogue who shall not at the date of the meeting have been more than a year in arrear in payment of their accounts; and if the said meeting shall approve of such admission, the said synagogue shall thereupon be admitted as and be a constituent synagogue, and shall be entitled and liable to the like rights and obligations with those of the present constituent synagogues.

Admission of
synagogues.

64. If the vestry shall think it desirable to erect and found a synagogue or place of worship in London or its neighbourhood for persons of the Jewish religion who use the Polish or German ritual, either in addition to the constituent synagogues, or in substitution for any one or more of such constituent synagogues, they shall submit the question of the erection and foundation of such synagogue to a meeting at which the persons entitled to vote shall be all privileged members of the United Synagogue, who shall not at the date of the

Founders of
new syna-
gogues.

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Poor of the
United Syna-
gogue.

65. Persons belonging to one or other of the following classes shall constitute the poor of the United Synagogue, and shall be qualified to participate in the funds which have been or shall be given or bequeathed for the relief of the poor of the United Synagogue, or any of the constituent synagogues by name, and in funds and benefits of the United Synagogue available for the general relief of the poor :—

- A. Privileged members of the United Synagogue, or of a constituent synagogue, and the widows, children, and grandchildren of such privileged members, provided that if such children or grandchildren have been married the ceremony of marriage shall have been performed by an officer of the United Synagogue or of a constituent synagogue.
- B. Persons who have paid for seats at a constituent synagogue for a period of not less than three years, and the widows and children of such persons, provided that if such children have been married the ceremony of marriage shall have been performed by an officer of the United Synagogue or of a constituent synagogue.
- C. Persons who have contributed 30*l.* to the funds of the United Synagogue or either of the constituent synagogues, and the widows and children of such persons, provided that if such children have been married the ceremony of marriage shall have been performed by an officer of the United Synagogue or of a constituent synagogue.
- D. Persons who have been married, and the ceremony of whose marriage has been performed by an officer of the United Synagogue, or of a constituent synagogue, three years or more before the relief shall be granted.
- E. Such persons, not being members of any of the preceding classes, as the committee of the United Synagogue shall from time to time select by name for that purpose.

Poor persons of the Jewish religion, not belonging to any of the preceding classes, shall be allowed to participate in the rate or tax for the relief of the poor, and the funds applicable to the general purposes of the United Synagogue, upon such conditions and in such manner as the vestry shall from time to time determine.

Power of
vestry to make
byelaws.

66. The vestry of the United Synagogue shall have power to make, alter, or revoke byelaws for the regulation and management of the United Synagogue and its subsidiary charities, and of the constituent synagogues, and of the estates and property belonging to or held in trust for the United Synagogue and its subsidiary charities, and for fixing and determining the manner of electing the honorary and salaried officers of the United Synagogue and of the constituent synagogues, the period of their continuance in office, the duties of such officers, and determining who shall be accredited officers of the United Synagogue, and fixing and determining the duties and powers of the committees herein-before mentioned, and the manner in which they shall perform and exercise such duties and powers, and the manner of holding and directing meetings, and the periods

at which the same shall be held, and for the regulation of and mode of exercising all powers and discretions by this scheme conferred on or reposed in the said vestry, and the general regulation, management, and government of the United Synagogue and its subsidiary charities; provided that no such byelaws are repugnant to or inconsistent with this scheme. A.D. 1870.

67. If in the opinion of the vestry any alteration or modification of this scheme shall be required for any purpose, such alteration or modification may be made in manner following:—There shall be held a meeting at each of the constituent synagogues, and at such meeting there shall be elected one person (being at the time of election a seat-holder at such synagogue, and not being a member of the vestry) for every whole number of twenty-five seats in the part of the same synagogue appropriated to men, which, three months before the date of the said meeting, were in the occupation of tenants, and which have been before the date of the summoning of the meeting duly returned to the vestry as in such occupation. The persons entitled to vote at the meeting shall be such persons as would have been entitled to vote thereat if the same had been for the election of elected members of the vestry. And the said alteration or modification shall be submitted to a meeting which shall consist of the vestry of the United Synagogue, together with the persons elected at the said meetings, and shall, if adopted by such combined meeting, thereupon be made and take effect. But if the said combined meeting shall make any variation in the said alteration or modification, the said variation shall be considered by the vestry, and if the same shall be adopted by them the said alteration or modification, with such variation, shall, upon the adoption thereof, be made and take effect; provided that no alterations, modifications, or variations shall be made involving a deviation from the main object and principles of this scheme. Alterations and modifications of scheme.

68. If any doubt or question shall arise as to the proper construction or application of the provisions of this scheme, or any such alteration, modification, or variation as aforesaid, or the management of the United Synagogue or any of its subsidiary charities, application may be made by the vestry of the United Synagogue to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, for their opinion and advice thereon, which opinion and advice, when given, shall be binding on the said vestry. Applications to Board of Charity Commissioners.

69. This scheme shall come into operation at the date of the passing of the Act establishing the same. Date of establishment of scheme.

SCHEDULES referred to in the Scheme.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Property of Great Synagogue.

Site of the Great Synagogue with its appurtenances, Saint James's Place, Aldgate, London.

Certain houses in Duke's Place and Duke Street, Aldgate.

Land at Ducking Pond Lane, North Street, Eastman Street, Three Colt Court, Bethnal Green, Middlesex. A portion formerly used as a burial ground, other portions being let on lease, and having houses erected thereon.

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Site of the Central Branch Synagogue, Great Portland Street, Middlesex.
 Site of the Portland Street Synagogue, Middlesex.
 Burial ground at Westham, Essex.
 Piece of land, with three houses, situate east side, Mitre Court, Saint James's Place, London.

Property of Hambro' Synagogue.

Site of the Hambro' Synagogue, with offices and dwelling-houses adjoining, Church Row, Fenchurch Street, London.
 Burial ground, Hoxton Old Town.
 Burial ground, Grove Street, Hackney.

Property of New Synagogue.

Site of the New Synagogue, Great Saint Helen's, London, with two dwelling-houses adjoining.
 Burial ground at Westham, Essex.
 Burial ground at North Street, Whitechapel, and almshouses adjoining.

Joint Property of the Great and New Synagogue.

Site of the Bayswater Synagogue, Harrow Road, Middlesex, and the appurtenances.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Property of Great Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 1,746 13 4	3 per cent. reduced -	General fund.
1,675 3 11	3 per cent. reduced -	Legacy fund.
306 0 9	Consols - - -	Old building fund.
1,682 15 4	Consols - - -	Rothschild fund.
1,904 3 8	New 3 per cent. - -	General fund.
24,900 0 0	New 2½ per cent. consols -	Legacy amalgamated fund.

Property of the Hambro' Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 3,075 9 1	3 per cent. consols -	Accumulating fund.

Property of the New Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 4,000 0 0	New 3 per cent. - -	General purposes fund.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

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Property of Great Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 350 17 0 7,046 9 3 1,210 13 9	Consols - - - New 2½ - - - Reduced - - -	New building fund. Eliason's building fund. Bequest of I. Franks.

Property of Hambro' Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 619 2 9	New 3 per cent. annuities	Building fund.

Property of New Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 235 2 4	New 3 per cent. - -	Accumulating fund.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Property of Great Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 9,100 0 0	New 2½ - - -	Decayed members fund.

Property of the Hambro' Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d.		General purposes fund.

Property of the New Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 3,805 7 7	New 3 per cent. - -	Privileged members fund.

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FIFTH SCHEDULE.

Property of Great Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d.		
333 6 8	3 per cent. reduced	- Legacy of Isaac Franks, 1840.
144 17 5	New 3 per cent.	- Legacy of Aaron Goldsmid, 1826.
1,800 0 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Asher Goldsmid, 1826.
1,350 0 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Asher Goldsmid, 1826.
2,680 4 10	3 per cent. reduced	- Legacy of Lazarus Simons, 1764.
1,080 19 2	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Lazarus Simons, 1764.
4,472 17 6	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Israel Elkin.
1,500 0 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Moses Samuel, 1840.
159 8 2	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Samuel Simons, 1827.
458 19 6	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Moses Schiff.
1,800 0 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of A. L. Moses, 1860.
450 0 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of A. L. Moses, 1854.
1,108 15 7	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Mrs. Catherine Joseph, 1857.
719 14 2	3 per cent. consols	{ Legacy of Mrs. Catherine Joseph, 1857.
388 17 0		
3,507 7 6	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Dr. Falk.
52 14 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of John Davis, 1858.
4,000 0 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of M. B. Worms, 1867.
98 18 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Abraham Nutchell.
388 15 0	New 3 per cent.	- Legacy of Levy Samuel, 1837.
507 12 3	New 3 per cent.	- Legacy of Bilah Samuel, 1837.
505 1 0	New 3 per cent.	- Legacy of Hendelah Salomons, 1837.
205 2 6	3 per cent. consols	- Hannah Benjamin's legacy.
1,000 0 0	New 2½ per cent.	- Voluntary contributions.
707 6 6	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Solomon Arnold, 1845.
2,000 0 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Isaac Cohen, 1846.
2,632 1 0	3 per cent. consols	- Legacy of Isaac Franks, 1847.

Property of Hambro' Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d.		
1,666 13 4	3 per cent. consols	- Jacob Solomon's coal fund.
3,043 6 10	3 per cent. annuities	- Abraham Solomon's coal fund.
303 16 0	3 per cent. reduced annuities.	- Solomon Abraham's great coat charity.

Property of New Synagogue.

Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d.		
956 19 3	New 3 per cent.	- Talmud Torah fund.
325 0 0	Consols	- Testator, Sarah Solomon.
1,894 13 11	Consols	- Testator, Solomon Arnold.
2,067 4 8	Reduced 3 per cent.	{ Testator, Levy Salomons.
495 3 9		
513 10 11		
		- Testator, Abraham Levy.
		- Testator, Lawrence Myers.

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Joint Property of the Conjoint Synagogues.

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Amount of Stock.	Description of Stock.	Name of Fund.
£ s. d. 1,969 18 1	3 per cent. consols -	Legacy of Ellis Woolf, 1830.

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