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ARBITRATION WITHIN FAITH COMMUNITIES

Speakers: Professor Mark Hill QC; David Frei and Maulana Arif Awan

Chaired by Andrew Kasriel

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue

Bevis Marks, City of London EC3A 5DQ

(By kind permission of Rabbi Dr. Abraham Levy who will give an opening speech of welcome)

8 March 2011 – 6.00 for 6.30 pm

Reception to follow

The seminar is concerned with the resolution of business or financial disputes by binding arbitration referred to arbitrators appointed by, or from within, faith-based communities, in some cases in accordance with religious law.

Speakers will address the Seminar from the perspective of Jewish, Muslim, Christian and other communities.

There will also be an opportunity for shorter contributions from the floor, and/or questions to the panel.

- Professor Mark Hill QC, a barrister at 3 Pump Court Chambers and Hon. Professor of Law at the Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff University
- David Frei is Registrar to the London Beth Din (Jewish Rabbinical Court)
- Maulana Arif Awan is a founder member of the Muslim Arbitration Tribunal and sits on the Governing Council

Prof. Mark Hill QC is particularly interested in ecclesiastical law, human rights and religious liberty. Queen's Counsel since 2009, he also sits as a Recorder. He holds many ecclesiastical appointments and is frequently retained in religious matters. Academic writer, occasional journalist, lecturer and broadcaster. A "front runner" in Church Law!

David Frei qualified as a solicitor in 1980 and practised law in the West End between 1980 and 1999, specialising in property litigation. He has held the role of Registrar to the London Beth Din since 1999.

Arif Awan is a partner at Saints Solicitors LLP. His main areas of work are related to land, property and commercial contracts. He is also a visiting lecturer at Hijaz College Islamic University, teaching Arabic grammar and Shari'a law.

Andrew Kasriel is a Vice-Chairman of CI Arb London Branch and a chartered civil and structural engineer. He re-qualified as a barrister and now practises at 5 Pump Court Chambers.

Following the close of the seminar (around 8.15 pm), there will be a reception for the speakers and all attendees. Refreshments will be served (supervised kashrut and vegetarian).

There will be no charge for this event, but members and their guests should reserve places well in advance of the event to be sure of a place. For security reasons, attendees **MUST** register in advance with Branch Administrator, Elinor Pritchard elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk

Please do not be offended if you are subjected to a security check before entering the synagogue precincts. After the security check, visitors arriving early will be given the opportunity to tour the synagogue precincts and to hear a short talk about the history and origins of this historic synagogue.