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Jewish Law Proclamation

To Whom It May Concern,

We are hereby presenting the clear and absolute view of Jewish law regarding use of a synagogue premises. According to Jewish law, without any argument and above all doubt, that according to the Talmud, Maimonides, and the Shulhan Aruch (Rabbi Yosef Karo), that it is an totally prohibited to use a synagogue that was built solely for the purpose of prayers, for any sort of secular event.

Even in the event that the synagogue is not presently active as a place of prayer, and the local congregation migrated out of the city, it remains categorically prohibited to use the synagogue premises for any sort of cultural event, especially one that may feature different religions, regardless of the righteous nature of such event, be it for charity or other communal work.

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