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His Excellency Ambassador Yasser Reda

It has come to our attention that Ms. Magda Haroun, the president of the Jewish Community of Cairo, plans to hold "cultural" events in our synagogues. Since there are fewer than ten Jews in Egypt, these events will have to be non-Jewish in nature.

We protest this action. Our synagogues are houses of worship and must be used only for Jewish religious functions. They are not social clubs. Ms. Haroun lacks the authority to change the purpose of these synagogues.

The Egyptian government has stated many times that it is determined to protect these synagogues as "Egyptian heritage". This being the case, it stands to reason that they should be preserved only for their original purpose. We urge the Egyptian government to intervene and reverse this turn of events.

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| Respectfully; |
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