

# Suburb Experts

Wednesday 10 June

Dr Vicki Harris, Dr David Zimmel and Rabbi David Mason  
The Max Weinbaum Hall, Norrice Lea

## Are Doctors Fit to Practise? How Medical Regulation Works

Talk 7.45 pm | Dinner & Discussion 8.45 - 10.15 pm

Doctors have always held a special place in our society, particularly for Jewish Mothers. However, since Harold Shipman, and the events at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, the medical profession and medical practice have come under increasing scrutiny. How can we be sure that our Doctors are fit to practise? How are cases of alleged misconduct and mal-practice handled by the regulatory authorities? To what extent should doctors' standards of conduct outside of their work impact on their right to practice medicine? What should we expect by way of public protection? Vicki will examine these issues in the light of some recent cases that have come before the General Medical Council and the Courts.

DR VICKI HARRIS claims to have retired. She worked in the Senior Civil Service, serving in a number of Government Departments including H.M Treasury, the Home Office and the Department for International Development. After "retirement" she advised the Department for Constitutional Affairs and H.M Courts Service on Corporate Governance and Financial Systems and Controls. She now has a portfolio of different appointments in professional regulation for barristers, tax advisors, accountants, doctors and opticians. She has recently been appointed to serve on the Department of Health's Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards for the London Region.

DR DAVID ZIMMEL is a partner in an NHS General Practice in Bushey. He was brought up in Manchester, trained at Trinity College, Cambridge and the Royal Free and University College Medical School, London. David subsequently worked as a junior doctor at University College Hospital London and went on to do General Practice training at Watford General Hospital. He completed his training in 2007 and has been a partner at his current practice ever since. David lives with his wife and two young children in the Suburb. Whilst he does not claim to be an expert on medical regulation, he will be giving his views, as a relatively new doctor.

RABBI DAVID MASON was born in Edinburgh and attended the London School of Economics where he achieved a BSc and MSc in Econometrics. He spent a number of years in yeshiva, gaining semicha from Rav Zalman Nechemia Goldberg. His first position as Rabbi was at Kingston Synagogue in South London where he was in position for five years. He also spent time studying courses in Family Therapy. Now he is Rabbi of Muswell Hill Synagogue and is on the Chief Rabbi's cabinet, representing the Chief Rabbi on issues of third world aid, debt relief and poverty.