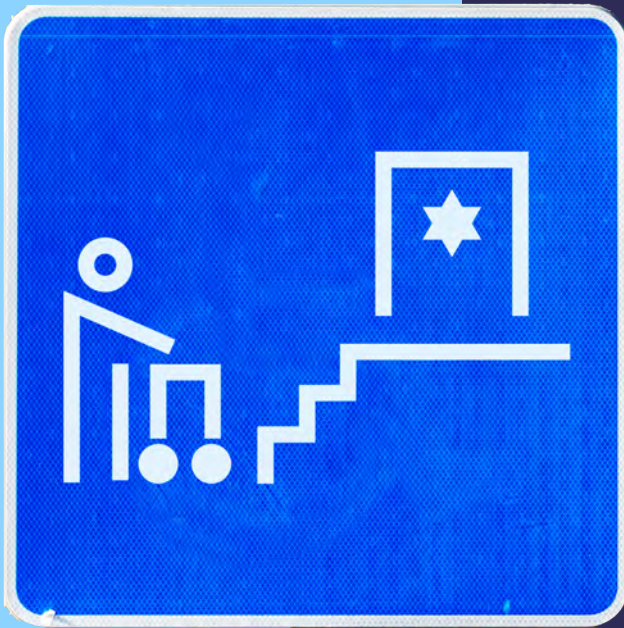


United Synagogue Accessibility Symbols Set

Explainer Guide



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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present a project that is well overdue and is also the first of its kind. Within these pages, you'll discover a collection of symbols meticulously crafted to represent the various accessibility features present in our synagogues.

Each symbol tells a story of our dedication to break down barriers and ensure that every member of our community, regardless of physical accessibility, has the information they need to alleviate any anxiety that may come with attending shul.

The symbols in this booklet have been thoughtfully designed to provide clear guidance and support for individuals with additional needs. Each symbol represents a vital aspect of accessibility within the synagogue environment, ranging from wheelchair accessibility to sensory accommodations, with the overarching aim of fostering an inclusive atmosphere. We believe that accessibility is not just a matter of physical accommodation, but a reflection of our deepest values as a community.

As you explore this booklet, we invite you to reflect on the significance of inclusion and accessibility and the impact they have on the lives of our fellow community members.

These symbols feature on the United Synagogue website, where each community has been allocated accessibility symbols appropriate for their space. This will be updated regularly.

To view the accessibility features for each community please scan the QR code below or visit

WWW.THEUS.ORG.UK/OUR-COMMUNITIES

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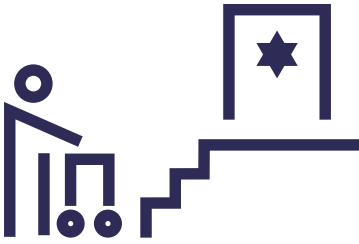
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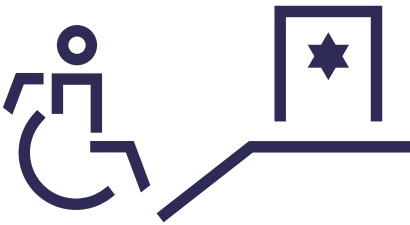
MOBILITY IMPAIRED WALKER TO BIMAH

The approach to the Bimah has no more than three steps.



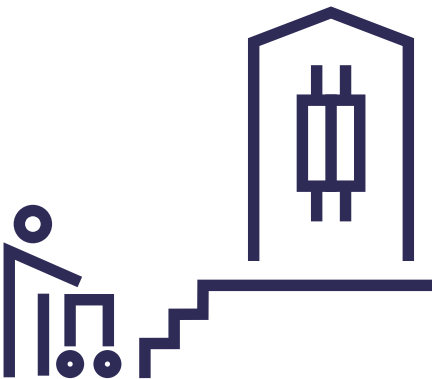
LEVEL ACCESS OR RAMP TO BIMAH

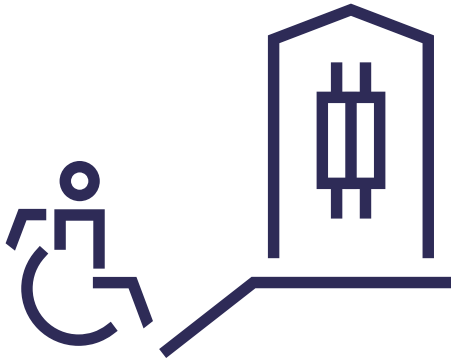
The approach and circulation is level to the Bimah and the path from wheelchair seating to the Bimah entrance is wide enough for wheelchairs to access.



MOBILITY IMPAIRED WALKER TO ARON

The approach to the Aron has no more than three steps.





LEVEL ACCESS OR RAMP TO ARON

The approach and circulation is level to the Aron and the path from wheelchair seating to the Aron entrance is wide enough for wheelchairs to access.



SIDDUR LAKOL

Siddur Lakol, our accessible prayer book, is available.



SHABBAT LIFT

Shabbat lift on premises.



LIFT

Lift on premises.



WHEELCHAIR LIFT

A fully-powered device designed to raise a wheelchair and its occupant to overcome a step or similar vertical barrier.



SAFE OR QUIET SPACE

Safe or Quiet Space available.



LEVEL ACCESS

The approach and circulation is level. This can be at the entrance to the building and/or the entrance to the rooms within the building (this may include the use of lifts/Shabbat lifts).



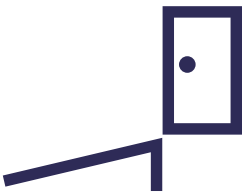
RAMPED/SLOPED ACCESS, AND/OR MANUAL DOORS

The approach/circulation is step-free. There may be ramps/slopes with a slight gradient. This can include entrance to the building and/or entrance to rooms within the building.



MOBILITY IMPAIRED WALKER

The approach/entrance to the building has no more than three steps. Internal level changes can be overcome by moderate/easy ramps and/or lifts. This can include 1-3 steps to gain access to rooms within the building.



RAMPED/ SLOPED ACCESS THAT IS LONG/STEEP

The approach/circulation includes a steep or long ramp/slope without resting areas.



ACCESSIBLE TOILET

Accessible toilet with step-free access and a maneuvering space of 150cm x 150cm. Door opening widths a minimum of 75cm. A transfer space with a drop-down rail available and wall-mounted grab rails on both sides of the toilet.



STEP-FREE STANDARD TOILET

Standard toilets available with step-free access.



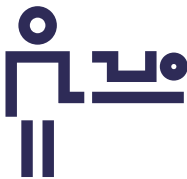
AMBULANT TOILET

Toilet suitable for use by ambulant disabled people with step-free access (includes horizontal/dropdown rails on both sides of the toilet).



BABY CHANGING FACILITY (WOMEN)

A baby change facility is available. Access may not be step-free.



BABY CHANGING FACILITY (MEN)

A baby change facility is available. Access may not be step-free.



ASSISTIVE LISTENING

Assistive listening/hearing enhancement system available.



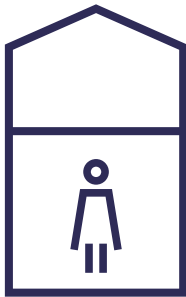
WHEELCHAIR SEATING AVAILABLE (MEN)

Space is available and accessible for wheelchairs within the shul (sanctuary).



WHEELCHAIR SEATING AVAILABLE (WOMEN)

Space is available and accessible for wheelchairs within the shul (sanctuary).



LADIES' SECTION GROUND FLOOR

Ladies' Section is (partially or entirely) on ground floor.



LARGE PRINT AND/OR MAGNIFIERS

Large print siddurim and/or magnifiers are available.

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