

LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE SYNAGOGUE B & H

**UNAUDITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1046457

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CHARITY INFORMATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

	Appointed	Resigned
Sandra Walker	President	
Louise Mordecai	Chair	
Michael Austin	Vice-Chair	
Karen Katz	Secretary	
Michael Regan	Treasurer	
Pamela Hartog		
Benita Matofska		
Esther Polden		
Graeme Butler		
Levi Campbell		

All Trustees served throughout the year unless otherwise indicated.

MINISTERS

Rabbi Gabriel Kanter-Webber
Rabbi Emeritus Elizabeth Tikvah Sarah

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CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER

1046457

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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BANKERS

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West Malling, Kent

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Board of Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Charity as set out in its constitution are:

1. the advancement of Liberal and Progressive Judaism. In furtherance of this objective the Charity has the following powers:

- a) To provide and maintain a place of worship and appropriate spiritual leadership;
- b) To conduct Jewish services;
- c) To provide appropriate religious education for the Synagogue Members and their children;
- d) To provide facilities for the instruction of proselytes;
- e) To solemnize circumcisions, baby blessings, Bar/Bat-Mitzvah, Kabbalat Torah, marriages, civil partnerships, mixed-faith blessings, burials and cremations for the Synagogue Members;
- f) To perform other religious, social and charitable activities as the Council shall determine;
- g) To be a member of the organisation known as Liberal Judaism and to support its aims.

2. the advancement of religious and racial harmony including but not limited to promoting interfaith activities. In furtherance of this objective, the Charity has the following powers:

- a) to play an active role in the life of the wider community as well as of the Jewish community;
- b) to further the understanding of Jewish culture and observance for the benefit of the wider community;
- c) to facilitate and encourage interfaith and intercultural exchange.

The Charity controls a charitable company limited by guarantee, named Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue, company registration number 08098379 and registered charity number 1149342.

The major part of the income of the Charity is donated to the company limited by guarantee.

The company limited by guarantee has similar objects to the Charity and carries out the activities referred to in these objects.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity's achievements were accomplished by the company limited by guarantee mentioned above and below. These included religious services every week and for most Jewish festivals, the provision of services to solemnise life cycle events within Liberal and Progressive Judaism, the provision of pastoral care and welfare care for congregants, religious education for children and adults, visits to those in need, social activities for the elderly and for those in need, a weekly open day for socialising aimed at the elderly and the collection of donations for distribution to other charities.

At the end of the financial year, the Charity had approximately 250 Members and 70 Friends. The Charity gained 25 Members and lost 13 Members (3 through death). The Charity gained 11 Friends and lost 2 Friends. Figures are approximate.

The Trustees (Council) have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees' aim is for the Charity to continue to fund the activities of its wholly controlled subsidiary (as outlined above and below) by way of raising subscription income from its membership. The Trustees have prepared a budget for the ensuing year which has been updated with a projection, in the light of the most recent information.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity's financial statements are set out on pages 5 to 11. During the year under review the Charity made a loss of £31,600. The Charity is also committed to providing funding to its wholly owned subsidiary Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue, which required ongoing funding this year. The Charity needs to maintain a high level of reserves to ensure that its subsidiary is able to meet its financial obligations as and when they arise.

At the year end the Charity had Unrestricted Funds of £153,049 and Restricted Funds of £2,566. The charity's funds held in cash and bank balances were £148,139. There were debtors and prepayments of £18,953 and creditors of £11,477.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Liberal and Progressive Synagogue B & H is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The Charity is governed by its constitution, the current version of which was adopted on 29 July 2015.

The Charity is an unincorporated association.

The Charity has a membership structure and the term Synagogue Members is used to define the members of the Charity.

The Charity is managed by a Board of Trustees (the Council).

The Charity controls a charitable company limited by guarantee, named Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue, company registration number 08098379 and registered charity number 1149342.

The major part of the income of the Charity is donated to the company limited by guarantee.

The Synagogue Members elect the Trustees (the Council) at the Annual General Meeting and a proportion of Trustees may also be co-opted by the Council during the year. Trustees must be Synagogue Members.

Meetings of the Council take place monthly.

The Synagogue Council have appointed committees to manage finance, education, welfare, religious practices and social justice and has power to appoint other sub-committees as the need arises. The committees report to the Synagogue Council.

The Treasurer is required to prepare financial statements annually in accordance with prevailing accounting standards.

In preparing these financial statements the Treasurer is required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, as well as making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

The Treasurer is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity.

The Synagogue Council have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Charity's exposure to such risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name of Charity: Liberal and Progressive Synagogue B&H, also sometimes referred to in its literature as LPSB&H.

Registered Charity No: 1046457 in England and Wales

Address of principal office: 6 Lansdowne Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1FF

Names of charity trustees at the date of approval of this report, and charity trustees who served in the reporting period:

Michael Austin	Esther Polden
Pamela Hartog	Michael Regan
Karen Katz	Sandra Walker
Benita Matofska	Graeme Butler
Louise Mordecai	Levi Campbell

The Charity does not have any corporate trustees.

None of the Trustees held property belonging to the Charity.

Approved by the Council Members and signed on their behalf by:

Louise Mordecai

Louise Mordecai - Chair

Dated: 26 June 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

I report on the financial statements of the Liberal and Progressive Synagogue B & H for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Position and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of any explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102 effective date of 1 January 2019)

have not been met;

or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

Date 27/6/24

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for and on behalf of Haines & Co
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	4				
From Generated Funds		7,064	3,152	10,216	8,071
From Charitable Activities		104,184	-	104,184	99,289
		111,248	3,152	114,400	107,360
RESOURCES EXPENDED	5				
Direct Charitable Expenditure					
Administration costs		1,260	-	1,260	1,332
Other Costs		157	-	157	174
Charitable donations		142,042	-	142,042	89,351
Kol Nidre charities		-	1,540	1,540	2,420
Youth Fund		-	-	-	1,061
Audio Visual Fund		-	125	125	875
Levies		-	876	876	702
		143,459	2,541	146,000	95,915
Net Incoming Resources before Transfers		(32,211)	611	(31,600)	11,445
Funds brought forward 1 April 2023		185,260	1,955	187,215	175,770
Funds carried forward 31 March 2024		153,049	2,566	155,615	187,215

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	6	18,953	1,868
Cash at bank and in hand	7	148,139	194,635
		<u>167,092</u>	<u>196,503</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>11,477</u>	<u>9,288</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>155,615</u>	<u>187,215</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds		153,049	185,260
Restricted Funds	9	2,566	1,955
		<u>155,615</u>	<u>187,215</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees
on 26 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Louise Mordecai

Louise Mordecai - Chair

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Liberal and Progressive Synagogue B & H is an Unincorporated Association registered as a Charity in England and Wales. The Charity's registered number and address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (effective date January 2019) in so far as they apply to small entities.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting basis and standards

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity becomes entitled to the resources, the Trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions due for the current year are included after making allowance for any amounts that are unlikely to be collected.

Donations and legacies

Voluntary income includes donations and legacies, fundraising income and is included in full in the period in which it is receivable.

Tax reclaimed on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from gift aid claims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the income to which they relate.

Investment Income

This is included in the Statement of Financial Affairs when receivable.

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Restricted and unrestricted funds

The Statement of Financial Affairs distinguishes between restricted and unrestricted funds. The former are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. They include those freely available to the Charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes. The same basis is used for accounting for income in each of these funds.

Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets

The Charity, through the Trustees, controls a charitable company limited by guarantee known as the Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue. Company registration number 08098379 and registered charity number 1149342.

Under current legislation there is no legal requirement to consolidate their financial statements.

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4. Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Voluntary Income - Donations and gifts				
Donations - general	2,723	-	2,723	2,311
Kol Nidre charities	-	1,540	1,540	2,420
Youth Fund	-	52	52	-
Levy income	-	990	990	720
Eco Synagogue	-	70	70	50
Audio Visual Fund	-	500	500	-
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events	990	-	990	1,420
Investment Income				
Interest on deposits	3,351	-	3,351	1,150
	7,064	3,152	10,216	8,071

Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Subscriptions	87,311	-	87,311	84,790
Income Tax recoverable on subscriptions and donations	16,873	-	16,873	14,499
	104,184	-	104,184	99,289
	111,248	3,152	114,400	107,360

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5. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Kol Nidre charities - donated	-	1,540	1,540	2,420
Levy income - Paid over	-	876	876	702
Other Costs	-	-	-	-
Other Donations	100	125	225	1,936
	100	2,541	2,641	5,058
Expended - Charitable Activities				
Bank Charges	157	-	157	120
Other Costs	-	-	-	54
Donations (Note 10)	141,942	-	141,942	89,351
	142,099	-	142,099	89,525
Governance Costs				
Independent Examination Fees	1,260	-	1,260	1,332
	1,260	-	1,260	1,332
	143,459	2,541	146,000	95,915

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

6. Debtors and Prepayments	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Subscription Ledger	40	-	40	-
Income tax recoverable	18,673	-	18,673	1,800
Interest receivable	240	-	240	68
	18,953	-	18,953	1,868

7. Cash at Bank and in Hand

Current and deposit accounts	145,573	2,566	148,139	194,635
	145,573	2,566	148,139	194,635

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Subscriptions in Advance	10,277	8,085
Other creditors and accruals	1,200	1,203
	11,477	9,288

9. Restricted Funds	1 April 2023	Incoming	Outgoing	31 March 2024
Jewish Welfare Board	294	174	294	174
Board of Deputies	462	648	462	648
Community Renewal	120	168	120	168
Kol Nidre	-	1,540	1,540	-
Youth Fund	199	52	-	251
Eco Synagogue	255	70	-	325
Audio Visual Fund	625	500	125	1,000
	1,955	3,152	2,541	2,566

10. Related Party Transactions

During the year ended 31 March 2024 the Charity made donations in the sum of £141,942 to the Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue its Subsidiary. (2023 £89,351).

During the year there were no payments to trustees for remuneration or expenses other than the normal reimbursement of expenditure made on behalf of the Charity.

11. Staff, Trustees and Volunteers

During the year there were no employees. 10 Trustees served for the full year.

The Charity also benefits from the time given by unpaid volunteers in the furtherance of the Charity's activities and objectives.