

Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2022

The Trustees present their report along with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with our accounting policies and comply with the applicable law and the requirements of the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2011, and the trust deed. The Trustees have adopted a receipts and payments accounting method.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Zera Avraham Messianic Synagogue

Charity Registration Number: 1090972

Registered Office:

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Board of Trustees:

Sonia Preddie (Chair)
Julie Baird
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Constitution and Objects

Zera Avraham Trust was established by the use of a Constitution and Memoranda as set out in the Declaration of Trust which was formally signed by the future Trustees on 21 November 2001 and subsequently ratified by the Charity Commission. It was amended with our change of name by resolution of the Trustees dated 31 January 2009 and is a registered charity No. 1090972.

The principal objects of Zera Avraham are:

To advance the Messianic faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs which are set out in our charity's constitution in the London Borough of Croydon, County of Surrey and in other parts of the UK and World as the Trustees may see fit.

To relieve those in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve distress caused in the above localities and in in other parts of the UK and World as the Trustees may see fit.

To promote and fulfil other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the above localities and in in other parts of the UK and World as the Trustees may see fit.

Structure, governance, and management

Zera Avraham's governing document is its constitution set out in the Trust Deed, which is reviewed periodically. The Trustees of the charity normally meet officially three times a year and liaise frequently to review the operational and financial activities of the charity. At present all trustees are members of the synagogue.

External affiliations

Zera Avraham is affiliated to the UBMS who provide oversight and employ our Rabbi who we pay the UBMS to employ him. Zera Avraham pays monthly and yearly membership fees and both the Rabbi and Rebbetzin are members of the Executive. Rabbi Boaz is head of the UBMS Bet Din and the Rebbetzin is the administrator.

Achievement of objectives and review of activities

Zera Avraham's objectives for the benefit of the public are set in the charity's Trust Deed and have been summarised under the constitution and objects section.

The objectives are set to reflect its faith and community aims. Each year the Trustees review the objectives and activities of the charity to ensure they continue to reflect those aims. In carrying out this review the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. Zera Avraham seeks to promote Messianic Judaism in the spheres of public worship, religious, educational, social, cultural, and charitable activities.

Teaching

Zera Avraham's leadership team is well established with the Rabbi and Rebbetzin being founder members. They have benefitted from meeting and discussing with other leaders especially on the Bet Din where study and research has led to halakha being set out based on Torah principles. They both serve on the Executive of the UBMS and benefit from the exchange of ideas. The Leadership were able to meet and share with the wider UBMS community at the UBMS Annual Conference in August and the Leaders' conference, later in 2021. We have continued with the Gateway to Judaism course although it has had to be on-line due to the Pandemic and the fact that we entered this financial year without a permanent building. This has also meant that many of our

Shabbat services took place on Zoom. We were fortunate to be able to meet together socially outside in the summer and for our High Holy Days in a Community Hub where we rented a room. We have been meeting since December in a hired building on Shabbat.

Outreach in the Community

Much of our work is around the Zera Avraham community and the leadership is not just involved in teaching but in pastoral and charitable work supporting those in our synagogue community. It has been a difficult year for us as for the majority of the year we have had no weekly meeting place along with some social distancing restrictions. and as with many people around the world. Our community have embraced new technology and when we have been unable to meet in person have joined on Zoom. We have also had a number of enquiries to join our community on line and it was good to see many of them along with our usual members at our High Holy celebrations in the Autumn. As well as weekly Shabbat Services on Shabbat and our festival services we have held early morning prayers two mornings a week, a weekly evening prayer meeting and a bible study group. We have continued to develop our link with a congregation in South West Kenya who join us for the early morning and evening prayer meetings. The leaders have also completed our Gateway to Judaism course.

It has been sad that due to the pandemic and the loss of our building we have not been active with the schools and youth groups. Our community continue though to be active in working with the Messianic Community in South West Kenya. We have continued through donations from members in the community to support the orphans of the community through donations to provide a midday meal for them in school.

We have since the beginning of December 2021 begun renting a space in a hall adjacent to a religious building. Although this has not been ideal for us it has meant that we have been able to meet on Shabbat together in person once again. We also offer the service on Zoom for those members of the synagogue who are unable to meet with us due to distance.

Plans for the future.

We continue to look for a new home for our community, not easy in these times. The relationship with the congregation in Kenya we hope will continue online and possibly in the future with a visit there. We are beginning to make links with the community where we meet on Shabbat. Some members of Zera Avraham are involved with activities run in the hall during the week and we hope to invite the local community to meet with us in the future.

Financial review

The main source of income for the Charity are voluntary donations from the members of our synagogue. This has also included this year specific donations for the orphans in Kenya. We also were able to apply for Gift Aid for 2 past years which has helped to boost our building saving fund. Despite us losing some donors we have continued to be able to keep up our commitment to pay our Rabbi a day and a half a week and also offer to support to those in need.

Our biggest outgoings have been for the building which included a fuel bill and a bill for electric work from our last building and removal costs to storage facilities. Also included in this is our storage costs for our equipment from our old building. We may in the future need to move to a smaller unit to make sure we are able to pay for the unit and also cover the rent for the hall on Shabbat. The increase in travel costs included the hire of a van to take the Ark and Bema to conference so that others from the synagogue could be offered transport to the synagogue.

It is hoped we are able to support other projects in the future and while looking out for new premises we are thinking of ways to be involved in the local community wherever that may be.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31st March 2022 is set out in an attached document. It shows an operating surplus of £ 7,269 (mainly due to the gift aid donation) This compares with last year's surplus of £4,203

Reserves policy

The Charity should be held at £2,000 at any one point, if possible. The Charity has complied with the policy throughout the year. The Charity had no funds in deficit during the year.

The Charity currently makes no use of restricted funds

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks faced by Zera Avraham and confirm that systems are in place, or arrangements have been established, to manage risks that have been identified. Appropriate DBS checks, supported by appropriate safeguarding policies, are made for those who work with children or vulnerable groups within the synagogue.

Zera Avraham has been covered by Public Liability Insurance and appropriate Buildings and Contents insurance while in the building and while the synagogue items are in the storage facility we will be paying insurance for them.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1/2/2023 and signed on its behalf by

..... FJ Sabey Fiona Sabey (Treasurer)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/members of

ZERA AVRAHAM MESSIANIC TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1090972

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 30/01/2023

Name:

AMES BRISLEY ACCOUNTING LTD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Zera Avraham Messianic Synagogue

No (if any)
1090972**Receipts and payments accounts****CC16a**For the period
fromPeriod start date
1st April 2021

To

Period end date
31st March 2022**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Number 1 account	Number 2 account	Number 3 account	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Receipts					
Transfers from other accounts	240	-	-	240	500
Offerings	23,072	-	-	23,072	24,624
kenya	2,675	400	-	3,075	2,539
For building	-	-	2,196	2,196	3,264
Conference	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	1	1	1
Gateway	-	-	-	-	275
Gift Aid	-	-	7,704	7,704	-
Receipts (Income) total	25,987	400	9,901	36,288	31,203

Payments					
Building	7,015	1,080	-	8,095	6,144
UBMS	1,170	739	-	1,909	1,270
Synagogue Events	157	-	-	157	166
Stationary	22	-	-	22	22
Equipment	16	-	-	16	1,220
Ministry	14,943	225	-	15,168	14,305
Travel	467	-	-	467	735
Gifts Kenya	2,903	240	-	3,143	2,221
Hospitality	-	-	-	-	65
Sundries	-	-	-	-	374
Interest	28	15	-	43	58
Youth and Children	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer out Gift aid	-	-	-	-	500
Total Payments	26,720	2,298	-	29,018	27,080

f receipts/(payments)	- 733	- 1,898	9,901	7,269	
A6 Cash funds last year	9,404	3,936	3,871	17,211	
h funds this year end	8,671	2,038	13,772	24,480	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Number 1 to nearest £	Number 2 to nearest £	Saving Account to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Number 1	8,671	2,038	13,771
	Number 2		-	-
	Number 3		-	-
	Total cash funds	8,671	2,038	13,771
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	Agreement Error

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Torah Scroll and ornaments	1	-	-
	50 chairs	1	-	-
	Ark	1	-	-
	Pulpit	1	-	-
	Bema	1	-	-
	lap top and printer	1	-	-
	Menorah	1	-	-
	PA desk and audio system	1	-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

FJ Sabey