

Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees present their report along with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. 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 Trust

Charity Registration Number: 1090972

Registered Office:

Zera Avraham Messianic Synagogue
26 Dennis Close
Redhill
Surrey
RH1 2AX

Contact Address

Rabbi Boaz Sabey
26 Dennis Close
Redhill
Surrey
RH1 2AX

Board of Trustees:

Sonia Preddie (Chair)
Julie Baird
Fiona Sabey

Bank:

HSBC, 18 High Street, Reigate, Surrey. RH2 9AY (this branch has closed) Nearest branches are 107 High Street, Surrey, Banstead SM7 2NR or 66 Station Road East, Oxted RH8 0PJ

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 and safeguarding officer.

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 May and the Leaders' conference, later in 2022. Both the Rabbi and Rebbetzin have been involved in preparing and teaching units in the Rabbinic Interns training programme. We have been able to meet with those who are new to the congregation and discuss the Messianic Judaism 101 course

which gives a basic introduction into how Messianic Judaism is worked out in our synagogue and personal lives. We are hoping to begin the Gateway to Judaism course with a congregants who have been with us for a number of months in the next few months of the new financial year. We continue to meet in a hired building in Shabbat and this is going well. We have continued to build good relationships with those who own the building and meet on other days.

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. We have had a much more settled year as we have been able to meet in a rented building together each Shabbat. We still offer Zoom on Shabbat for those who are unable to reach the synagogue. As well as weekly Shabbat Services on Shabbat and our festival services we have held early morning prayers two mornings a week. It was also good to meet together as a community our festivals and we invited members of the local churches to meet with us at the celebration which ended the High Holidays Simchat Torah. We had about 20 visitors and all enjoyed the time and joined in and asked questions. We are planning with the local churches to lead a Passover celebration next month. We have continued to develop our link with a congregation in South West Kenya who join us for the early morning prayers.

Although we have not been as active with the schools and youth groups as when we have had our own building but the Rabbi and Rebbetzin have led a Jewish day in a local primary school which the year 3 students really enjoyed and learnt a lot through the Rabbi's words and handling the artefacts which we took in.

Our community has been active in working with the Messianic Community in South West Kenya. Members in the community have given donations to support the orphans of the Kenyan community to provide a midday meal for them in school. We also through some individual donations provide money for some medical expenses for one orphan and replacing bedding, mattresses and mosquito nets. As a community we all pulled together to provide building materials for a Widows new home.

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 have made links with the community where we meet on Shabbat and hope to build on the successful time at Simchat Torah with the Passover celebration. Some members of Zera Avraham are involved with activities run in the hall during the week and this has strengthen ties with the synagogue and the community.

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 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 other than for Kenya have been pay for the Rabbi, storage costs for our equipment and rental for the hall. We have moved to a smaller unit to reduce costs but this still proves a big expense in our budget. 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 deficit of £1,598. This compares with last year's surplus of £7,269 (mainly due to the gift aid refund) The Treasurer will again apply for Gift Aid refund for this year.

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.

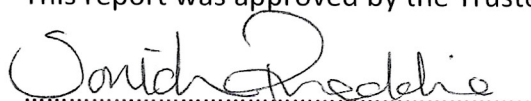
The Charity currently makes no use of restricted funds

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 ^{29/1/2024} and signed on its behalf by


Jonathan Freedman

FJ. Sobey - Treasurer

Zera Avraham Messianic Synagogue		No (if any) 1090972		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2022	To	Period end date 31st March 2023	

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	282			282	240
Offerings	21,067	80		21,147	23,072
Synagogue Events	1,103	66		1,169	3,075
For Kenya	3,252	300		3,552	2,196
income building			332	332	
Interest			53	53	1
				-	
Gift aid				-	7,704
Receipts (Income) total	25,704	446	385	26,536	36,288
Payments					
Building	7,471			7,471	8,095
UBMS	960	785		1,745	1,909
Synagogue Events	661	57		718	157
Stationary	22			22	22
Equipment				-	16
Ministry	13,615	230		13,845	15,168
Travel	103			103	467
Gifts Kenya	2,776	373		3,149	3,143
Hospitality				-	
Sundries	391	269		660	
Charges	74	61	3	138	43
Youth and Children				-	
Transfer out			282	282	
Total Payments	26,073	1,775	285	28,134	29,020
f receipts/(payments)	- 369	- 1,329	100	- 1,598	7,269
A6 Cash funds last year	8,671	2,038	13,771	24,480	17,211
h funds this year end	8,301	709	13,871	22,881	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	Bank Accounts	8,301	709	13,871
		8,301	709	13,871
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	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	-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Sarah Treddle

F. J. Sobey Treasurer.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/members of

Charity Name

ZERA AVRAHAM MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

2023

Charity no
(if any)

1090972

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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:

02/02/2024

Name:

AMES BRISLEY

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

Address:

29 COURT LODGE ROAD

HORLEY

SURREY RH6 8RT

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.