

## **Trustees Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

The Trustees present their report along with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. 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. The report has also followed guidance from the Charity Commission on completing this report

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

**Charity Name:** Zera Avraham Messianic Synagogue Trust

**Charity Registration Number:** 1090972

**Registered Office:**

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**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

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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 County of Surrey and in its adjoining counties of Kent and in the London Borough of Croydon 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. Any new Trustees are appointed by the Rabbi in partnership with the Trustees. At present they are recruited from among the congregation who are in good standing and have skills and experience which will help in the running of the charity.

## **External affiliations**

Zera Avraham is affiliated to the UBMS who provide oversight and also process the Rabbi's salary through Voluntary Norfolk. This means that ZA are sent a monthly salary invoice which includes Employer National Insurance and Employer pension contributions along with the salary. Zera Avraham pays monthly and yearly membership fees to the UBMS 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 for the UBMS.

## **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.

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## **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 2024. Both the Rabbi and Rebbetzin have been involved in preparing and teaching units in the Rabbinic Interns training programme run by the UBMS. 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 finished this year the Gateway to Judaism course begun in early 2024 and with great joy celebrated the immersion for conversion of two members of the Congregation. We continue to meet in a hired building on Shabbat and continue building 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 also have worked together with the congregation who meet in the church and continue to support them. With our own congregation 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 hold early morning prayers two mornings a week where not only members of our congregation can join in but also members of Beit Lechem in Kenya. We continue to meet as a community on Shabbats and Festivals.

This year the Rabbi and Rebbetzin were invited in again to lead a Jewish day in a local primary school which was greatly enjoyed by the students and staff and all learnt a little more about Judaism through the Rabbi's words and handling the artefacts which were taken in.

The Congregation has been supporting "The Hygiene Bank" in the Tandridge area again this year and also along with a Messianic synagogue in Norwich and people who attended the Annual UBMS conference were able to raise enough money for a Rain tank for the community in Kenya. We continued to provide a collecting box along with one for the local Food bank at the place where we meet and when full it is taken to the local representative.

Our community has been active in working with the Messianic Community in Southwest Kenya. Members in the community have continued to give donations to support the orphans of the Kenyan community to provide a midday meal for them in school. We also enabled some of the orphans to continue with their education into Senior school.

We continue to pray for the hostages in Israel, and we have looked at our security in the place where we meet along with the local police.

One of our congregation had the opportunity to take a trip to Israel with Birthright Israel and it was life changing for her to meet with other Jewish young people and share her personal faith journey with them. She has made many friends through the trip and they meet up regularly.

## **Plans for the future.**

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With events around the world, we are aware of the need for security and have good links with the local police who visit to check on us. 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 these have strengthened in this year with members of Zera Avraham being involved with activities run in the hall during the week and this has strengthen ties with the synagogue and the community. In our services members of the congregation are encouraged to be actively involved both men and women and in the year, ahead we are looking to develop this further with our younger generation, with leading worship and continuing with leading our liturgy.

### **Financial review**

The main source of income for the Charity are voluntary donations from the members of our synagogue. There are also some members who give 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 offer to support to those in need. Our income this year has fallen with some members leaving or circumstances changing.

Our biggest outgoings other than for Kenya continue to be the Rabbi's salary, storage costs for our equipment and rental for the hall. Last year moved to a smaller unit to reduce costs, but this still proves a big expense in our budget. Despite moving to a smaller unit costs have risen for storage and rent and we once again need to look again at the storage. It is hoped we can support other projects in the future.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 is set out in an attached document. It shows an operating deficit for the year of £2,398. This has mainly been through our storage unit and its continuing high cost as well as a lower income. This compares with last year's credit of £ 67. We did not apply for a Gift Aid Refund this year but will be applying for a Gift Aid refund again in the future.

### **Reserves policy**

The Charity reserves 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, reporting procedures and code of conduct are in place to protect children and vulnerable groups within the synagogue and those who support and work with them.

We also talk with the police on security and take all reasonable steps to keep our congregation safe.

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.

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Zera Avraham Messianic Synagogue		No (if any) 1090972	
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2024	To	Period end date 31st March 2025

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Number 1 account to the nearest £	Number 2 account to the nearest £	Number 3 account to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Transfers from other accounts	817	100		917	1,657
Offerings	22,214		483	22,697	24,950
Synagogue Events	1,151			1,151	2,357
For Kenya income building	1,911			1,911	2,448
Interest				-	
			285	285	243
Gift aid				-	
<b>Receipts (Income) total</b>	<b>26,093</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>26,961</b>	<b>31,655</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Building	9,466			9,466	8,347
UBMS	1,658			1,658	1,010
Synagogue Events	818	100		918	1,406
Stationary	64			64	58
Equipment	279			279	856
Ministry - Rabbi	13,258			13,258	13,734
Travel	338			338	398
Gifts Kenya	1,628			1,628	2,831
Hospitality	46			46	
Sundries				-	
Ministry	652			652	
Youth and Children				-	
Charges	101	35		136	
Transfers	100		817	917	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>28,407</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>29,359</b>	<b>28,640</b>
<b>Receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,314</b>	<b>- 35</b>	<b>- 49</b>	<b>- 2,398</b>	<b>7,269</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year</b>	<b>7,790</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>15,001</b>	<b>22,949</b>	<b>17,211</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,476</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>14,951</b>	<b>20,551</b>	<b>24,480</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	5,476	124	14,951
		5,476	124	14,951
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	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	-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

F.J. Sobey





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the  
trustees/members of

ZERA AVRAHAM MESSIANIC TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

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:

30/01/2026

Name:

AMES BRISLEY ACCOUNTING

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

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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.



This report was approved by the Trustees on 19/01/26 and signed on its behalf by

SONIA PREDDIE *Sonia Preddie* role.....chairperson.....

Fiona Sebey ..... And .....Treasurer + Trustee.....

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