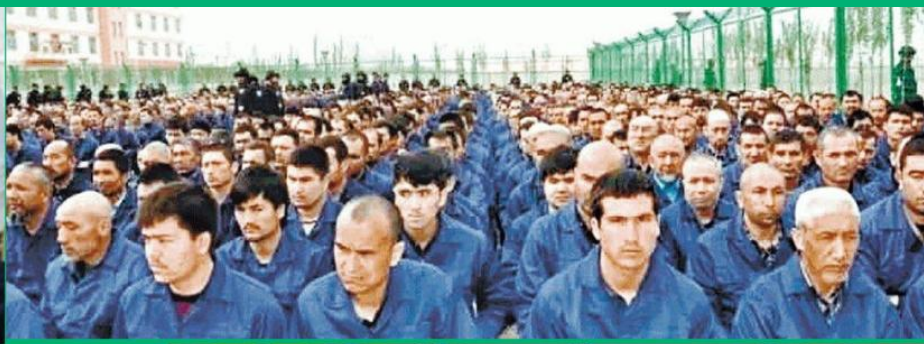


rené cassin

the jewish voice for human rights

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF Human Rights



Human Rights Act 1998
CHAPTER 42

"THE ONE WHO DOES NOT REMEMBER
HISTORY IS BOUND TO LIVE THROUGH IT
AGAIN"

GEORGE SANTAYANA



WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Reader

Human rights, the rule of law, and democracy were the three pillars on which Western liberalism was rebuilt after the horrors and destruction of the Second World War. For the latter, 2024 was a significant year, with general elections at home and in the United States.

In the first half of the year, we spoke up loudly for both human rights and the rule of law. We published an interactive 'family tree' showing the development of the current human rights framework, showing how it developed as a response to the horrors of the Holocaust and how it was largely based on the work of Jewish lawyers. This was no academic exercise. It formed the foundations of our defence of current human rights provisions in the UK. It is here that 'the rubber really hits the road' – the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act provide essential safeguards for all of us.

The UN Refugee Convention was also part of the post-war architecture of international law, and we were dismayed to see the UK's blatant disregard of its obligations in its stubborn insistence in pressing on with its (ultimately doomed) policy of sending asylum-seekers to Rwanda.

The result of the July general election required a considerable shift of focus, for which we had prepared. Judging the European Convention and Human Rights Act is now safe, we pivoted towards actively promoting human rights, rather than simply defending them. We sought to broaden human rights by advocating for a wider acceptance of 'everyday' rights to food, housing and health; and we sought to deepen them by providing hands-on training on how the Human Rights Act can be used in practice.

As the year ended, the other big election of the year was not such good news for human rights. President Trump, it emerges, is intent on ripping up the post-war consensus and is contemptuous of all three of its founding pillars.

It seems certain that human rights face a prolonged and difficult few years. With that in mind, I feel it is a good time to welcome new leadership. After a decade in the role, I am handing over the chair of René Cassin to Jonathan Metzger. Jonathan will bring an exciting mix of experience, focus, commitment and energy to the role.

I have never been more convinced of the importance of our work advocating for timeless human rights principles both within and beyond the Jewish community. I leave confident that René Cassin's future will be bright, despite the current challenges.

Danny Silverstone

Chair of Board of Trustees

OUR YEAR WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

January – our special screening of *In Search of My Sister*, a powerful documentary about Uyghur Rushan Abbas's search for her sister in China's gulag, included a Q&A with Rushan herself

February – in our *International Law Series*, we hosted eminent Professor Yuval Shany on the application of human rights law in armed conflicts

March – we published our 'family tree', showing the development of international human rights law and the influence of Jewish lawyers

April – our Pesach campaign highlighted the urgent need for safe routes to the UK for those fleeing persecution

May – on World Hunger Day, we published our *Recipe for Rights* resource, calling for a Right to Food

June – we marked Refugee Week with a series of actions comparing the Jewish experience of the Kindertransport with that of refugees seeking safety today

July – our experts' event analysed the implications of the International Criminal Court Prosecutor's application for arrest warrants for members of Hamas and the Israeli government

August – we issued a statement of solidarity with refugees as asylum-seekers were targeted in a series of violent riots

September – we launched our new podcast series with an examination of the issue of Uyghur forced labour

October – we held an experts' event to examine the potential alternatives to immigration detention in the UK

November – we launched our project to embed the Human Rights Act by providing practical training and advice to Jewish communal organisations

December – for 'Human Rights Shabbat', we published a detailed campaigners' guide to 'everyday' Socio-Economic Rights

Why 'René Cassin'?

We are proud to take our name from Nobel Laureate and French-Jewish Jurist Monsieur René Cassin, who was one of the principal drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and served as President of the European Court of Human Rights.

He was a lifelong advocate of international human rights protection and understood that, because of the Holocaust, it was vital that there was a strong and clear Jewish voice for human rights.

"...there is no task of safeguarding human rights more urgent than that of foreseeing such outrages and preventing them."

Monsieur René Cassin, Nobel Lecture, 11 December 1968

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is of a world where:

- **everyone fully enjoys all their human rights** as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- **members of the Jewish community are actively engaged** in promoting and protecting these rights, both within the community and in concert with stakeholders outside of the community

Our **mission** is to promote and protect the universal rights of all people, drawing on Jewish experiences and values.

We will:

- **remake a compelling case** for human rights values
- **campaign for change** in defined human rights areas through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education
- **lead and grow** a group of committed Jewish human rights advocates
- **maximise our capacity** to work effectively

Our **values** underpin all the work we do:

- **Solidarity** – human rights belong to us all, so we stand for the rights of everyone, everywhere.
- **Judaism** – we are inspired by Jewish values and experience.
- **Collaboration** – our work is not isolated, but intertwined with the efforts of others, so we nurture and mobilise relationships.
- **Empowerment** – we turn today's Jewish activists into tomorrow's leaders.

Legacy

We are determined to create a legacy worthy of our namesake Monsieur René Cassin

OUR WORK

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights, ' René Cassin works:

- within the Jewish community – building support for human rights values amongst British Jews
- in the wider community – bringing a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

We work via advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education, focusing on key issues that strongly resonate with Jewish experience.

Protecting human rights in the UK

We extended our 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a response to the Holocaust' framing to the Declaration's successor instruments, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act. We encouraged non-Jewish rights advocates to use this framing (something they might otherwise be wary of doing) and received incredibly positive feedback.

"In being the Jewish voice for human rights, you led the way in being forthright about this [framing human rights as a response to the Holocaust]. Nobody else could have done that, but René Cassin, as always, didn't do the minimum, but went above and beyond, helping partners along."

Save the Human Rights Act Coalition

The significance of this unique framing is key to our role and impact within the wider human rights space. It provides the 'missing piece of the puzzle' whenever the case for human rights principles is made in the UK, as it provides the historical significance and lineage of their articulation.

We developed the '[ECHR Family Tree](#)', illustrating the development of international human rights law and the key role played by Jewish lawyers.

As the focus of the threat to UK human rights shifted from the Human Rights Act to the European Convention on Human Rights, our 'Stay Signed In' campaign highlighted the Convention's benefits and the negative implications of withdrawal.

As the Government sought to legislate to send asylum-seekers to Rwanda in Spring 2024, the European Convention came under severe pressure because of the safeguards it provides. In May, we circulated a briefing to Parliamentarians outlining the [Jewish case for the Convention](#).

An important shift in our work happened as a response to the July general election and the establishment of a new Labour government, as a result of which the need to defend the Human Rights Act became obsolete and we were able to shift our focus on strengthening the Jewish community's use and understanding of the UK's human rights framework. In November 2024 we launched our 'embedding human rights in practice project' with

tailored training for [Jewish Women's Aid's caseworkers](#) on how they could use the Human Rights Act to benefit their clients.

Asylum and refugees

We have brought a unique and powerful Jewish perspective to ongoing debates on asylum policy in the UK, not least in our role on the steering committee of [The Detention Forum](#), the umbrella organisation of civil society groups working on this issue.

We briefed Parliamentarians on our misgivings about the Safety of Rwanda Bill in [February](#) and [April](#) and [wrote to the Lord Chancellor](#) pointing out that the Bill contravened the rule of law.

At Pesach in April, we highlighted the need for safe routes for refugees to the UK – via [a briefing](#) and [a Seder resource](#), and encouraged our supporters to [write to their MP](#).

We marked Refugee Week (17-23 June 2024) with a [statement](#), a briefing on [alternatives to immigration detention](#), and a 'then and now' event ([Safe Routes to Home](#)) comparing the Jewish experience of the Kindertransport with that of refugees seeking safety today.

We [expressed our deep concern](#) at the outbreak of anti-immigrant violence that accompanied riots in Southport and elsewhere in August.

In October 2024 we hosted '[Alternatives to Immigration Detention event](#)' with Rainbow Migration and the Detention Forum.

In November and December 2024, the theme for our work to mark '[16 Days of Activism](#) against Violence against Women and Girls' was marginalised women including asylum-seeking women in immigration detention.

In December 2024 we marked the 85th anniversary of the Kindertransport with an article in Metro newspaper [This man saved my mother's life – then mine too](#) by our chair Danny Silverstone, employing our 'then and now' framing of comparing the plight of current asylum-seekers with that of Jews fleeing persecution in the past.

Our participation in sector spaces provides a unique context and framing when advocating for a more humane and just asylum system.

For the Jewish community, we continued to provide valuable access to information, awareness raising and learning on the UK's current immigration frameworks on immigration detention and securing safe routes, while bringing a powerful historical reference.

"Wanted to say how much I enjoyed the immigration talk about safe routes, incredible guest speakers!"

Georgina

Right to food and socio-economic rights

We joined the Barnet Council Food Partnership, to guide Barnet into becoming a 'Right to Food Borough.'

We highlighted the right to food in [our asks of candidates](#) in the April 2024 local elections, and our lobbying saw [a right to food gain significant support](#) at both UJS and NUS conferences.

We marked World Hunger Day (28 May 2024) and Shavuot (11-13 June) by producing and circulating a [‘recipe for rights’ resource](#) for Rabbis.

To mark this year’s Human Rights Shabbat and International Human Rights Day, we produced [Let’s Make the Case for Socio-Economic Rights](#), which provided information on ‘everyday’ rights and encouraged the Jewish community to advocate for them.

René Cassin continued to add value in telling the unique ‘human rights story,’ which was recognised and celebrated in the invitation to join the UK ESCR Network Steering Group alongside leading sector organisations working on socio-economic rights.

“You have a really wonderful team at René Cassin, doing standard-setting work.”

Helen Flynn, Just Fair

Genocide and international humanitarian law

On the day after Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2024, we hosted a special screening and of [In Search of My Sister](#), a documentary of Uyghur activist Rushan Abbas’s search for her sister who had disappeared into China’s network of internment camps, with Rushan joining us in person for the Q&A.

In April, [we launched a campaign](#) to highlight the topical and timely issue of the use of Uyghur forced labour in providing raw materials for the global solar panel industry. As part of the campaign, we hosted two events highlighting different aspects of the persecution of Uyghurs: [The UK’s ‘green’ solar energy: Tackling Uyghur forced labour](#) and [Weaponisation of Faith Against Uyghur Women](#) and published a [briefing](#).

We also continued to present a unique Jewish voice and allyship with Uyghurs around the world and took part in the World Uyghur Congress General Assembly in Sarajevo as a guest speaker and international observer.

In September we launched the [René Cassin Podcast Series](#) with an episode on Uyghur forced labour.

“We very much appreciate everything that René Cassin is doing for Uyghurs, and human rights more broadly. Your solidarity is deeply meaningful, and your voice in the UK landscape is so valuable.”

Uyghur Human Rights Project

As a Jewish human rights organisation – that builds on the narrative that the modern human rights framework was developed in response to the Holocaust – we have been mindful of our role since 7 October 2023 to help our supporters understand the complex international legal framework that applies to the events of the 7th and those since. In February 2024 we launched our International Law Series aimed at providing excellent legal analysis on recent developments from an international humanitarian and human rights law perspective, the dilemmas that arise from them and the legal implications:

- [*The Application of Human Rights Law in International Armed Conflicts*](#) (21 February 2024) with Professor Yuval Shany
- [*Israel-Gaza: ICC Prosecutor's application for arrest warrants*](#) (29 July 2024) with Professor Noam Lubell and Dr Maria Varaki

"A superb webinar, which was very helpful in clarifying complex issues."

Attendee at ICC event, July 2024

Education and empowerment

Members of the [2024 cohort of our Ambassadors' Programme](#) completed personal projects including:

- a human rights board game targeted at young people
- a moving 'then and now' reflection on the difficulties faced by today's asylum-seekers compared with Jewish refugees in the 1940s
- an assembly at their school on the Uyghur forced labour in UK supply chains
- an action plan for summer camp on asylum seekers' workers' rights
- an overview of the experiences of victims of slavery and trauma

Our [Leadership Through Challenge](#) workshop in November 2024 saw [Simon Johnson](#) give alumni of past René Cassin programmes a crash course in crisis management.

We also furthered our relationship with Jewish youth movements, the Union of Jewish Students and Moishe Houses resulting in more consistent and regular collaboration and better exposure for René Cassin of our work and human rights agenda.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

René Cassin relies on its supporters for the funds to carry on its vital work.

Please help ensure our voice is heard loudly and clearly by supporting us:

- **Make a donation** – you can make a one-off gift through our website at www.renecassin.org/donate
- Better still, **become a 'Friend of René Cassin'** by making a monthly donation (via the 'I'd like to give regularly' option) www.renecassin.org/donate
- Become an **Individual Patron** or **Corporate Supporter** – email the office for further details info@renecassin.org
- **Get involved in our campaigns** – visit our website for more details
- **Attend our events** – www.renecassin.org/events
- **Volunteer with us** – email info@renecassin.org
- **Sign up for our newsletter** at www.renecassin.org
- **Follow us** on Twitter twitter.com/Rene_Cassin and Instagram www.instagram.com/rene.cassin/ and **like us** on Facebook www.facebook.com/renecassin
- **Tell your friends, family and colleagues about our work**

"Your work is more important than ever in these troubled times. So I consider it a privilege to be one of your supporters."

Monica

FINANCE

Revenue and Support 2024

Donations & legacies	xxx,xxx
Charitable activities	x,xxx
Investment income	xxx
Total revenue and support	XXX,XXX

Expenditure 2024

Charitable activities	xxx,xxx
Costs of raising voluntary income	x,xxxx
Total expenditure	XXX,XXX

Many thanks to our supporters

Anglo Jewish Association
 Bluston Charitable Settlement
 Harbour Foundation
 Humanitarian Trust
 Judith Trust
 SC & ME Morlands Charitable Trust
 Pears Foundation
 Sigrid Rausing Trust
 Sybil Shine Memorial Trust
 Shores Charitable Trust

And to our individual **Patrons** (who give £1,000 or more annually) and **Friends** (who make regular donations)

OUR PEOPLE

Our Staff

Mia Hasenson-Gross	Executive Director
Lucja Jastrzebska	Campaigns & Communications Officer
Jonathan Chern	Advocacy Officer
Rachel Vogler	Campaigns Officer
Debora Singer	Human Rights Act Campaign Lead (volunteer)
Libi Sears	Community Engagement Officer
Sam Watson	Development Manager

Our Trustees

Daniel Silverstone	Chair
Jeff Highfield	Treasurer
Nicholas Aleksander	(from 11 March 2024)
Josh Cass	(from 11 March 2024)
Justin Abbott Chalew	(to 11 March 2024)
Lauren Keiles	(to 11 March 2024)
Danielle Mason	
Jonathan Metzer	
Abigail Morris	
Sheldon Stone	(from 11 March 2024)
Rachel Zaltzman	(to 11 March 2024)

Honorary Ambassadors

Dr Annette Lawson OBE
Elliot Levey

Our Advisory Council

Sylvie Bacquet	Dr. Kishan Manocha
Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE	Rabbi David Mason
Rabbi Dr. Naftali Brawer	Vicki Prais
Professor Geraldine van Bueren KC	Rabbi Danny Rich
Caroline Cassin	Rabbi David Rosen CBE
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Professor Francesca Klug OBE	
Professor Noam Lubell	

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

René Cassin is a UK charity registered on 5 January 2007 (number 1117472 as CCJO ReneCassin) and governed by a constitution amended 9 September 2013.

The charity is governed by the board of trustees listed on the previous page. Our constitution stipulates that there must be a minimum of three trustees at any time. There is no maximum limit to the number of trustees.

René Cassin complies with all applicable UK law in recruiting and selecting new trustees to join its board. Trustees are normally elected by the members (who are the current trustees) of René Cassin at a general meeting. Trustees are appointed based on specific skills, experience and knowledge that will enable them to contribute to the management of the charity. These skills, experience and knowledge are first identified in the annual skills audit. When there is a specific gap identified, or a trustee with specific skills, experience and knowledge is approaching retirement, then a posting seeking to recruit a new trustee will be placed on a variety of independent voluntary sector websites, print or online publications. During the recruitment and selection process, René Cassin will ensure that prospective new trustees are eligible to act, do not have any conflicts of interest, and understand their responsibilities and René Cassin's work. In particular, René Cassin pays heed to Charity Commission Guidance CC3: *The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know, What You Need to Do*.

René Cassin's board meets every two months to oversee the work of the charity, which the board delegates to its small staff team. All policies, such as risk register and safeguarding, are reviewed regularly and are up to date.

The Jewish
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human rights

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Registered charity number: **1117472**

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Website **www.renecassin.org**

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2024
for
CCJO RENE CASSIN**

Melinek Fine LLP
Chartered Accountants
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CCJO RENE CASSIN

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have fulfilled their duty under the Charities Act 2011 by giving due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

In 2024, René Cassin focused on key human rights issues including the treatment of Uyghur Muslims, refugee protection, and the preservation of the Human Rights Act. The charity ran advocacy campaigns, engaged with policymakers, and raised awareness within both the Jewish and wider communities.

Education and community engagement work included calls to action, expansion of their Human Rights Ambassadors Programme and public engagement through events, school and university outreach, and resource packs like the Human Rights Shabbat guide

Further details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, the charity received total income of £184,173, an increase from £163,005 in the previous year. The majority of this income, £183,631, came from donations and grants provided by charitable foundations, with an additional £542 generated from interest income.

Total expenditure for the year was £169,623, slightly lower than the £170,443 spent in 2023. Most of this expenditure, £168,777, supported the charity's core charitable activities.

This resulted in a net surplus of £14,550 for the year, compared to a deficit of £7,438 in the previous year. At the end of the year, the charity held total unrestricted funds of £53,762. This reflects an improved financial position and provides a stable base to support future activities.

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal sources of income are grants awarded by charitable foundations, which provide essential support for delivering its programmes and achieving its objectives.

CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

Principal address

First Floor Winston House
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Trustees

D Silverstone (resigned 2.12.24)
R Zaltzman (resigned 11.3.24)
S F A Morris (resigned 28.5.25)
J Highfield
J Metzer Chair
D Mason
N Aleksander (appointed 11.3.24)
J Cass (appointed 11.3.24)
S Stone (appointed 11.3.24)

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

JCS Metzger
J Metzger - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
CCJO Rene Cassin**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mr Daniel Fine, FCA

Melinek Fine LLP
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6 August 2025

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	168,648	14,983	183,631	159,879
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	-	-	3,000
Investment income	3	542	-	542	126
Total		<u>169,190</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>184,173</u>	<u>163,005</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		846	-	846	6,684
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>153,794</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>168,777</u>	<u>163,759</u>
Total		<u>154,640</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>169,623</u>	<u>170,443</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		14,550	-	14,550	(7,438)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,212	-	39,212	46,650
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>53,762</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>53,762</u></u>	<u><u>39,212</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Balance Sheet
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		55,304	-	55,304	41,184
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,542)	-	(1,542)	(1,972)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

30 July 2025

JCS Metzer

J Metzer - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations	182,994	159,227
Gift aid	637	652
	<u>183,631</u>	<u>159,879</u>

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	542	126

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Employees	3	3
Volunteers	2	2
	5	5

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	140,879	19,000	159,879
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	3,000	3,000
Investment income	126	-	126
Total	141,005	22,000	163,005
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	6,684	-	6,684
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	141,759	22,000	163,759
Total	148,443	22,000	170,443
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(7,438)	-	(7,438)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	46,650	-	46,650

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	522	953
Other creditors	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,019</u>
	<u>1,542</u>	<u>1,972</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,212	14,550	53,762
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,212</u>	<u>14,550</u>	<u>53,762</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	169,190	(154,640)	14,550
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	14,983	(14,983)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>184,173</u>	<u>(169,623)</u>	<u>14,550</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,650	(7,438)	39,212
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,650</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>39,212</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,005	(148,443)	(7,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	(22,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2024
for
CCJO RENE CASSIN**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have fulfilled their duty under the Charities Act 2011 by giving due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

In 2024, René Cassin focused on key human rights issues including the treatment of Uyghur Muslims, refugee protection, and the preservation of the Human Rights Act. The charity ran advocacy campaigns, engaged with policymakers, and raised awareness within both the Jewish and wider communities.

Education and community engagement work included calls to action, expansion of their Human Rights Ambassadors Programme and public engagement through events, school and university outreach, and resource packs like the Human Rights Shabbat guide

Further details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, the charity received total income of £184,173, an increase from £163,005 in the previous year. The majority of this income, £183,631, came from donations and grants provided by charitable foundations, with an additional £542 generated from interest income.

Total expenditure for the year was £169,623, slightly lower than the £170,443 spent in 2023. Most of this expenditure, £168,777, supported the charity's core charitable activities.

This resulted in a net surplus of £14,550 for the year, compared to a deficit of £7,438 in the previous year. At the end of the year, the charity held total unrestricted funds of £53,762. This reflects an improved financial position and provides a stable base to support future activities.

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal sources of income are grants awarded by charitable foundations, which provide essential support for delivering its programmes and achieving its objectives.

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Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

Principal address

First Floor Winston House
349 Regents Park Road
London
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Trustees

D Silverstone (resigned 2.12.24)
R Zaltzman (resigned 11.3.24)
S F A Morris (resigned 28.5.25)
J Highfield
J Metzer Chair
D Mason
N Aleksander (appointed 11.3.24)
J Cass (appointed 11.3.24)
S Stone (appointed 11.3.24)

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
Melinek Fine LLP
Chartered Accountants
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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

JCS Metzger
J Metzger - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
CCJO Rene Cassin**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mr Daniel Fine, FCA

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6 August 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	168,648	14,983	183,631	159,879
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	-	-	3,000
Investment income	3	542	-	542	126
Total		<u>169,190</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>184,173</u>	<u>163,005</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		846	-	846	6,684
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>153,794</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>168,777</u>	<u>163,759</u>
Total		<u>154,640</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>169,623</u>	<u>170,443</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		14,550	-	14,550	(7,438)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,212	-	39,212	46,650
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>53,762</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>53,762</u></u>	<u><u>39,212</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Balance Sheet
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		55,304	-	55,304	41,184
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,542)	-	(1,542)	(1,972)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

30 July 2025

JCS Metzer

J Metzer - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
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4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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EXPENDITURE ON			
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(7,438)	-	(7,438)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	46,650	-	46,650

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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Restricted funds			
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Comparatives for movement in funds

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,005	(148,443)	(7,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	(22,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.