



Romford & District Affiliated Synagogue  
25 East Road  
Romford  
Essex RM1 3NH

ROMFORD AND DISTRICT SYNAGOGUE TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2020



## Romford and District Synagogue

### Trustees Report

January 2020 – December 2020

This year has been so different from any other year due to the coronavirus epidemic and the fact that the schul has been closed for almost 10 months which is reflected in the financial figures

#### Aim & Purpose

Romford & District Synagogue has the responsibility of cooperating with the Chief Rabbi's Office in promoting the advancement of Judaism in accordance with the statements of belief, Sabbath services and social events.

The Synagogue is also specifically responsible for its members and their wellbeing.

#### Objectives and Activities

The Synagogue is committed to enabling as many people as possible to come and pray on Friday night and Saturday morning for the Sabbath services.

At the same time during the course of the year there are other religious festivals and it is the Trustees and Board members responsibility to advise members of the Synagogue when these festivals occur and at what time.

All festivals are religious and held on Synagogue premises.

The Synagogue maintains an overview of prayer throughout its community and the Reverend is committed to making the services more understandable to the community.

The services held at the Synagogue assist in putting faith into practice through the prayers and sermons.

When planning the activities for the year, the Board and Trustees consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the community through:

Attendance to Synagogue on the Sabbath, high holidays and festivals  
Community Support from members  
Accepting invitations to attend specialty hosted evenings such as talks from prominent figures

#### Achievements and performance

The Synagogue is keen to offer a range of services during the year for the community which they find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.



For example we have held a number of Friday night dinners, Saturday luncheons (after the Saturday service) hosted by the Rabbi. Every year the Synagogue hosts

a Passover (Seder night) which tells the story of the exodus of the Jewish People out of the land of Egypt.

All are welcome to attend our services on the Friday evenings and Saturday services and the year round festivals. The Synagogue's Rabbi and his wife also encourage the community to join them at festival luncheons and dinner. We encourage whole families to join us for our high holidays and Sabbath services.

At present the Synagogue has just over 310 members. These include transfers from Barking and Becontree Synagogue and Harold Hill.

We would like to continue and to improve on school education visits to our Synagogue. These visits are always requested by the schools concerned within the Romford areas.

More use has been made of the Synagogue premises during the year with certain functions being held.

We are grateful to the members of the community who have shown interest in volunteering to assist the Board of Management.

### The Synagogue Complex

The Synagogue complex is used for many weekend activities such as: Quiz nights on a Sunday night Bagel Luncheons together with a talk from prominent community Members on such matters as making a Will, Children's birthday parties, etc. The hall has been used to host Bar-Mitzvah luncheons and Bat-Mitzvah functions. AGM's and general meetings are also held in the Synagogue.

### Charity Work

The Synagogue has various committees e.g. Havering Jewish Ladies who host various events to raise money for the Synagogue and to donate to other charities.

### Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £80,840, of which £68,289 was membership and FES., Charitable donations and the Kol Nidre apportionment were £8,263 Gift Aid contributions were £3,940. Interest received was £348

We have made £71,723 worth of payments, of which £6,600.00 is for our regular Rabbi. £142 for Security costs and £7,026 for light heat and water but just to name a few. Our Annual financial statement is attached hereto.

### Volunteers



The Board and Trustees of the Synagogue would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Synagogue the lively and vibrant community it is.

### Administrative Information

Romford & District Synagogue is located in Romford, Essex. Romford Synagogue is affiliated to the United Synagogue. The correspondence address is 25 Eastern Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3NH.

The Synagogue members who have served from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Mr H Dyer	Chairman
Mrs E Lexton	Vice-Chairman
Mr L Wernick	President
Mr D Gillon	Warden
Mr G Smith	Warden
Mr H. Lexton	Warden
Mr M Isaacs	Treasurer
Mrs F Gilbert	Charity Coordinator
Ms S Levy	Legal Advisor
Mrs E Lexton	Welfare Officer
Mrs J Fingleson	Havering Ladies Committee
Mr J Rose	Hon Secretary

Approved by the Trustees of Romford and District Affiliated Synagogue

Mr H Dyer  
Chairman

Date: 9/7/21

Mr J Rose  
Secretary

Date: 9/7/21





Romford & District Synagogue		No 1121253		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01 January 2020	To	31 December 2020	

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership and FES	68,289	-	-	68,289	70,280
Offerings including KNA	8,263	-	-	8,263	14,357
Bank Deposit and other interest	348	-	-	348	427
Membership transfer Harold Hill		-	-	-	
Gift Aid Claim	3,940			3,940	4,956
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>80,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,840</b>	<b>90,020</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>80,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,840</b>	<b>90,020</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Minister	6,690	-	-	6,690	6,690
FES and per capita payover	31,715	-	-	31,715	32,360
Insurance	381	-	-	381	364
Light, heat and water	7,026	-	-	7,026	4,339
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	5,498	-	-	5,498	2,386
Advertising and announcements	435	-	-	435	578
Professional fees	600	-	-	600	
Security costs	142	-	-	142	3,012
Motor expenses	1,435			1,435	2,647
Repairs renewals and renovations	8,669	-	-	8,669	10,212
Cleaning and attendance	7,527	-	-	7,527	9,282
Catering, festivals and functions	1,125	-	-	1,125	10,013
Bank charges		-	-	-	
Donations and gifts	480	-	-	480	1,250
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>71,723</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,723</b>	<b>83,133</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>					
		-	-	-	1,450
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>71,723</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,723</b>	<b>84,583</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,117</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,117</b>	<b>5,437</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>124,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,156</b>	<b>118,719</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>133,273</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,273</b>	<b>124,156</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank current account	750	-	-
	Bank deposit account	132,523	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	133,273	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Membership fees due		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Corporate charities bond	Unrestricted	-	
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equipment, fixtures & fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
	Sefeh Torah	Unrestricted	-	-
	Ornamentals	Unrestricted	-	-
	Piano	Unrestricted	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	United Synagogue	Unrestricted	-	
	PAYE	Unrestricted	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		HARVEY DWYER	9/7/21	
		JACK R ROSE	9/7/21	



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Romford & District Synagogue

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1121253

**Set out on pages**

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**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

15/7/21

**Name:**

Howard Walters

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

FCCA

**Address:**

11 Rosedene Gardens, Ilford, Essex IG2 6YE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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