



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

ROMFORD AND DISTRICT SYNAGOGUE TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2023



## Romford and District Synagogue

### Trustees Report

January 2023– December 2023

#### 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 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 Rebbi 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 benefits 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 Friday evenings and Saturday services and the year-round festivals. The Synagogue's Rabbi also encourages the community to join him at festival luncheons and dinner. We encourage whole families to join us for our high holidays and Sabbath services.

At present the Synagogue has 274 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, 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 £77,578 of which £72,580 was membership and FES., Charitable donations and the Kol Nidre apportionment were £3,699 Gift Aid contributions were £2,484 Interest received was £815

We have made £124,703 worth of payments, of which £6,600 for our regular Rabbi. £3,462 for Security costs and £10,347 for light heat and water, and £13,000 for a safer Torah 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Harvey Dryer	Chair
Emma Lexton	Vice Chair
Jack Rose	Secretary
Malcolm Isaacs	Treasurer / Trustee
Fiona Rumack	Charity Co-Ordinator / Trustee
Michael Levy	Trustee
David Rumack	Security
David Gillon	Warden
Harvey Lexton	Warden
Michael Levy	Trustee
Rabbi Lee Sunderland	Rabbi
Annette Bourne	Board Member
Stuart Bourne	Board Member
Sara Mandel	Board Member
Debra Mandel	Board Member
Barbara Jaffe	Board Member
Max Jaffe	Board Member
Corinne Simmons	Board Member
Colin Ormsby	Board Member
Kay Alexander	Board Member
Maureen Sharpstone	Board Member
Barry Sharpstone	Board Member
Geoff Smith	Warden
Mrs Corinne Simmons	Member of the Board
Mr Colin Ormsby	Member of the Board
Mrs Maureen Sharpstone	Member of the Board
Mr Barry Sharpstone	Member of the Board
Ms Debra Mandel	Member of the Board
Ms Sara Mandel	Member of the Board
Mrs Susan Ellis	Member of the Board
Mrs Barbara Jaffe	Member of the Board
Mr Sam Isaacs	Member of the Board

Approved by the Trustees of Romford and District Affiliated Synagogue

  
Mrs F. Rumack  
Date: 21/03/2024

  
Mr M. Levy  
Date: 24. 03. 24

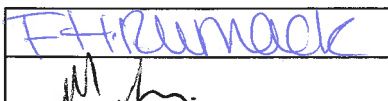
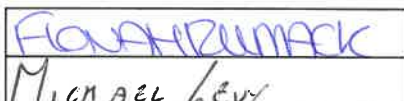
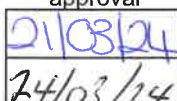


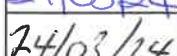


Romford & District Synagogue		No 1121253		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st January 2023	To	31st December 2023	

## 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	70,580	-	-	70,580	67,154
Offerings including KNA	3,699	-	-	3,699	3,928
Bank Deposit and other interest	815	-	-	815	216
Gift Aid Claim	2,484	-	-	2,484	3,319
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>77,578</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,578</b>	<b>74,617</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>77,578</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,578</b>	<b>74,617</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Minister	6,690	-	-	6,690	6,870
FES and per capita payover	31,605	-	-	31,605	30,490
Insurance	482	-	-	482	459
Light, heat and water	10,347	-	-	10,347	8,197
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	4,754	-	-	4,754	2,190
Advertising and announcements	315	-	-	315	390
Professional fees		-	-	-	
Security costs	3,462	-	-	3,462	3,322
Motor expenses	698	-	-	698	1,359
Repairs renewals and renovations	49,931	-	-	49,931	10,816
Cleaning and attendance	10,832	-	-	10,832	9,148
Catering, festivals and functions	5,467	-	-	5,467	6,854
Bank charges		-	-	-	
Donations and gifts	120	-	-	120	350
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>124,703</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,703</b>	<b>80,445</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>					
		-	-	-	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>124,703</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,703</b>	<b>80,445</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 47,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 47,125</b>	<b>5,828</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>126,769</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,769</b>	<b>132,597</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>79,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,644</b>	<b>126,769</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	78,894	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>79,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	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
				
				



# 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 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1121253

Set out on pages

7 to 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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:

24/3/24

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.**