



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 2024**



## Romford and District Synagogue

### Trustees Report

January 2024– December 2024

#### 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 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.

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. We encourage whole families to join us for our high holidays and Sabbath services.

At present the Synagogue has 265 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 a couple of committees such as Havering Jewish Ladies and the Fundraising Committee who host various events to raise money for the Synagogue and to donate to other charities.

### Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £81,559 of which £74,100 was membership and FES., Charitable donations and the Kol Nidre apportionment were £4,600 Gift Aid contributions were £2,002. The interest received was £857

We have made £80,294 worth of payments, of which £7,625 for minister duties. £3,268 for Security costs and £9,894 for light heat and water, 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.

It is with sadness that during the year we lost our dear Rabbi Lee Sunderland in May. May his memory be a blessing to all those that knew him.

The Synagogue is currently putting in place recruitment of a new Rabbi but we thank David Shaw ("Dov") for his help during this difficult time.



## Administrative Information


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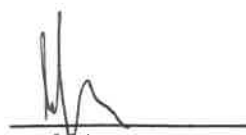
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The Synagogue members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

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
Geoff Smith	Warden
Harvey Lexton	Warden
Michael Levy	Trustee
Rabbi Lee Sunderland	Rabbi (1 <sup>st</sup> January to 27 May 2024)
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
Mrs Susan Ellis	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: 09/03/2025

  
Mr M. Levy  
Date: 10.03.2025

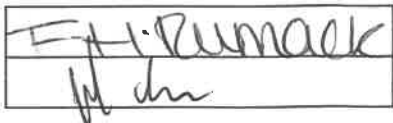
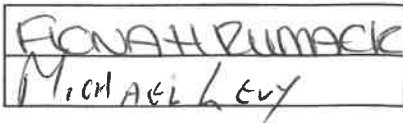
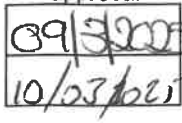
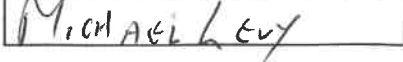
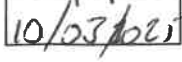


Romford & District Synagogue		No 1121253		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st January 2024	To	31st December 2024	

## 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	74,100	-	-	74,100	70,580
Offerings including KNA	4,600	-	-	4,600	3,699
Bank Deposit and other interest	857	-	-	857	815
Gift Aid Claim	2,002	-	-	2,002	2,484
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>81,559</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,559</b>	<b>77,578</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>81,559</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,559</b>	<b>77,578</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Minister	7,625	-	-	7,625	6,690
FES and per capita payover	33,061	-	-	33,061	31,605
Insurance	532	-	-	532	482
Light, heat and water	9,894	-	-	9,894	10,347
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	2,871	-	-	2,871	4,754
Advertising and announcements	450	-	-	450	315
Professional fees		-	-	-	
Security costs	3,268	-	-	3,268	3,462
Motor expenses	210	-	-	210	698
Repairs renewals and renovations	5,795	-	-	5,795	49,931
Cleaning and attendance	11,622	-	-	11,622	10,832
Catering, festivals and functions	3,779	-	-	3,779	5,467
Bank charges		-	-	-	
Donations and gifts	1,187	-	-	1,187	120
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>80,294</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,294</b>	<b>124,703</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>					
		-	-	-	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>80,294</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,294</b>	<b>124,703</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>47,125</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>79,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,644</b>	<b>126,769</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>80,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,909</b>	<b>79,644</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	80,159	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>80,909</b>	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Membership fees due		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Corporate charities bond	Unrestricted	-	
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Equipment, fixtures & fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
	Sefeh Torah	Unrestricted	-	-
	Ornamentials	Unrestricted	-	-
	Piano	Unrestricted	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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 2024

**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:**

11/3/25

**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.**