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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127733

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024
FOR
EUROPEAN ACADEMY FOR JEWISH LITURGY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

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EUROPEAN ACADEMY FOR JEWISH LITURGY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 November 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

The main objectives of the European Academy for Jewish Liturgy (EAJL) are to train people to be inspired leaders of Jewish prayer and worship through studying liturgical traditions, history, melodies and cantillations, preserving these traditions for future generations, and mentoring and providing trained leaders of prayer particularly but not exclusively in small and remote communities.

Significant activities

The charity provides services to individuals and communities in the UK and Europe and its activities fall under three main categories:

One-to-one Mentoring Programme

Seminars and courses

Consultancy

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements for the period December 2023 to November 2024

- Continued the provision of invaluable training to community prayer leaders through EAJL's One-to-One Mentoring Programme.
- Continued the training of our high-level Ba'al Tefillah Diploma students.
- The fifth EAJL Online Learning Day in the summer was a great success on the topic of Piyutim in Ashkenazi and Sephardi traditions. We welcomed teachers from both Ashkenazi and Sephardi backgrounds including 2 new teachers for EAJL Cantor Daniel Halfon in Jerusalem and Efraim Kahn from the European Institute of Jewish Music in Paris.
- We continued our programme of online courses on Shabbat services with Shabbat Musaf led by Cantor Brian Mayer in USA, followed by Shabbat Mincha led by Cantor Jack Chomsky based in Jerusalem, another new teacher for EAJL, thus expanding our network.
- Continuing to run these courses online enables us to reach more students and access learning from teachers from across the world.
- We started our Sephardi Shabbat services programme with Nachshon Rodrigues Pereira (from the Netherlands) teaching Kabbalat Shabbat/Arvit in the Spanish and Portuguese tradition of the Bendigamos in Amsterdam. This proved to be a very popular course and students were very keen to continue accessing learning and connecting to other in this tradition.
- We ran a new course on Shiva Minyan and how to hold a community in the mourning period. This was a new style of course with 3 teachers, Rabbi Joel Levy (Israel), Chazan Jaldá Reblin (Germany) and Holly Blue Hawkins (USA). This was well attended with participants from across the world.
- EAJL continued to work closely with Masorti Europe on reaching more Masorti communities.
- EAJL continued to develop the relationship with Masorti UK and Masorti Europe and took part in the Yom Masorti European conference in May in London, leading workshops and running an information stand.
- EAJL ran a very successful T'filla Leaders Residential Retreat in Oxfordshire in July 2024. This received excellent feedback and welcomed both previous and new students from 10 denominations. Being able to pray together across our diversity of traditions is a highlight of EAJL, proving our strength as a pluralist organisation.
- We continued to develop our website to provide accessible information for those seeking support from EAJL

FINANCIAL REVIEW

EAJL's net assets amounted to £26,652 at 30 November 2023, a decrease of £5,652 over the position in the previous year. The Trustees consider that this level of reserves is sufficient to enable EAJL to carry out its objectives. The main source of revenue comes from the provision of mentoring services for students. This activity enables EAJL to train future leaders of Jewish prayer and worship. The Trustees review the financial position on a regular basis to ensure that it can meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

FUTURE PLANS

Objectives for the period from December 2023 to November 2024.

- The charity will be building on the success of its past and current activities. In particular:
- EAJL will continue to provide customised training via its One-to-One Mentoring Programme.
- EAJL's high-level programme - the Ba'al Tefillah Diploma programme will continue to develop and research and planning will continue in the development of the Cantorial S'micha programme.
- Planning for EAJL online courses will continue, with both the 2 year plan of shabbat service courses and one off online courses.
- Our 2024 summer programme at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem will focus on weekday prayer.
- We will be planning and launching our first T'filla Leaders' Retreat in Germany in July.
- Continued work will be done to increase awareness of EAJL's work through its collaboration with Masorti UK and Masorti Europe.
- To increase accessibility of EAJL's courses and one to one learning through offering a number of free events per year plus enabling students to access subsidies through finding funding through Masorti Olami, JJBS and any other funding opportunities.
- To streamline some of EAJL's admin and finance activities through development of the website and online forms and software.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Organisational structure

The Director of Studies runs the operational side of the charity on a day-to-day basis, with the support of a volunteer management team, including two of the trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06432037 (Not specified/Other)

Registered Charity number

1127733

Registered office

37 Landsby Apartments

Stanmore

HA7 4RY

Trustees

C L Weiner

J Chernett

J G Levy

A P M Myers

S Griffiths (appointed 10.12.2023)

L Oppedijk (appointed 10.12.2023)

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A P M Myers - Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		10,077	1,787
Charitable activities			
Training		-	4,434
Other trading activities	2	18,348	(1,139)
Total		<u>28,425</u>	<u>5,082</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		11,904	1,187
Charitable activities			
Training		21,602	3,123
Other		571	966
Total		<u>34,077</u>	<u>5,276</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,652)	(194)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		32,304	32,498
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>26,652</u></u>	<u><u>32,304</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
30 NOVEMBER 2024

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes		
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	5	1,306	1,306
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	428	981
Cash at bank		39,546	35,156
		<u>39,974</u>	<u>36,137</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(14,628)	(5,139)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>25,346</u>	<u>30,998</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		26,652	32,304
NET ASSETS		<u>26,652</u>	<u>32,304</u>
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>26,652</u>	<u>32,304</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>26,652</u>	<u>32,304</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 November 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A P M Myers - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

EUROPEAN ACADEMY FOR JEWISH LITURGY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation 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. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>18,348</u>	<u>(1,139)</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 November 2024 nor for the year ended 30 November 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 November 2024 nor for the year ended 30 November 2023.

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	1,787
Charitable activities	
Training	4,434
Other trading activities	(1,139)
Total	<u>5,082</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	1,187
Charitable activities	
Training	3,123
Other	966
Total	<u>5,276</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(194)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	32,498
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>32,304</u></u>

5. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The Intangible Asset comprises liturgical audio recordings.

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	853
Prepayments and accrued income	428	128
	<u>428</u>	<u>981</u>

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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans (see note 8)	2,777	2,777
Trade creditors	11,851	2,362
	<u>14,628</u>	<u>5,139</u>

8. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>2,777</u>	<u>2,777</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.12.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.11.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,304	(5,652)	26,652
	<u>32,304</u>	<u>(5,652)</u>	<u>26,652</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,304</u>	<u>(5,652)</u>	<u>26,652</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,425	(34,077)	(5,652)
	<u>28,425</u>	<u>(34,077)</u>	<u>(5,652)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>28,425</u>	<u>(34,077)</u>	<u>(5,652)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.12.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.11.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,498	(194)	32,304
	<u>32,498</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>32,304</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,498</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>32,304</u>

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9. 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	5,082	(5,276)	(194)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,082</u>	<u>(5,276)</u>	<u>(194)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.12.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.11.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,498	(5,846)	26,652
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,498</u>	<u>(5,846)</u>	<u>26,652</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,507	(39,353)	(5,846)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>33,507</u>	<u>(39,353)</u>	<u>(5,846)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 November 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	10,077	1,787
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	18,348	(1,139)
Charitable activities		
Grants	-	4,434
	<u>28,425</u>	<u>5,082</u>
Total incoming resources	28,425	5,082
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Sundries	(1)	147
Other trading activities		
Purchases	11,905	1,040
Charitable activities		
Grants to individuals	17,443	983
Other		
Computer Running Costs	571	966
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	302	-
Finance		
Bank Charges	275	89
Human resources		
Travelling Expenses	1,276	200
Governance costs		
Insurance	-	121
Accountancy and legal fees	2,306	1,730
	<u>2,306</u>	<u>1,851</u>
Total resources expended	34,077	5,276
Net expenditure	<u>(5,652)</u>	<u>(194)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements