

THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1136128

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07119740](#)

Registered 2010-06-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1 THE ADVANCEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF SCHOLARLY JEWISH STUDIES IN EUROPE2 THE ADVANCEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF RESEARCH IN JEWISH STUDIES AND TEACHING OF JEWISH STUDIES AT EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER PLACES OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEARNING

Activities: Organise, fund and support congresses, conferences, workshops and academic events on subjects related to scholarly Jewish Studies; Publish bi-annual journal (EJJS); Host website providing services to the academic Jewish studies community; Publish monthly newsflash for EAJS members; Provide a funding information service; Support cooperation among academics involved in academic Jewish studies

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EUROPE
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Russia
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-30	£142,536	£134,808	-	-
2024-03-30	£184,283	£140,903	-	-
2023-03-30	£59,792	£94,473	-	-
2022-03-30	£132,746	£124,965	-	-
2021-03-30	£117,806	£150,480	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Javier Castano Gonzalez		2023-07-19
Dr Marzena Bogna Zawadowska		2023-07-19
Dr Merle Ellen Rubin		2023-07-19
Dr Miriam Daniela Ruerup		2023-07-19
Dr Pablo Antonio Torijano Morales		2023-07-19
Professor Francois Guesnet		2014-07-21

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Accounts

Company number: 07119740
Charity number: 1136128

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended
30th March 2025

Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

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Legal and administrative information

Charity registration number: 1136128
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**The Trustees of the Charity
who are also Directors:**

Professor François Guesnet
Dr Javier Castaño Gonzalez
Professor Merle Ellen Rubin
Professor Miriam Daniela Rürup
Professor Pablo Antonio Torijano Morales
Dr Marzena Bogna Zawadowska

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Dr Simon Mayers

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Financial Statements for the year ended 30th March 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th March 2025

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company) present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and activities of the Charity

The objectives of The European Association for Jewish Studies (the Charity) are specifically restricted to the following:

- 1) The advancement for the public benefit of scholarly Jewish studies in Europe.
- 2) The advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

The Charity's activities are as follows:-

- 1) Organise and fund congresses, colloquia and workshops on subjects related to scholarly Jewish Studies.
- 2) Publish bi-annual journal (*European Journal of Jewish Studies – EJJS*) with papers relevant to scholarly Jewish studies.
- 3) Host a website (www.eurojewishstudies.org) containing:
 - a) Online Directory of Jewish Studies in Europe, which includes details of scholars, university departments and higher education institutions.
 - b) Information about academic positions, scholarships and fellowships, conferences and calls for papers, and general news and events in scholarly Jewish studies across Europe.
 - c) Funders Database (the EAJS Database of Funding Sources), containing details of organisations and trusts offering funding (scholarships, grants, bursaries, and awards) in scholarly Jewish studies.
 - d) Information about past and planned future EAJS congresses, colloquia, and workshops.
 - e) Information about the EAJS.
 - f) Any other information of relevance to scholarly Jewish studies that arises from time to time.
- 4) Publish a monthly "newsflash" distributed to EAJS members by email.
- 5) Provide a Funding Information System for the benefit of EAJS members.
- 6) Support academic events in Jewish Studies across Europe organised by the Association's members through funds raised for this purpose.
- 7) Support exchange and cooperation among academics involved in Jewish Studies by establishing travel bursary programmes, or by funding such travel bursaries.

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The aim of the Charity's activities is the advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

Charitable Status, Governance and Management

The European Association for Jewish Studies (Charity) is a registered charity (no: 1136128) and has no liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities. The Charity is administered under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 8th January 2010. There is no share capital. The income and property of the charity must be applied solely towards the promotion of the Charity's objectives.

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person willing to be a director/trustee. The office is staffed by two administrators who act on instructions from the secretary who is a director.

The company obtained charitable status on 1st June 2010.

In 2015, the Association registered with HMRC as employer, PAYE ref. 475 LB29124, accounts office ref. 475 PG 00829519.

Investment Powers

Trustees have the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining such advice from a financial expert as the Trustees consider necessary and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification).

Public Benefit

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. How the Charity has met this guidance is detailed later in this report.

Achievements and performance

The quadrennial Congress of the EAJS took place in Frankfurt from 16 July 2023 to 20 July 2023 (postponed from July 2022 due to COVID-19). Officers of the Association are elected at these quadrennial congresses for four-year terms. At the General Meeting of the Association on 19 July 2023, held during the EAJS Congress, the terms of office of Professor François Guesnet (interim Secretary from January 2023 to July 2023), Professor Sarah Pearce (Secretary until December 2022), Professor Elisabeth Hollender (President) and Dr Annelies Kuyt (Treasurer) came to an end. At the same General Meeting, Dr Javier Castaño was elected as President and Trustee, Dr Pablo Torijano was elected as Treasurer and Trustee, and Professor François Guesnet was re-elected as EAJS Secretary and Trustee. Professor Miri Rubin, Professor Miriam Rürup and Dr Marzena Zawadowska were also elected as trustees. An Executive Committee consisting of these six trustees and five non-trustees was also elected.

In October 2022, following the same three-year framework as applied for in previous years, the Charity submitted a grant application to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe (henceforth "the Foundation") to renew its funding of the EAJS Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies. This application was successful, with the Foundation agreeing in January 2023 to pay a grant of £153,000 to the Charity over three years starting from 1 March 2023 (for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26). Of this, £150,000 was ear-marked for the grant payments, and £3,000 for the administration and bank transaction costs for the grant programme. This funding has enabled (and continues to enable) the EAJS to support several academic conferences and summer/winter schools in Jewish Studies each year, with 10 grants awarded in 2023, 11 grants in 2024, and 9 grants in 2025 (with the grants for 2025 being paid as the events occur in 2025-26), supporting academic events across Europe.

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In June 2023, the Charity applied to the Foundation for funding for one year to support a Small Research Grant Programme. The application was successful, and the Foundation agreed to pay £30,000 to the Charity. The Charity added an additional £10,000 to the Small Research Grant Programme's project budget to increase the number of grants awarded. This money has been used to award 24 research trip grants to support researchers to travel and spend time at archives both within and outside Europe.

In September 2024, the Charity applied to the Foundation for funding to extend the Small Research Grant Programme for an additional two years. The application was successful, and the Foundation agreed to pay £64,000 to the Charity. Of this, £60,000 was ear-marked for the grant payments, and £4,000 for the administration and bank transaction costs. An initial tranche of grants was awarded to scholars doing research at archives both within and outside Europe in January 2025, and three further rounds of awards will be issued during the next two years.

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The Association inaugurated an EAJS Digital Forum in 2017 to support digital initiatives and to support and familiarize the EAJS membership with this new set of research methods and tools. The Digital Forum offers support to European scholars and digital initiatives, seeks to foster teaching and training as well as methodological reflection and debate, and, in doing so, aims to facilitate productive links between Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities. An Advisory Board has now been configured which provides a forum for members of the EAJS involved in research and teaching related to Digital Humanities, who are interested in actively supporting the Association's activities in this area. The Digital Forum meets every month, has provided consultancy to EAJS members, has provided a series of showcase reports about important projects at the intersection of Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities for the monthly EAJS newsflash and the EAJS website, and has organized a Digital Jour Fixe to promote new techniques applicable in Jewish studies.

In November 2024, the Association held the first of what is planned to be a series of annual virtual conferences entitled 'EAJS Virtual' to enhance the members' experience. The subject of the 2024 virtual conference was "Jewish Literatures, Places and Heritage", with 2 keynote speakers and 12 panel sessions with 3 or 4 speakers each. The virtual conference was attended by around 100 members and thus well received.

Decision Making Process

Decisions are made by the directors, who take advice from the Executive Committee.

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Financial Review (including reserves policy)

The charity obtains its income from two main sources:

- 1) Members subscriptions
- 2) Donations

The main donor is the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe

On the 8th January 2010, The European Association for Jewish Studies (company limited by guarantee) was formed. Prior to this organisation was not a limited company nor did it have charitable status.

On 8th January 2010, funds of £68,740 were transferred from the association to the limited company.

The statement of financial activities covers the year to 30th March 2025. The Charity generated total incoming resources of £142,536 (2024: £184,283). It expended £128,718 (2024: £136,751) on charitable activities including governance costs of £12,839 (2024: £18,215).

In the period the charity incurred a surplus/(deficit) before transfers of £7,728 (2024: £43,380)).

Unrestricted funds in hand at the year-end amounted to £98,984 (2024: £110,039). Restricted funds in hand amounted to £125,119 (2024: £106,336). The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's unrestricted reserves of £98,984 (2024: £110,039) are adequate to meet its future objectives and financial needs.

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Risk Review

The Charity has taken out Employer's Liability Insurance and Public Liability Insurance.

The reserves policy enables the Charity to wind up without consequential loss if necessary.

Appropriate accounting and financial controls are in place.

Plans for Future Periods

As discussed in previous sections of this report (in "Achievements and Performance" and "Financial Review"), the European Association for Jewish Studies has been awarded two significant grants during the past two years from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to support the core activities of the European Association for Jewish Studies and the Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies until August 2026. The Charity will submit new applications to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to renew the core activities and Conference Grant Programme funding in Autumn 2025.

In July 2023, the Association was awarded a grant of £30,000 from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to run a pilot year of a Small Research Grant Programme. This research grant programme has been used to successfully fund 24 research grants during 2024 and 2025. In September 2024, the Association applied to continue this grant programme for another two years, and the Foundation agreed to award £64,000 to fund this. Using this money, an initial tranche of grants was awarded to scholars doing research at archives both within and outside Europe in January 2025, and three further rounds of awards will be issued during the next two years.

The Association held the first of what is planned to be a series of annual virtual conferences entitled 'EAJS Virtual' to enhance the members' experience. The virtual conference was well received.

The next quadrennial EAJS Congress is scheduled to take place in Spain in 2027.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th March 2025

Trustees' responsibilities

Company law require the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statement, the Trustees are required to :

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Directors and Trustees

The following held the position of director/trustee of the charity during the year ended 30th March 2025:

Professor François Guesnet
Dr Javier Castaño Gonzalez
Professor Merle Ellen Rubin
Professor Miriam Daniela Rürup
Professor Pablo Antonio Torijano Morales
Dr Marzena Bogna Zawadowska

Trustee Appointment, Induction and Training

Appointments are made by the Board of Trustees giving proper regard to the range of skills and experience needed to govern the Charity. On appointment, Trustees are provided with copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, annual reports and other relevant material. Ongoing advice is thereafter provided to the Trustees as appropriate.

Approved by the Trustees on 24/07/2025 and signed on their behalf by



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Professor François Guesnet

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30th March 2025**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The European Association for Jewish Studies

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th March 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 Ajay Bahl BA BFP FCA
Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford**

24th July 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th March 2025

	Note	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations and legacies	3	87,425	55,111	142,536	132,000	52,283	184,283
Total income		<u>87,425</u>	<u>55,111</u>	<u>142,536</u>	<u>132,000</u>	<u>52,283</u>	<u>184,283</u>
Expenditure							
Expenditure on raising funds	5	-	6,090	6,090	-	4,152	4,152
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	68,061	60,657	128,718	84,507	52,244	136,751
Total expenditure		<u>68,061</u>	<u>66,747</u>	<u>134,808</u>	<u>84,507</u>	<u>56,396</u>	<u>140,903</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		19,364	(11,636)	7,728	47,493	(4,113)	43,380
Transfer between funds		(581)	581	-	25,567	(25,567)	-
Net movement in funds		<u>18,783</u>	<u>(11,055)</u>	<u>7,728</u>	<u>73,060</u>	<u>(29,680)</u>	<u>43,380</u>
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		106,336	110,039	216,375	33,276	139,719	172,995
Total funds carried forward		<u>125,119</u>	<u>98,984</u>	<u>224,103</u>	<u>106,336</u>	<u>110,039</u>	<u>216,375</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 30th March 2025

	Note	Restricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		125,119	104,031	229,150	106,336	125,628	231,964
Current liabilities							
Creditors: due within one year	10	-	(5,047)	(5,047)	-	(15,589)	(15,589)
Net assets		<u>125,119</u>	<u>98,984</u>	<u>224,103</u>	<u>106,336</u>	<u>110,039</u>	<u>216,375</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted		-	98,984	98,984	-	110,039	110,039
Restricted	11	<u>125,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,119</u>	<u>106,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,336</u>
		<u>125,119</u>	<u>98,984</u>	<u>224,103</u>	<u>106,336</u>	<u>110,039</u>	<u>216,375</u>

For the year ending 30th March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2019) relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 24/07/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Professor François Guesnet - Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year 30th March 2025

1. Basis of preparation

- a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, UK Generally Accepted Practice, and the Companies Act 2006.
- b) In preparing the accounts, the Charity has considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No statements were required.
- c) The accounts are drawn up under the historical cost convention. Significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years present unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.
- d) The Charity is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- e) The Charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement.
- f) The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is deemed sufficient with the level of reserves held for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Accounting policies

a) Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company, named on page 4, are also trustees of the charity. In the event of a winding up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

b) Income

Credit is taken for income on the following basis:

Interest on an accruals basis.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis and include any income tax recoverable.

c) Subscription income

Subscription income is due on the 1st January and covers a calendar year. This income is accounted for on a receivable basis, although unpaid subscriptions are not accounted for until received.

d) Taxation

The Trust is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

e) Allocation of costs to resources expended

Specific items of expenditure are attributed to the appropriate category, of:

- Cost of generating donations and legacies. These are the costs associated with generating voluntary incoming resources from all sources other than undertaking charitable activities.

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e) Allocation of costs to resources expended (continued)

- Charitable activities. These are the resources applied by the Charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives.
- Governance costs. These are costs that relate to the general running of the charity. The governance costs of the Charity are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are included under charitable costs.
- Support costs such as postage and stationery have been allocated to activity cost categories on a consistent basis.

f) Fund accounting

The Charity mainly holds unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity and at the discretion of the trustees.

The Charity did receive grants and donations which must be used for specific purposes. As at the year end the balance on restricted funds was £125,119 (2024: £106,336). A detailed breakdown of restricted funds is provided in note 11.

g) Pensions

The Charity makes contributions to a pension scheme held by its employees. The costs of contributions are written off in the year they are payable.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
EAJS Membership Subscriptions	-	19,915	19,915	14,283
Grants (Rothschild Foundation)	87,425	32,500	119,925	170,000
Other	-	2,696	2,696	-
	<u>87,425,</u>	<u>55,111</u>	<u>142,536</u>	<u>184,293</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £142,536 (2024: £184,293) of which £87,425 was attributable to restricted funds (2024: £132,000) and £55,111 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2024: £52,283).

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4. Charitable activities

	Restricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
EAJS Virtual costs	4,276	-	4,276	
Conference and research grants	62,766	8,012	70,778	84,112
Administrators' salaries	-	30,658	30,658	25,016
Support costs	1,019	6,584	7,603	4,751
Governance costs (note 6)	-	12,839	12,839	18,215
European Journal for Jewish Studies	-	2,564	2,564	2,687
World Congress of Jewish Studies	-	-	-	-
Travel grants	-	-	-	1,970
	<u>68,061</u>	<u>60,657</u>	<u>128,718</u>	<u>136,751</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £128,718 (2024: £136,751) of which £68,061 was attributable to restricted funds (2024: £85,507) and £60,657 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2024: £52,244).

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Restricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Administrators' salaries	-	4,717	4,717	3,207
Support costs	-	1,373	1,373	945
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,090</u>	<u>6,090</u>	<u>4,152</u>

Expenditure on raising funds was £6,090 (2024: £4,152) all of which are unrestricted funds.

6. Governance costs

	Restricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent review of accounts	-	2,220	2,220	2,264
Other professional fees	-	1,440	1,440	2,283
Support	-	782	782	-
Internal governance costs (including Administrators' salaries)	-	8,397	8,397	13,668
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,839</u>	<u>12,839</u>	<u>18,215</u>

Expenditure on governance costs was £12,839 (2024: £18,215) all of which are unrestricted funds.

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7. Support costs

Support costs, consisting of office costs of the Charity, are split between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs on the estimated time spent on each activity.

	Basis of apportionment	Charitable activity funds		Cost of generating		Governance costs	
		2025 £	2024 £	2025 £	2024 £	2025 £	2024 £
Office costs	Work done	7,603	4,751	1,373	945	782	-
		<u>7,603</u>	<u>4,751</u>	<u>1,373</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Analysis of employee costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries	35,706	33,294
Social security costs	-	-
Pension	3,600	3,600
	<u>39,306</u>	<u>36,894</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000 during the year.

The Charity had two part-time administrators during the year. The administrators deal with all aspects of the Charity.

9. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received remuneration from the Charity. Expenses of £1,204 (2024: £730) were reimbursed to Trustees.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £39,306 (2024: £36,894).

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10. Creditors due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	2,180	2,180
Deferred income - See below	2,392	12,316
Other tax and social security	475	1,093
	5,047	15,589

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income		
Subscriptions	2,392	12,316
	2,392	12,316

11. Restricted fund

2025	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer	At 30th March
	£	£	£	£	£
Travel grants		4,425	-	-	4,425
Small Research Grant Programme	6,330	32,000	(18,186)	-	20,144
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	100,006	51,000	(49,875)	(581)	100,550
	106,336	87,425	(68,061)	(581)	125,119

2024	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer	At 30th March
	£	£	£	£	£
Travel grants			(611)	611	-
Small Research Grant Programme	-	30,000	(23,670)		6,330
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	33,276	102,000	(60,226)	24,956	100,006
	33,276	132,000	(84,507)	25,567	106,336

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11. Restricted fund (continued)

The Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies allows members of the EAJS to apply for funding for academic conferences and summer/winter schools for a given academic year. In October 2022, following the same three-year framework as applied for in previous years, the Charity submitted a grant application to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to renew its funding of the EAJS Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies. This application was successful, with Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe agreeing in January 2023 to pay a grant of £153,000 to the Charity over three years starting from 1 March 2023 (for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26). Of this, £150,000 was ear-marked for the grant payments, and £3,000 for the administration and bank transaction costs for the grant programme.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1136128

Accounts

Company number: 07119740
Charity number: 1136128

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Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

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Legal and administrative information

Charity registration number: 1136128
Company registration number: 07119740

**The Trustees of the Charity
who are also Directors:**

Professor François Guesnet
Dr Javier Castano Gonzalez (appointed 19/07/23)
Professor Merle Ellen Rubin (appointed 19/07/23)
Professor Miriam Daniela Ruerup (appointed 19/07/23)
Professor Pablo Antonio Torijano Morales (appointed 19/07/23)
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Dr Simon Mayers

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30th March 2024

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company) present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and activities of the Charity

The objectives of The European Association for Jewish Studies (the Charity) are specifically restricted to the following:

- 1) The advancement for the public benefit of scholarly Jewish studies in Europe.
- 2) The advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

The Charity's activities are as follows:-

1. Organise and fund congresses, colloquia and workshops on subjects related to scholarly Jewish Studies.
2. Publish bi-annual journal (*European Journal of Jewish Studies – EJJS*) with papers relevant to scholarly Jewish studies.
3. Host a website (www.eurojewishstudies.org) containing:
 - a) Online Directory of Jewish Studies in Europe, which includes details of scholars, university departments and higher education institutions.
 - b) Information about academic positions, scholarships and fellowships, conferences and calls for papers, and general news and events in scholarly Jewish studies across Europe.
 - c) Funders Database (the EAJS Database of Funding Sources), containing details of organisations and trusts offering funding (scholarships, grants, bursaries, and awards) in scholarly Jewish studies.
 - d) Information about past and planned future EAJS congresses, colloquia, and workshops.
 - e) Information about the EAJS.
 - f) Any other information of relevance to scholarly Jewish studies that arises from time to time.
4. Publish a monthly "newsflash" distributed to EAJS members by email.
5. Provide a Funding Information System for the benefit of EAJS members.
6. Support academic events in Jewish Studies across Europe organised by the Association's members through funds raised for this purpose.
7. Support exchange and cooperation among academics involved in Jewish Studies by establishing travel bursary programmes, or by funding such travel bursaries.

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The aim of the Charity's activities is the advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

Charitable Status, Governance and Management

The European Association for Jewish Studies (Charity) is a registered charity (no: 1136128) and has no liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities. The Charity is administered under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 8th January 2010. There is no share capital. The income and property of the charity must be applied solely towards the promotion of the Charity's objectives.

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person willing to be a director/trustee. The office is staffed by two administrators who act on instructions from the secretary who is a director.

The company obtained charitable status on 1st June 2010.

In 2015, the Association registered with HMRC as employer, PAYE ref. 475 LB29124, accounts office ref. 475 PG 00829519.

Investment Powers

Trustees have the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining such advice from a financial expert as the Trustees consider necessary and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification).

Public Benefit

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. How the Charity has met this guidance is detailed later in this report.

Achievements and performance

The quadrennial Congress of the EAJS took place in Frankfurt from 16 July 2023 to 20 July 2023 (postponed from July 2022 due to COVID-19). Officers of the Association are elected at these quadrennial congresses for four-year terms. At the General Meeting of the Association on 19 July 2023, held during the EAJS Congress, the terms of office of Professor François Guesnet (interim Secretary from January 2023 to July 2023), Professor Sarah Pearce (Secretary until December 2022), Professor Elisabeth Hollender (President) and Dr Annelies Kuyt (Treasurer) came to an end. At the same General Meeting, Dr Javier Castaño was elected as President and Trustee, Professor Pablo Torijano was elected as Treasurer and Trustee, and Professor François Guesnet was re-elected as EAJS Secretary and Trustee. Professor Miri Rubin, Professor Miriam Rürup and Dr Marzena Zawadowska were also elected as trustees. An Executive Committee consisting of these six trustees and five non-trustees was also elected.

In October 2022, following the same three-year framework as applied for in previous years, the Charity submitted a grant application to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe (henceforth "the Foundation") to renew its funding of the EAJS Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies. This application was successful, with the Foundation agreeing in January 2023 to pay a grant of £153,000 to the Charity over three years starting from 1 March 2023 (for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26). Of this, £150,000 was ear-marked for the grant payments, and £3,000 for the administration and bank transaction costs for the grant programme. This funding has enabled (and continues to enable) the EAJS to support several academic conferences and summer/winter schools in Jewish Studies each year, with 10 grants awarded in 2023 and 11 grants awarded in 2024 (and a similar number expected in 2025) supporting academic events across Europe.

In January 2022, following the same four-year framework as in previous years, the Charity applied to the Foundation for funding to support the core activities of the EAJS for another four years. This application was successful, and in May 2022, the Foundation agreed to pay £140,500 to the Charity in four planned instalments for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2026 (2022: £42,000; 2023: £38,000; 2024: £32,500; 2025: £28,000). With this funding, the EAJS can continue to fulfil and maintain its objectives and activities, and to build upon its personnel arrangements, with Dr Simon Mayers continuing in his appointment as the EAJS

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Administrator, and Ms Kerry Maciak continuing in her appointment as Assistant Administrator. From January 2024, and considering of his increased responsibilities and seniority, Dr Mayers will be referred to as Chief Administrative Officer.

In June 2023, the Charity applied to the Foundation for funding for one year to support a Small Research Grant Programme which will be used to provide grants to support researchers to travel to and spend time at archives both within and outside Europe. The application was successful, and in July 2023, the Foundation agreed to pay £30,000 to the Charity as a pilot programme which may be repeated in future years.

The Association inaugurated an EAJS Digital Forum in 2017 to support digital initiatives and to support and familiarize the EAJS membership with this new set of research methods and tools. The Digital Forum offers support to European scholars and digital initiatives, seeks to foster teaching and training as well as methodological reflection and debate, and, in doing so, aims to facilitate productive links between Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities. An Advisory Board has now been configured which provides a forum for members of the EAJS involved in research and teaching related to Digital Humanities, who are interested in actively supporting the Association's activities in this area. The Digital Forum meets every month, has provided consultancy to EAJS members, has provided a series of showcase reports about important projects at the intersection of Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities for the monthly EAJS newsflash and the EAJS website, and has organized a Digital Jour Fixe to promote new techniques applicable in Jewish studies.

Decision Making Process

Decisions are made by the directors, who take advice from an Executive Committee.

Financial Review (including reserves policy)

The Charity obtains its income from two main sources:

- 1) Members subscriptions
- 2) Donations

The main donor is the Rothschild Foundation.

On 8th January 2010, The European Association for Jewish Studies (company limited by guarantee) was formed. Prior to this the organisation was not a limited company nor did it have charitable status.

On 8th January 2010, funds of £68,740 were transferred from the association to the limited company.

The statement of financial activities covers the year to 30th March 2024. The Charity generated total incoming resources of £184,283 (2023: £59,792). It expended £136,751 (2023: £88,939) on charitable activities including governance costs of £18,215 (2023: £10,120).

In the period the Charity incurred a surplus/(deficit) before transfers of £43,380 (2023: £ (34,681)).

Unrestricted funds in hand at the year-end amounted to £110,039 (2023: £139,719). Restricted funds in hand amounted to £106,336 (2023: £33,276). The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's unrestricted reserves of £110,039 (2023: £139,719) are adequate to meet its future objectives and financial needs.

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Financial Review (including reserves policy) (continued)

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In June 2023, the Charity applied to the Foundation for funding for one year to support a Small Research Grant Programme which will be used to provide grants to support researchers to travel to and spend time at archives both within and outside Europe. The application was successful, and in July 2023, the Foundation agreed to pay £30,000 to the Charity as a pilot programme which may be repeated in future years.

Risk Review

The Charity has taken out Employer's Liability Insurance and Public Liability Insurance.

The reserves policy enables the Charity to wind up without consequential loss if necessary.

Appropriate accounting and financial controls are in place.

Plans for Future Periods

1. As discussed in previous sections of this report (in "Achievements and Performance" and "Financial Review"), the European Association for Jewish Studies has been awarded two significant grants during the past two years from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to support the core activities of the European Association for Jewish Studies and the Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies until August 2026. The Charity will submit new applications to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to renew the core activities and Conference Grant Programme funding in early 2026.

2. In 2024, the Association was awarded a grant of £30,000 from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to run a pilot year of a Small Research Grant Programme. This has proven to be successful, and later this year the Association will apply for a two-year grant of £ 64,000 from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to run an extended Small Research Grant Programme with two annual calls for submissions.

3. The Association plans to hold an annual virtual conference entitled 'EAJS Virtual' to enhance the members' experience.

4. The next quadrennial EAJS Congress is scheduled to take place in Spain in 2027.

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Trustees' responsibilities

Company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Directors and Trustees

The following held the position of director/trustee of the charity during the year ended 30th March 2024:

Professor François Guesnet
Dr Javier Castano Gonzalez (appointed 19/07/23)
Professor Merle Ellen Rubin (appointed 19/07/23)
Professor Miriam Daniela Ruerup (appointed 19/07/23)
Professor Pablo Antonio Torijano Morales (appointed 19/07/23)
Dr Marzena Bogna Zawadowska (appointed 19/07/23)
Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce (resigned 19/07/23)
Professor Maria Elisabeth Hollender (resigned 19/07/23)
Dr Annelies Kuyt (resigned 19/07/23)

Trustee Appointment, Induction and Training

Appointments are made by the Board of Trustees giving proper regard to the range of skills and experience needed to govern the Charity. On appointment, Trustees are provided with copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, annual reports and other relevant material. Ongoing advice is thereafter provided to the Trustees as appropriate.

Approved by the Trustees on 30/07/2024 and signed on their behalf by



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Professor François Guesnet

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The European Association for Jewish Studies

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 Ajay Bahl BA BFP FCA
Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

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Statement of Financial Activities
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	Note	2024 Restricted £	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations and legacies	3	132,000	52,283	184,283	4,650	55,142	59,792
Total income		<u>132,000</u>	<u>52,283</u>	<u>184,283</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>55,142</u>	<u>59,792</u>
Expenditure							
Expenditure on raising funds	5	-	4,152	4,152	-	5,534	5,534
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	84,507	52,244	136,751	51,392	37,547	88,939
Total expenditure		<u>84,507</u>	<u>56,396</u>	<u>140,903</u>	<u>51,392</u>	<u>43,081</u>	<u>94,473</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		47,493	(4,113)	43,380	(46,742)	12,061	(34,681)
Transfer between funds		25,567	(25,567)	-	3,850	(3,850)	-
Net movement in funds		<u>73,060</u>	<u>(29,680)</u>	<u>43,380</u>	<u>(42,892)</u>	<u>8,211</u>	<u>(34,681)</u>
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		33,276	139,719	172,995	76,168	131,508	207,676
Total funds carried forward		<u>106,336</u>	<u>110,039</u>	<u>216,375</u>	<u>33,276</u>	<u>139,719</u>	<u>172,995</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 30th March 2024

	Note	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		106,336	125,628	231,964	33,276	157,041	190,317
Current liabilities							
Creditors: due within one year	10	-	(15,589)	(15,589)	-	(17,322)	(17,322)
Net assets							
		106,336	110,039	216,375	33,276	139,719	172,995
Funds							
Unrestricted		-	110,039	110,039	-	139,719	139,719
Restricted	11	106,336	-	106,336	33,276	-	33,276
		106,336	110,039	216,375	33,276	139,719	172,995

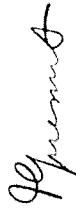
For the year ending 30th March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2019) relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 30/07/2024 and signed on their behalf by



Professor François Guesnet - Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Basis of preparation

- a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, UK Generally Accepted Practice, and the Companies Act 2006.
- b) In preparing the accounts, the Charity has considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No statements were required.
- c) The accounts are drawn up under the historical cost convention. Significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years present unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.
- d) The Charity is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- e) The Charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement.
- f) The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is deemed sufficient with the level of reserves held for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Accounting policies

- a) **Company status**
The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company, named on page 4, are also trustees of the charity. In the event of a winding up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.
- b) **Income**
Credit is taken for income on the following basis:

Interest on an accruals basis.
Donations are recognised on a receivable basis and include any income tax recoverable.
- c) **Subscription income**
Subscription income is due on the 1st January and covers a calendar year. This income is accounted for on a receivable basis, although unpaid subscriptions are not accounted for until received.
- d) **Taxation**
The Trust is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- e) **Allocation of costs to resources expended**
Specific items of expenditure are attributed to the appropriate category, of:
 - Cost of generating donations and legacies. These are the costs associated with generating voluntary incoming resources from all sources other than undertaking charitable activities.

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e) Allocation of costs to resources expended (continued)

- Charitable activities. These are the resources applied by the Charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives.
- Governance costs. These are costs that relate to the general running of the charity. The governance costs of the Charity are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are included under charitable costs.
- Support costs such as postage and stationery have been allocated to activity cost categories on a consistent basis.

f) Fund accounting

The Charity mainly holds unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity and at the discretion of the trustees.

The Charity did receive grants and donations which must be used for specific purposes. As at the year end the balance on restricted funds was £106,336 (2023: £33,276). A detailed breakdown of restricted funds is provided in note 11.

g) Pensions

The Charity makes contributions to a pension scheme held by its employees. The costs of contributions are written off in the year they are payable.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
EAJIS Membership Subscriptions	-	14,283	14,283	13,105
Grants (Rothschild Foundation)	132,000	38,000	170,000	46,650
Donations	-	-	-	10
Other	-	-	-	27
	<u>132,000</u>	<u>52,283</u>	<u>184,293</u>	<u>59,792</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £184,293 (2023: £59,792) of which £132,000 was attributable to restricted funds (2023: £4,650) and £52,283 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2023: £55,142).

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4. Charitable activities

	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Funding Advisory costs		-	-	300
Conference and research grants	83,829	283	84,112	35,240
Administrators' salaries	-	25,016	25,016	29,408
Support costs	67	4,684	4,751	2,749
Governance costs (note 6)	-	18,215	18,215	10,120
European Journal for Jewish Studies	-	2,687	2,687	2,622
World Congress of Jewish Studies		-	-	8,500
Travel grants	611	1,359	1,970	
	<u>84,507</u>	<u>52,244</u>	<u>136,751</u>	<u>88,939</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £136,751 (2023: £88,939) of which £84,507 was attributable to restricted funds (2023: £51,392) and £52,244 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2023: £37,547).

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Administrators' salaries	-	3,207	3,207	4,524
Support costs	-	945	945	1,010
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,152</u>	<u>4,152</u>	<u>5,534</u>

Expenditure on raising funds was £4,152 (2023: £5,534) all of which are unrestricted funds.

6. Governance costs

	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent review of accounts	-	2,264	2,264	1,980
Other professional fees	-	2,283	2,283	2,235
Support	-			365
Internal governance costs (including Administrators' salaries)	-	13,668	13,668	5,540
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,215</u>	<u>18,215</u>	<u>10,120</u>

Expenditure on governance costs was £18,215 (2023: £10,120) of which £nil was attributable to restricted funds (2023: £Nil) and £18,215 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2023: £10,120).

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7. Support costs

Support costs, consisting of office costs of the Charity, are split between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs on the estimated time spent on each activity.

	Basis of apportionment	Charitable activity funds		Cost of generating		Governance costs	
		2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Office costs	Work done	<u>4,751</u>	<u>2,794</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>365</u>

8. Analysis of employee costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	33,294	34,103
Social security costs	-	-
Pension	3,600	3,600
	<u>36,894</u>	<u>37,703</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000 during the year.

The Charity had two part-time administrators during the year. The administrators deal with all aspects of the Charity.

9. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received remuneration from the Charity. Expenses of £730 (2023: £415) were reimbursed to Trustees.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £36,894 (2023: £37,703).

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10. Creditors due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	2,180	1,980
Deferred income - See below	12,316	14,854
Other tax and social security	1,093	488
	<u>15,589</u>	<u>17,322</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income		
Subscriptions	12,316	14,854
	<u>12,316</u>	<u>14,854</u>

11. Restricted fund

2024	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer	At 30th March
	£	£	£	£	£
Travel grants			(611)	611	-
Small Research Grant Programme	-	30,000	(23,670)		6,330
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	33,276	102,000	(60,226)	24,956	100,006
	<u>33,276</u>	<u>132,000</u>	<u>(84,507)</u>	<u>25,567</u>	<u>106,336</u>
2023	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer	At 30th March
	£	£	£	£	£
World Congress of Jewish Studies		4,650	(8,500)	3,850	
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	76,168		(42,892)	-	33,276
	<u>76,168</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>(51,392)</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>33,276</u>

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11. Restricted fund (continued)

The Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies allows members of the EAJJS to apply for funding for academic conferences and summer/winter schools for a given academic year. In October 2022, following the same three-year framework as applied for in previous years, the Charity submitted a grant application to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to renew its funding of the EAJJS Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies. This application was successful, with Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe agreeing in January 2023 to pay a grant of £153,000 to the Charity over three years starting from 1 March 2023 (for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26). Of this, £150,000 was ear-marked for the grant payments, and £3,000 for the administration and bank transaction costs for the grant programme.

In June 2023, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for funding for one year to support a Small Research Grant Programme which will be used to provide grants to support researchers to travel to and spend time at archives both within and outside Europe. The application was successful, and in July 2023, the Foundation agreed to pay £30,000 to the Charity as a pilot programme.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1136128

Accounts

Company number: 07119740
Charity number: 1136128

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Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

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Legal and administrative information

Charity registration number: 1136128
Company registration number: 07119740

**The Trustees of the Charity
who are also Directors:**

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Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce
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Report of the Trustees
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The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company) present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th March 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and activities of the Charity

The objectives of The European Association for Jewish Studies (the Charity) are specifically restricted to the following:

- 1) The advancement for the public benefit of scholarly Jewish studies in Europe.
- 2) The advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

The Charity's activities are as follows:-

1. Organise and fund congresses, colloquia and workshops on subjects related to scholarly Jewish Studies.
2. Publish bi-annual journal (*European Journal of Jewish Studies – EJJS*) with papers relevant to scholarly Jewish studies.
3. Host a website (www.eurojewishstudies.org) containing:
 - a) Online Directory of Jewish Studies in Europe, which includes details of scholars, university departments and higher education institutions.
 - b) Information about academic positions, scholarships and fellowships, conferences and calls for papers, and general news and events in scholarly Jewish studies across Europe.
 - c) Funders Database (the EAJS Database of Funding Sources), containing details of organisations and trusts offering funding (scholarships, grants, bursaries, and awards) in scholarly Jewish studies.
 - d) Information about past and planned future EAJS congresses, colloquia, and workshops.
 - e) Information about the EAJS.
 - f) Any other information of relevance to scholarly Jewish studies that arises from time to time.
4. Publish a monthly "newsflash" distributed to EAJS members by email.
5. Provide a Funding Information System for the benefit of EAJS members.
6. Support academic events in Jewish Studies across Europe organised by the Association's members through funds raised for this purpose.
7. Support exchange and cooperation among academics involved in Jewish Studies by establishing travel bursary programmes, or by funding such travel bursaries.

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The aim of the Charity's activities is the advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

Charitable Status, Governance and Management

The European Association for Jewish Studies (Charity) is a registered charity (no: 1136128) and has no liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities. The Charity is administered under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 8th January 2010. There is no share capital. The income and property of the charity must be applied solely towards the promotion of the Charity's objectives.

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person willing to be a director/trustee. The office is staffed by two administrators who act on instructions from the secretary who is a director.

The company obtained charitable status on 1st June 2010.

In 2015, the Association registered with HMRC as employer, PAYE ref. 475 LB29124, accounts office ref. 475 PG 00829519.

Investment Powers

Trustees have the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining such advice from a financial expert as the Trustees consider necessary and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification).

Public Benefit

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. How the Charity has met this guidance is detailed later in this report.

Achievements and performance

The quadrennial Congress of the EAJS took place in Krakow from 18th July 2018 to 22nd July 2018. Officers of the Association are elected at quadrennial congresses for four-year terms (i.e., until the following EAJS Congress, the next one originally planned for July 2022). At the General Meeting of the Association on 17th July 2018, held during the EAJS Congress, the terms of office of Professor François Guesnet (Secretary), Professor Michal Galas (Treasurer) and Professor Edward Dąbrowa (President) came to an end. At the same General Meeting, Professor Elisabeth Hollender was elected as President, Dr Annelies Kuyt was elected as Treasurer, and Professor Sarah Pearce was elected as EAJS Secretary. As newly elected officers of the Association, Professor Elisabeth Hollender, Dr Annelies Kuyt and Professor Sarah Pearce were also elected to the Executive Committee and appointed as directors and trustees of the Association. Professor Edward Dąbrowa remained a member of the Executive Committee in his role as former President of the Association. Professor François Guesnet was re-elected as a member of the Executive Committee and was re-appointed as a director and trustee. Dr Javier Castaño was re-elected to the Executive Committee to be President of the Association from 2022 to 2026. Also elected to the Executive Committee were Dr Pavel Sládek, Professor Daniel Stökl Ben Ezra and Dr Marzena Zawadowska.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Committee of the European Association for Jewish Studies took the decision to postpone the quadrennial Congress, originally scheduled for July 2022. The Congress will now take place in Frankfurt, Germany, on 16-20 July 2023. The 'Rules and Byelaws' and the 'Articles of Association' for the EAJS requires the Association to elect the Honorary Officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) and other members of the Executive Committee at each General Meeting. Furthermore, according to the Articles, the Executive Committee is required to hold a General Meeting at least once every 4 years and 6 months. The EAJS therefore scheduled an in-person General Meeting in London, hosted at the BIAJS conference, on 12th July 2022. At this General Meeting, the members were asked to vote on whether the existing Honorary Officers and other members of the Executive Committee could continue in their elected positions for one more year (i.e., until the General Meeting which will be held at the quadrennial Congress in July 2023). Members were able to vote using proxy vote forms which were sent out to all members about a month prior to the meeting. The members agreed by an overwhelming majority to allow the existing Honorary Officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) and other members of the Executive Committee to continue in their positions for one more year. As the existing President of the Association, Professor Elisabeth Hollender, will continue as President until July 2023, the term of the current President-Elect, Dr Javier Castaño, will now run from 2023 to 2027 rather than the originally planned 2022 to 2026. However, because of other professional commitments, on 1st January 2023, Professor Sarah Pearce stood down as EAJS Secretary. Professor Pearce remains a member of the Executive Committee and a director and trustee of the Association. Professor François Guesnet is now interim EAJS Secretary until the next General Meeting in Frankfurt in July 2023.

During the past year, working closely with legal advisers, the EAJS has reviewed and updated its governance, trustee, safeguarding and complaints handling policies, procedures and risk assessments. The EAJS's Articles of Association have also been updated on the basis of agreements voted upon during the July 2022 General Meeting. Further suggestions for updating and modernising the Articles of Association will be presented to EAJS members for their consideration at the July 2023 General Meeting.

In October 2018, following the same three-year framework as previous years, the Charity submitted a grant application to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe (henceforth "the Foundation") to renew its funding of the EAJS Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies (henceforth the "Conference Grant Programme"). This application was successful, with the Foundation agreeing in January 2019 to pay a grant of £155,400 to the Charity over three years starting from 1st March 2019 (for 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22). Of this, £150,000 was ear-marked for the grant payments, and £5,400 for the administration and bank transaction costs. Three instalments of £51,800 were received in March 2019, March 2020 and May 2021 respectively. This funding has allowed the EAJS to support academic conferences and summer/winter schools in Jewish Studies. Using this funding, the European Association for Jewish studies awarded grants for the organisation of thirty conferences and summer/winter schools in 2019-2022.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine (which impacted two conferences organised by the Ukrainian Association for Jewish Studies), several of these academic events were cancelled, postponed (with one event still postponed) or restructured into online or hybrid events. These cancellations and changes resulted in less money being used than originally budgeted. Whilst the exact extent of the underspend will not be known until all the postponed events have been completed, it was clear by August 2021 that the total underspend would be in the region of £60,000 - £70,000, and hence it was agreed with the Foundation that the Charity would use the underspend to fund an additional year of the Conference Grant Programme (i.e., 2022-23).

On this basis, the EAJS awarded grants to seven events in 2022-23, with the grants for these seven events coming to nearly £46,000. Of these seven events, one completed and was paid prior to 30 March 2023, with the remaining due to be paid between April and August 2023. It is expected that there will still be a significant underspend at the conclusion of this extended project, which will either be returned to the Foundation, or used to fund similar events with the agreement of the Foundation. The exact amount of the underspend will not be known until the conclusion of the extended 2019-22 Conference Grant Programme project in August 2023, but it is expected to be approximately £15,000 - £20,000.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Again, following the same three-year framework as previous years, the Charity submitted a grant application to the Foundation in October 2022 for another three-year cycle of the Conference Grant Programme. This application was also successful, with the Foundation agreeing in January 2023 to pay a grant of £153,000 to the Charity over three years starting from 1st March 2023 (for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26). Of this, £150,000 is ear-marked for the grant payments, and £3,000 for the administration and bank transaction costs. The first instalment of £51,000 was received on 31 March 2023, with the remaining payments expected in March/April 2024 and 2025. This funding will allow the EAJS to continue to support academic conferences and summer/winter schools in European Jewish Studies.

In March 2020, the Charity applied to the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for funding to co-fund (on a 50:50 basis) the travel grant programme that it first ran in 2017 for members attending the World Congress of Jewish Studies (WCJS). The application was successful, and the Foundation awarded the Association £4,650. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WCJS was postponed from August 2021 to August 2022. The Foundation agreed to postpone the funding until 2022, and the Association received the payment of £4,650 on 31st May 2022. On this basis, the Association awarded 15 travel grants of £500 each, and together with the World Union of Jewish Studies and the Foundation, organised and hosted a reception for the grantees at the WCJS. At the conclusion of the WCJS travel grant project, there was an underspend of £1,223 (primarily due to two of the grantees pulling out of their attendance of the WCJS). The Foundation has agreed to allow the Association to use this underspend to supplement funding that will be used to award several £300 travel and accommodation grants to early-career scholars attending the EAJS Congress in July 2023 to present in a series of panels for SEEJS (the Southeastern European Jewish Studies network).

In January 2022, following the same four-year framework as previous years, the Charity applied to the Foundation for funding to support the core activities of the EAJS for another four years. This application was successful, and in May 2022, the Foundation agreed to pay £140,500 to the Charity in four planned instalments for the period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2026 (2022: £42,000; 2023: £38,000; 2024: £32,500; 2025: £28,000). The first instalment of £42,000 was received on 30th September 2022. With this funding, the EAJS can continue to fulfil and maintain its objectives and activities, and to build upon its personnel arrangements, with Dr Simon Mayers continuing in his appointment as the EAJS Administrator (on a 0.65 FTE basis), and Ms Kerry Maciak continuing in her appointment as Assistant Administrator (on a 0.1 FTE basis).

In 2021, the co-editors of the European Journal for Jewish Studies, published by the EAJS in cooperation with Brill Academic Publishers (Leiden, Boston, Mass), Professor Giuseppe Veltri and Patrick Benjamin Koch, resigned. The EAJS Executive Committee recommended to Brill Academic Publishers to appoint Professor Marcin Wodziński new editor-in-chief of the journal, with Professor Bart Wallet, Dr Katja Šmid, and Dr Adam Stepnowski as co-editors.

The Association inaugurated an EAJS Digital Forum in 2017 to support digital initiatives and to support and familiarize the EAJS membership with this new set of research methods and tools. The Digital Forum offers support to European scholars and digital initiatives, seeks to foster teaching and training as well as methodological reflection and debate, and, in doing so, aims to facilitate productive links between Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities. Since the spring of 2019, the existing Digital Forum Steering Committee has introduced regular meetings to intensify its activities. An Advisory Board has now been configured which provides a forum for members of the EAJS involved in research and teaching related to Digital Humanities, who are interested in actively supporting the Association's activities in this area. The Digital Forum meets every month, has provided consultancy to EAJS members, has provided a series of showcase reports about important projects at the intersection of Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities for the monthly EAJS newsflash and the EAJS website, has organized a Digital Jour Fixe to promote new techniques applicable in Jewish studies (which now is available online in a dedicated youtube channel under @eajsdigitalforum), and has created a list of digital resources and projects that they plan to publish in a searchable database on the EAJS website. It is also preparing training workshops for the EAJS congress in July 2023 in Frankfurt.

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COVID-19

COVID-19, the government's control measures to contain COVID-19, and international lockdowns and travel restrictions during the past few years, continue to have an impact on the charity's activities, though this impact is much reduced in comparison to the previous years. In particular:

- Several conferences and summer/winter schools funded by EAJS grants for 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 were postponed, cancelled or restructured into virtual/online or hybrid events. Whilst only one event is still postponed (from 2019-20), there is still an administrative impact from many of these events being postponed, cancelled or restructured. Furthermore, the number of grant applications each year remains lower than in the years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The postponement of the EAJS's twelfth quadrennial EAJS Congress, originally scheduled to take place in Frankfurt in July 2022, until 16-20 July 2023.
- The need to schedule an in-person General Meeting in London, hosted at the BIAJS conference, on 12 July 2022, to allow a vote on whether the existing Honorary Officers and other members of the Executive Committee could continue in their elected positions for one more year (i.e., until the General Meeting which will be held at the postponed quadrennial Congress in July 2023). The members agreed to allow the existing Honorary Officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) and other members of the Executive Committee to continue in their positions for one more year. As the existing President of the Association, Professor Elisabeth Hollender, will continue as President until July 2023, the Presidential term of the current President-Elect, Dr Javier Castaño, will now run from 2023 to 2027 rather than the originally planned 2022 to 2026. However, due to other commitments, Professor Sarah Pearce was unable to continue as EAJS Secretary for the full duration of an additional year, and hence resigned as EAJS Secretary effective 1st January 2023. Professor Pearce remains a member of the Executive Committee and a director and trustee of the Association. Professor François Guesnet is now interim EAJS Secretary until the next General Meeting in Frankfurt in July 2023.

Decision Making Process

Decisions are made by the directors, who take advice from an Executive Committee.

Financial Review (including reserves policy)

The Charity obtains its income from two main sources:

- 1) Members subscriptions
- 2) Donations

The main donor is the Rothschild Foundation.

On 8th January 2010, The European Association for Jewish Studies (company limited by guarantee) was formed. Prior to this the organisation was not a limited company nor did it have charitable status.

On 8th January 2010, funds of £68,740 were transferred from the association to the limited company.

The statement of financial activities covers the year to 30th March 2023. The Charity generated total incoming resources of £59,792 (2022: £132,746). It expended £88,939 (2022: £118,094) on charitable activities including governance costs of £10,120 (2022: £25,083).

In the period the Charity incurred a surplus/(deficit) before transfers of £(34,681) (2022: £7,781).

Unrestricted funds in hand at the year end amounted to £139,719 (2022: £131,508). Restricted funds in hand amounted to £33,276 (2022: £76,168). The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's unrestricted reserves of £139,719 (2022: £131,808) are adequate to meet its future objectives and financial needs.

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Financial Review (including reserves policy) (continued)

As discussed in more detail in the earlier section, "Achievements and Performance," the Charity has submitted four successful grant applications to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe during the past five years:

In October 2018, the Charity submitted a grant application to the Foundation to renew its funding of the EAJS Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies. This application was successful, with the Foundation agreeing in January 2019 to pay a grant of £155,400 to the Charity over three years starting from 1st March 2019 (for 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22). Of this, £150,000 was ear-marked for the grant payments, and £5,400 for the administration and bank transaction costs. Three instalments of £51,800 were received in March 2019, March 2020 and May 2021 respectively. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, several of the supported academic events were cancelled, postponed or restructured. The cancellations and changes resulted in less money being used than originally budgeted. The Foundation agreed that the Charity could use the underspend to fund an additional year of the Conference Grant Programme (2022-23). It is expected that there will still be a significant underspend at the conclusion of this extended project, which will either be returned to the Foundation, or used to fund similar events with the agreement of the Foundation. The exact amount of the underspend will not be known until the conclusion of the extended 2019-22 Conference Grant Programme project in August 2023, but it is expected to be approximately £15,000 - £20,000.

In October 2022, the Charity submitted another grant application to the Foundation for another three-year cycle of the Conference Grant Programme. This application was also successful, with the Foundation agreeing in January 2023 to pay a grant of £153,000 to the Charity over three years starting from 1st March 2023 (for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26). Of this, £150,000 is ear-marked for the grant payments, and £3,000 for the administration and bank transaction costs. The first instalment of £51,000 was received on 31st March 2023, with the remaining payments expected in March or April in 2024 and 2025. This funding will allow the EAJS to continue to support academic conferences and summer/winter schools in European Jewish Studies.

In March 2020, the Charity applied to the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for funding to co-fund (on a 50:50 basis) the travel grant programme that it first ran in 2017 for members attending the World Congress of Jewish Studies (WCJS). The application was successful, and the Foundation awarded the Association £4,650. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WCJS was postponed from August 2021 to August 2022. The Foundation agreed to postpone the funding until 2022, and the Association received the payment of £4,650 on 31 May 2022. On this basis, the Association awarded 15 travel grants of £500 each, and together with the World Union of Jewish Studies and the Foundation, organised and hosted a reception for the grantees at the WCJS. At the conclusion of the WCJS travel grant project, there was an underspend of £1,223 (primarily due to two of the grantees pulling out of the WCJS). The Foundation has agreed to allow the Association to use this money to supplement funding that will be used to award several £300 travel and accommodation grants for early-career scholars attending the EAJS Congress in July 2023 to present in a series of panels for SEEJS (the Southeastern European Jewish Studies network).

In January 2022, following the same four-year framework as previous years, the Charity applied to the Foundation for funding to support the core activities of the EAJS for another four years. This application was successful, and in May 2022, the Foundation agreed to pay £140,500 to the Charity in four planned instalments for the period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2026 (2022: £42,000; 2023: £38,000; 2024: £32,500; 2025: £28,000). The first instalment of £42,000 was received on 30th September 2022. With this funding, the EAJS can continue to fulfil and maintain its objectives and activities, and to build upon its personnel arrangements, with Dr Simon Mayers continuing in his appointment as the EAJS Administrator, and Ms Kerry Maciak continuing in her appointment as Assistant Administrator.

Risk Review

The Charity has taken out Employer's Liability Insurance and Public Liability Insurance.

The reserves policy enables the Charity to wind up without consequential loss if necessary.

Appropriate accounting and financial controls are in place.

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Plans for Future Periods

1. As discussed in previous sections of this report (in "Achievements and Performance" and "Financial Review"), the European Association for Jewish Studies has been awarded four grants during the past five years from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe. These have and will continue support the core activities of the European Association for Jewish Studies and the Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies until 31 August 2026. The Charity will submit new applications to the Foundation to renew this funding in early 2026.
2. The twelfth quadrennial EAJS Congress is scheduled to take place in Frankfurt in July 2023 (postponed from July 2022 due to COVID-19). The next General Meeting of the Association will be scheduled to occur during this Congress, and during this meeting the EAJS members will elect the Honorary Officers (President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary) and other members of the Executive Committee for July 2023 to July 2027. Dr Javier Castaño will be the President from July 2023 to July 2027.

Trustees' responsibilities

Company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Directors and Trustees

The following held the position of director/trustee of the charity during the year ended 30th March 2023:

Professor François Guesnet
Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce
Professor Maria Elisabeth Hollender
Dr Annelies Kuyt

Trustee Appointment, Induction and Training

Appointments are made by the Board of Trustees giving proper regard to the range of skills and experience needed to govern the Charity. On appointment, Trustees are provided with copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, annual reports and other relevant material. Ongoing advice is thereafter provided to the Trustees as appropriate.

Approved by the Trustees on 1 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by



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Professor François Guesnet

The European Association for Jewish Studies
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The European Association for Jewish Studies

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th March 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 Ajay Bahl BA BFP FCA
Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

1 June 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th March 2023

	Note	2023 Restricted £	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations and legacies	3	4,650	55,142	59,792	63,970	68,776	132,746
Total income		<u>4,650</u>	<u>55,142</u>	<u>59,792</u>	<u>63,970</u>	<u>68,776</u>	<u>132,746</u>
Expenditure							
Expenditure on raising funds	5	-	5,534	5,534	-	6,871	6,871
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	51,392	37,547	88,939	68,484	49,610	118,094
Total expenditure		<u>51,392</u>	<u>43,081</u>	<u>94,473</u>	<u>68,484</u>	<u>56,481</u>	<u>124,965</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(46,742)	12,061	(34,681)	(4,514)	12,295	7,781
Transfer between funds		3,850	(3,850)	-	13,745	(13,745)	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(42,892)</u>	<u>8,211</u>	<u>(34,681)</u>	<u>9,231</u>	<u>(1,450)</u>	<u>7,781</u>
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		76,168	131,508	207,676	66,937	132,958	199,895
Total funds carried forward		<u>33,276</u>	<u>139,719</u>	<u>172,995</u>	<u>76,168</u>	<u>131,508</u>	<u>207,676</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 30th March 2023

Note	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Current assets						
Cash at bank and in hand	33,276	157,041	190,317	76,168	144,880	221,048
Current liabilities						
Creditors: due within one year	-	(17,322)	(17,322)	-	(13,372)	(13,372)
Net assets	<u>33,276</u>	<u>139,719</u>	<u>172,995</u>	<u>76,168</u>	<u>131,508</u>	<u>207,676</u>
Funds						
Unrestricted	-	139,719	139,719	-	131,508	131,508
Restricted	<u>33,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,276</u>	<u>76,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,168</u>
	<u>33,276</u>	<u>139,719</u>	<u>172,995</u>	<u>76,168</u>	<u>131,508</u>	<u>207,676</u>

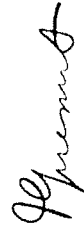
For the year ending 30th March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2019) relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 1 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Professor François Guesnet - Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year 30th March 2023

1. Basis of preparation

- a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, UK Generally Accepted Practice, and the Companies Act 2006.
- b) In preparing the accounts, the Charity has considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No statements were required.
- c) The accounts are drawn up under the historical cost convention. Significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years present unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.
- d) The Charity is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- e) The Charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement.
- f) The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have included the potential impact of COVID-19 in this assessment. The budgeted income and expenditure is deemed sufficient with the level of reserves held for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Accounting policies

- a) **Company status**
The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company, named on page 4, are also trustees of the charity. In the event of a winding up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.
- b) **Income**
Credit is taken for income on the following basis:

Interest on an accruals basis.
Donations are recognised on a receivable basis and include any income tax recoverable.
- c) **Subscription income**
Subscription income is due on the 1st January and covers a calendar year. This income is accounted for on a receivable basis, although unpaid subscriptions are not accounted for until received.
- d) **Taxation**
The Trust is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- e) **Allocation of costs to resources expended**
Specific items of expenditure are attributed to the appropriate category, of:
 - Cost of generating donations and legacies. These are the costs associated with generating voluntary incoming resources from all sources other than undertaking charitable activities.

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e) Allocation of costs to resources expended (continued)

- Charitable activities. These are the resources applied by the Charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives.
- Governance costs. These are costs that relate to the general running of the charity. The governance costs of the Charity are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are included under charitable costs.
- Support costs such as postage and stationery have been allocated to activity cost categories on a consistent basis.

f) Fund accounting

The Charity mainly holds unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity and at the discretion of the trustees.

The Charity did receive grants and donations which must be used for specific purposes. As at the year end the balance on restricted funds was £33,276 (2022: £76,168). A detailed breakdown of restricted funds is provided in note 11.

g) Pensions

The Charity makes contributions to a pension scheme held by its employees. The costs of contributions are written off in the year they are payable.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants – Government job retention scheme	-	-	-	17,558
EAJIS Membership Subscriptions	-	13,105	13,105	8,950
Grants (Rothschild Foundation)	4,650	42,000	46,650	94,068
Donations	-	10	10	12,170
Other	-	27	27	-
	<u>4,650</u>	<u>55,142</u>	<u>59,792</u>	<u>132,746</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £59,792 (2022: £132,746) of which £55,142 was attributable to restricted funds (2022: £63,970) and £4,650 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2022: £68,776).

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4. Charitable activities

	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Funding Advisory costs	300	-	300	900
Conference grants	35,240	-	35,240	12,618
Administrators' salaries	7,352	22,056	29,408	29,928
Looted Art Research Unit – (salary and management costs)	-	-	-	38,632
Support costs	-	2,749	2,749	10,595
Governance costs (note 6)	-	10,120	10,120	25,083
European Journal for Jewish Studies	-	2,622	2,622	-
Transfer to Commission for Looted Art	-	-	-	338
World Congress of Jewish Studies	8,500	-	8,500	-
	<u>51,392</u>	<u>37,547</u>	<u>88,939</u>	<u>118,094</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £88,939 (2022: £118,094) of which £51,392 was attributable to restricted funds (2022: £68,484) and £37,547 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2022: £49,610).

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Administrators' salaries	-	4,524	4,524	4,604
Support costs	-	1,010	1,010	2,267
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,534</u>	<u>5,534</u>	<u>6,871</u>

Expenditure on raising funds was £5,534 (2022: £6,871) all of which are unrestricted funds.

6. Governance costs

	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Independent review of accounts	-	1,980	1,980	1,980
Other professional fees	-	2,235	2,235	15,038
Support	-	365	365	729
Internal governance costs (including Administrators' salaries)	-	5,540	5,540	7,336
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,120</u>	<u>10,120</u>	<u>25,083</u>

Expenditure on governance costs was £10,120 (2022: £25,083) of which £nil was attributable to restricted funds (2022: £3,500) and £10,120 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2022: £21,583).

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7. Support costs

Support costs, consisting of office costs of the Charity, are split between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs on the estimated time spent on each activity.

	Basis of apportionment	Charitable activity funds		Cost of generating		Governance costs	
		2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Office costs	Work done	<u>2,749</u>	<u>10,595</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>2,267</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>729</u>

8. Analysis of employee costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	34,103	62,365
Social security costs	-	2,166
Pension	3,600	7,223
	<u>37,703</u>	<u>71,754</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000 during the year.

The Charity had two part-time administrators during the year. The administrators deal with all aspects of the Charity, with the exception of matters relating to the Looted Art Research Unit's operation, and their costs are allocated between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs.

From 1st January 2016 the Looted Art Research Unit's operations were transferred from Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (charity number: 309720).

On 11th February 2022, the charity completed the transfer of the Looted Art Research Unit's operations, including employees, to the Commission for Looted Art in Europe Limited. After the transfer, the Looted Art Research Unit's operations ceased to be an activity of the Association.

9. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received remuneration from the Charity. Expenses of £415 (2022: £nil) were reimbursed to Trustees.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £37,703 (2022: £37,803).

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10. Creditors due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	1,980	1,980
Deferred income - See below	14,854	10,827
Other tax and social security	488	565
	<u>17,322</u>	<u>13,372</u>
	<u><u>17,322</u></u>	<u><u>13,372</u></u>
	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income		
Subscriptions	14,854	10,827
	<u>14,854</u>	<u>10,827</u>
	<u><u>14,854</u></u>	<u><u>10,827</u></u>

11. Restricted fund

2023

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfer £	At 30th March £
World Congress of Jewish Studies	-	4,650	(8,500)	3,850	-
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	76,168	-	(42,892)	-	33,276
	<u>76,168</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>(51,392)</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>33,276</u>
	<u><u>76,168</u></u>	<u><u>4,650</u></u>	<u><u>(51,392)</u></u>	<u><u>3,850</u></u>	<u><u>33,276</u></u>

2022

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfer £	At 30th March £
Looted Art Research Unit	21,569	12,170	(47,484)	13,745	-
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	45,368	51,800	(21,000)	-	76,168
	<u>66,937</u>	<u>63,970</u>	<u>(68,484)</u>	<u>13,745</u>	<u>76,168</u>
	<u><u>66,937</u></u>	<u><u>63,970</u></u>	<u><u>(68,484)</u></u>	<u><u>13,745</u></u>	<u><u>76,168</u></u>

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11. Restricted fund (continued)

The Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies allows members of the EAJS to apply for funding for academic conferences and summer/winter schools for a given academic year and is funded by Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe. In October 2018, the Charity submitted a grant application to the Foundation to renew its funding of the Conference Grant Programme. This application was successful, with the Foundation agreeing in January 2019 to pay a grant of £155,400 to the Charity over three years starting from 1st March 2019 (for 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22). Of this, £150,000 was ear-marked for the grant payments, and £5,400 for the administration and bank transaction costs. Three instalments of £51,800 were received in March 2019, March 2020 and May 2021 respectively. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, some of the supported academic events were cancelled or postponed or restructured. The cancellations and changes resulted in less money being used than originally budgeted. The Foundation agreed that the Charity could use the underspend to fund an additional year of the Conference Grant Programme (2022-23). In October 2022, the Charity submitted another grant application to the Foundation for another three-year cycle of the Conference Grant Programme. This application was also successful, with the Foundation agreeing in January 2023 to pay a grant of £153,000 to the Charity over three years starting from 1st March 2023 (for 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26). Of this, £150,000 is ear-marked for the grant payments, and £3,000 for the administration and bank transaction costs. The first instalment of £51,000 was received on 31st March 2023, with the remaining payments expected in March or April in 2024 and 2025.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1136128

Accounts

Company number: 07119740
Charity number: 1136128

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Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

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Legal and administrative information

Charity registration number: 1136128
Company registration number: 07119740

**The Trustees of the Charity
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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30th March 2022

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company) present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th March 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and activities of the Charity

The objectives of The European Association for Jewish Studies (the Charity) are specifically restricted to the following:

- 1) The advancement for the public benefit of scholarly Jewish studies in Europe.
- 2) The advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

The Charity's activities are as follows:-

1. Organise and fund congresses, colloquia and workshops on subjects related to scholarly Jewish Studies.
2. Publish bi-annual journal (*European Journal of Jewish Studies – EJJS*) with papers relevant to scholarly Jewish studies.
3. Host a website (www.eurojewishstudies.org) containing:
 - a) Online Directory of Jewish Studies in Europe, which includes details of scholars, university departments and higher education institutions.
 - b) Information about academic positions, scholarships and fellowships, conferences and calls for papers, and general news and events in scholarly Jewish studies across Europe.
 - c) Funders Database (the EAJS Database of Funding Sources), containing details of organisations and trusts offering funding (scholarships, grants, bursaries, and awards) in scholarly Jewish studies.
 - d) Information about past and planned future EAJS congresses, colloquia, and workshops.
 - e) Information about the EAJS.
 - f) Any other information of relevance to scholarly Jewish studies that arises from time to time.
4. Publish a monthly "newsflash" distributed to EAJS members by email.
5. Provide a Funding Information System for the benefit of EAJS members.
6. Support academic events in Jewish Studies across Europe organised by the Association's members through funds raised for this purpose.
7. Support exchange and cooperation among academics involved in Jewish Studies by establishing travel bursary programmes, or by funding such travel bursaries.
8. Support the endeavours of the Looted Art Research Unit, functioning under the auspices of the Association, to reconstruct art collections looted during the Nazi-period and World War Two, and to locate and identify works of art which were part of such collections.

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The aim of the Charity's activities is the advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

Charitable Status, Governance and Management

The European Association for Jewish Studies (Charity) is a registered charity (no: 1136128) and has no liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities. The Charity is administered under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 8th January 2010. There is no share capital. The income and property of the charity must be applied solely towards the promotion of the Charity's objectives.

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person willing to be a director/trustee. The office is staffed by two administrators who acts on instructions from the secretary who is a director.

The company obtained charitable status on 1st June 2010.

In 2015, the Association registered with HMRC as employer, PAYE ref. 475 LB29124, accounts office ref. 475 PG 00829519.

Investment Powers

Trustees have the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining such advice from a financial expert as the Trustees consider necessary and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification).

Public Benefit

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. How the Charity has met this guidance is detailed later in this report.

Achievements and performance

The quadrennial Congress of the EAJJS took place in Krakow from 18th July 2018 to 22nd July 2018. Officers of the Association are elected at quadrennial congresses for four-year terms. At the General Meeting of the Association on 17th July 2018, held during the EAJJS Congress, the terms of office of Dr François Guesnet (Secretary), Professor Michal Galas (Treasurer) and Professor Edward Dąbrowa (President) came to an end. At the same General Meeting, Professor Elisabeth Hollender was elected as President, Dr Annelies Kuyt was elected as Treasurer, and Professor Sarah Pearce was elected as Secretary. As newly elected officers of the Association, Professor Elisabeth Hollender, Dr Annelies Kuyt and Professor Sarah Pearce were also elected to the Executive Committee and appointed as directors and trustees of the Association. Professor Edward Dąbrowa remained a member of the Executive Committee in his role as former President of the Association. Dr Francois Guesnet was re-elected as a member of the Executive Committee and was re-appointed as a director and trustee. Dr Javier Castaño was re-elected to the Executive Committee to be President of the Association from 2022 to 2026. Also elected to the Executive Committee were Dr Pavel Sládek, Professor Daniel Stökl Ben Ezra and Dr Marzena Zawadowska.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Committee of the European Association for Jewish Studies has taken the decision to postpone the quadrennial Congress, originally scheduled for July 2022. The Congress will now take place in Frankfurt, Germany, on 16-20 July 2023. The 'Rules and Byelaws' and the 'Articles of Association' for the EAJJS requires the Association to elect the Honorary Officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) and other members of the Executive Committee at each General Meeting. Furthermore, according to the Articles, the Executive Committee is required to hold a General Meeting at least once every 4 years and 6 months. The EAJJS therefore scheduled an in-person General Meeting in London, hosted at the BIAJS conference, on 12th July 2022. At this General Meeting, the members were asked to vote on whether the existing Honorary Officers and other members of the Executive Committee could continue in their elected positions for one more year (i.e., until the General Meeting which will be held at the quadrennial Congress in July 2023). Members were able to vote using proxy vote forms which were sent out to all members

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Achievements and performance (continued)

about a month prior to the meeting. The members agreed by an overwhelming majority to allow the existing Honorary Officers and other members of the Executive Committee to continue in their positions for one more year. The existing President of the Association, Professor Elisabeth Hollender, will continue as President until July 2023, with the term of the current President-Elect, Dr Javier Castaño, running from 2023 to 2027 rather than the originally planned 2022 to 2026.

In 2017, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for funding to support the core activities of the EAJS for four years. This application was successful, and in January 2018, Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe agreed to pay £169,068 in four instalments to the Charity for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2022. Four instalments of £42,267.00 were received in September 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively. In January 2022, the Charity applied again to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for funding to support the core activities of the EAJS for another four years. This application was also successful, and in May 2022, Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe agreed to pay £140,500 in four instalments to the Charity for the period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2026. With this funding, the EAJS can continue to fulfil and maintain its objectives and activities, and to build upon its personnel arrangements, with Dr Simon Mayers continuing in his appointment as EAJS Administrator (on a 0.65 FTE basis), and Ms Kerry Maciak continuing in her appointment as assistant EAJS Administrator (on a 0.1 FTE basis). However, this award is for less than the EAJS applied for, and it is anticipated that the grant payments will be reduced each year in the following manner; 2022: £42,000; 2023: £38,000; 2024: £32,500; 2025: £28,000. This decrease in funding from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe will require the EAJS to investigate new sources of income, such as increased membership fees, donations, and other forms of grants and funding.

In the framework of a three-year funding cycle (2016-17; 2017-18; 2018-19), Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe awarded £156,750 to the Association in January 2016 to allow funding of academic conferences and summer/winter schools in Jewish Studies (the "Conference Grant Programme"), with a yearly amount of £50,000 to be awarded to successful applicants applying for conference funding, and £2,250 earmarked for the administration of this programme. Thirty conferences and summer/winter schools were supported through this funding from 2016 to 2019. Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe awarded an additional £5,000 as part of this cycle to support travel bursary grants for the World Congress of Jewish Studies (WCJS) in 2017. This allowed the Association to award 21 travel bursaries for the WCJS. At the end of the three-year funding cycle for 2016-2019 there was an underspend of £12,952.29 which was returned to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe on 5th November 2019.

In 2018, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for this conference and summer/winter school funding to be continued for another three-year funding cycle. This application was approved by Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in January 2019, with a grant of £155,400 (£150,000 for conference and summer/winter school funding, and £5,400 for the administration of the grant programme) to be paid over three years starting from 1st March 2019. Three instalments of £51,800 were received in March 2019, March 2020 and May 2021. Using this funding, the European Association for Jewish studies awarded grants for the organisation of thirty conferences and summer/winter schools in 2019, 2020 and 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, three of these academic events were cancelled and several were postponed or restructured into online or hybrid events which required less money than originally budgeted. Some of the postponed academic events from 2019, 2020 and 2021 are still yet to proceed, though most have now completed, and the remaining events are scheduled for 2022 or the first half of 2023. Whilst the precise amount will not be known until the events have all completed, it is expected that the underspend for the 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 cycles of the Conference Grant Programme will be in the region of £60,000, and therefore the EAJS has agreed with Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to fund an additional cycle of the Conference Grant Programme (i.e., 2022-23) from the projected underspend. On this basis, the EAJS has agreed to fund seven events in 2022-23, with the grants for these seven events coming to £45,884. Any remaining underspend after these events will be returned to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in Autumn 2023. Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe have also agreed that the EAJS can apply to renew the funding for the Conference Grant Programme for another three years (2023/24 to 2025/26) in the Autumn of 2022.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

In March 2020, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for funding to co-fund (on a 50:50 basis) the travel grant programme that it first ran in 2017 for members attending the World Congress of Jewish Studies (WCJS). The application was successful, and Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe awarded the Association £4,650. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WCJS was postponed from August 2021 to August 2022. Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe agreed to postpone the funding until 2022, and the Association received the payment of £4,650 on 31st May 2022. On this basis, the Association has awarded 15 travel grants of £500 each, and organised a reception for the grantees, to be hosted by the World Union of Jewish Studies, the European Association for Jewish Studies and Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe, at the conference.

From January 2016 to February 2022, the Looted Art Research Unit (LARU) functioned under the auspices of the European Association for Jewish Studies, with staff administered through the Association's payroll. The activities were accounted for in the charity's accounts as a restricted fund. LARU functioned under the auspices of the EAJS to reconstruct art collections looted during the Nazi period and World War II and to locate and identify works of art which were part of such collections. On 11th February 2022, the European Association for Jewish Studies completed the transfer of LARU and the LARU employees to the Commission for Looted Art in Europe Limited, and LARU's work ceased to be an activity of the Association.

COVID-19

COVID-19, the government's control measures to contain COVID-19, and international lockdowns and travel restrictions during the past two years, have had and continue to have an impact on the charity's activities. The EAJS amended its operations in line with government advice, with staff working from home during the lockdown. Risks and uncertainties resulting from virus control measures include:

- Several conferences and summer/winter schools funded by EAJS grants for 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 were postponed, cancelled or restructured into virtual/online or hybrid events. Furthermore, the number of grant applications has reduced significantly since the COVID-19 pandemic began.
- An impact on existing income streams, including membership subscriptions and the core funding received from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe.
- The postponement of the EAJS's twelfth quadrennial EAJS Congress, originally scheduled to take place in Frankfurt in July 2022, until 16-20 July 2023.

Decision Making Process

Decisions are made by the directors, who take advice from an Executive Committee.

Financial Review (including reserves policy)

The Charity obtains its income from two main sources:

- 1) Members subscriptions
- 2) Donations

The main donor is the Rothschild Foundation.

On 8th January 2010, The European Association for Jewish Studies (company limited by guarantee) was formed. Prior to this the organisation was not a limited company nor did it have charitable status.

On 8th January 2010, funds of £68,740 were transferred from the association to the limited company.

The statement of financial activities covers the year to 30th March 2022. The Charity generated total incoming resources of £132,746 (2021: £117,806). It expended £118,094 (2021: £146,287) on charitable activities including governance costs of £25,083 (2021: £33,185).

In the period the Charity incurred a surplus/(deficit) before transfers of £7,781 (2021: £(32,674)).

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Financial Review (including reserves policy) (continued)

Unrestricted funds in hand at the year end amounted to £131,508 (2021: £132,958). Restricted funds in hand amounted to £76,168 (2021: £66,937). The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's unrestricted reserves of £131,808 (2021: £132,958) are adequate to meet its future objectives and financial needs.

Risk Review

The Charity has taken out Employer's Liability Insurance and Public Liability Insurance.

The reserves policy enables the Charity to wind up without consequential loss if necessary.

Appropriate accounting and financial controls are in place.

Plans for Future Periods

1. In January 2022, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to renew its fundings of the core activities of the European Association for Jewish Studies for another four years. This application was successful, and in May 2022, Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe agreed to pay £140,500 in four instalments to the Charity for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2026. With this funding, the EAJS can continue to fulfil and maintain its objectives and activities. However, this award is for less than the EAJS applied for, and it is anticipated that the grant payments will be reduced each year in the following manner; 2022: £42,000; 2023: £38,000; 2024: £32,500; 2025: £28,000. This decrease in funding from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe will require the EAJS to investigate new sources of income, such as increased membership fees, donations, and other forms of grants and funding.
2. The EAJS plans to submit a new funding application to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in the Autumn of 2022 in order to continue the EAJS Conference Grant Programme for another three-year cycle (i.e., 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26).
3. The twelfth quadrennial EAJS Congress is now scheduled to take place in Frankfurt in July 2023 (postponed from July 2022 due to COVID-19).

Trustees' responsibilities

Company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Report of the Trustees
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Directors and Trustees

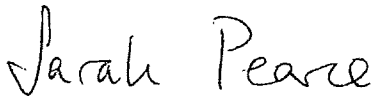
The following held the position of director/trustee of the charity during the year ended 30th March 2022:

Professor François Guesnet
Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce
Professor Maria Elisabeth Hollender
Dr Annelies Kuyt

Trustee Appointment, Induction and Training

Appointments are made by the Board of Trustees giving proper regard to the range of skills and experience needed to govern the Charity. On appointment, Trustees are provided with copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, annual reports and other relevant material. Ongoing advice is thereafter provided to the Trustees as appropriate.

Approved by the Trustees on 4 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by



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Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The European Association for Jewish Studies

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 Ajay Bahl BA BFP FCA
Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford**

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th March 2022

Note

Incoming resources		2022 Restricted £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Donations and legacies	3	63,970	68,776	132,746	51,800	66,006	117,806
Total income		<u>63,970</u>	<u>68,776</u>	<u>132,746</u>	<u>51,800</u>	<u>66,006</u>	<u>117,806</u>
Expenditure							
Expenditure on raising funds	5	-	6,871	6,871	-	4,193	4,193
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	68,484	49,610	118,094	95,776	50,511	146,287
Total expenditure		<u>68,484</u>	<u>56,481</u>	<u>124,965</u>	<u>95,776</u>	<u>54,704</u>	<u>150,480</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(4,514)	12,295	7,781	(43,976)	11,302	(32,674)
Transfer between funds		13,745	(13,745)	-	3,499	(3,499)	-
Net movement in funds		<u>9,231</u>	<u>(1,450)</u>	<u>7,781</u>	<u>(40,477)</u>	<u>7,803</u>	<u>(32,674)</u>
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		66,937	132,958	199,895	107,414	125,155	232,569
Total funds carried forward		<u>76,168</u>	<u>131,508</u>	<u>207,676</u>	<u>66,937</u>	<u>132,958</u>	<u>199,895</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 30th March 2022

	Note	Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Restricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		76,168	144,880	221,048	67,743	146,879	214,622
Current liabilities							
Creditors: due within one year	10	-	(13,372)	(13,372)	(806)	(13,921)	(14,727)
Net assets							
		76,168	131,508	207,676	66,937	132,958	199,895
Funds							
Unrestricted		-	131,508	131,508	-	132,958	132,958
Restricted	11	76,168	-	76,168	66,937	-	66,937
		76,168	131,508	207,676	66,937	132,958	199,895

For the year ending 30th March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2019) relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 4 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Sarah Pearce

Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce - Trustee
The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Basis of preparation

- a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, UK Generally Accepted Practice, and the Companies Act 2006.
- b) In preparing the accounts, the Charity has considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No statements were required.
- c) The accounts are drawn up under the historical cost convention. Significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years present unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.
- d) The Charity is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- e) The Charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement.
- f) The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have included the potential impact of COVID-19 in this assessment. The budgeted income and expenditure is deemed sufficient with the level of reserves held for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Accounting policies

a) Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company, named on page 4, are also trustees of the charity. In the event of a winding up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

b) Income

Credit is taken for income on the following basis:

Interest on an accruals basis.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis and include any income tax recoverable.

c) Subscription income

Subscription income is due on the 1st January and covers a calendar year. This income is accounted for on a receivable basis, although unpaid subscriptions are not accounted for until received.

d) Taxation

The Trust is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

e) Allocation of costs to resources expended

Specific items of expenditure are attributed to the appropriate category, of:

- Cost of generating donations and legacies. These are the costs associated with generating voluntary incoming resources from all sources other than undertaking charitable activities.

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e) Allocation of costs to resources expended (continued)

- Charitable activities. These are the resources applied by the Charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives.
- Governance costs. These are costs that relate to the general running of the charity. The governance costs of the Charity are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are included under charitable costs.
- Support costs such as postage and stationery have been allocated to activity cost categories on a consistent basis.

f) Fund accounting

The Charity mainly holds unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity and at the discretion of the trustees.

The Charity did receive grants and donations which must be used for specific purposes. As at the year end the balance on restricted funds was £76,168 (2021: £66,937). A detailed breakdown of restricted funds is provided in note 11.

g) Pensions

The Charity makes contributions to a pension scheme held by its employees. The costs of contributions are written off in the year they are payable.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants – Government job retention scheme	-	17,558	17,558	13,417
EAJS Membership Subscriptions	-	8,951	8,951	10,219
Grants (Rothschild Foundation)	51,800	42,267	94,067	94,067
Donations	12,170	-	12,170	5
Other	-	-	-	98
	<u>63,970</u>	<u>68,776</u>	<u>132,746</u>	<u>117,806</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £132,746 (2021: £117,806) of which £63,970 was attributable to restricted funds (2021: £51,800) and £68,776 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2021: £66,006).

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4. Charitable activities

	Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Funding Advisory costs	900	-	900	1,400
Conference grants	12,618	-	12,618	1,139
Administrators' salaries	7,482	22,446	29,928	21,173
Looted Art Research Unit – (salary and management costs)	38,632	-	38,632	69,767
Support costs	5,014	5,581	10,595	18,788
Governance costs (note 6)	3,500	21,583	25,083	33,185
European Journal for Jewish Studies	-	-	-	835
Transfer to Commission for Looted Art	338	-	338	-
	<u>68,484</u>	<u>49,610</u>	<u>118,094</u>	<u>146,287</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £118,094 (2021: £146,287) of which £68,484 was attributable to restricted funds (2021: £95,776) and £49,610 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2021: £50,511).

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Administrators' salaries	-	4,604	4,604	3,257
Support costs	-	2,267	2,267	936
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,871</u>	<u>6,871</u>	<u>4,193</u>

Expenditure on raising funds was £6,871 (2021: £4,193) all of which are unrestricted funds.

6. Governance costs

	Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Independent review of accounts	-	1,980	1,980	1,980
Other professional fees	-	15,038	15,038	24,381
Support	-	729	729	609
Internal governance costs (including Administrators' salaries)	3,500	3,836	7,336	6,215
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>21,583</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>33,185</u>

Expenditure on governance costs was £25,083 (2021: £33,185) of which £3,500 was attributable to restricted funds (2021: £3,500) and £21,583 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2021: £29,685).

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7. Support costs

Support costs, consisting of office costs of the Charity, are split between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs on the estimated time spent on each activity.

	Basis of apportionment	Charitable activity funds		Cost of generating		Governance costs	
		2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Office costs	Work done	10,595	18,594	2,267	935	729	609

8. Analysis of employee costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries	62,930	90,335
Social security costs	2,166	2,902
Pension	7,223	4,962
	<u>72,319</u>	<u>98,199</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000 during the year.

The Charity had two part-time administrators during the year. The administrators deal with all aspects of the Charity, except the Looted Art Research Centre's operation and their costs are allocated between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs.

From 1st January 2016 the Looted Art Research Centre's operations were transferred from Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (charity number: 309720).

On 11th February 2022, the charity completed the transfer of the Looted Art Research Centre's operations, including employees, to the Commission for Looted Art in Europe Limited.

9. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received remuneration from the Charity. Expenses of £nil (2021: £nil) were reimbursed to Trustees.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £38,368 (2021: £31,145). Anne Webber manages the operations of the Looted Art Research Centre on behalf of the charity and was paid £nil (2021: £ nil). Expenses of £4,681 were reimbursed to Anne Webber.

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10. Creditors due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	1,980	1,980
Deferred income - See below	10,827	11,316
Other tax and social security	565	1,431
	<u>13,372</u>	<u>14,727</u>
	<u><u>13,372</u></u>	<u><u>14,727</u></u>
	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income		
Subscriptions	10,827	11,316
	<u>10,827</u>	<u>11,316</u>
	<u><u>10,827</u></u>	<u><u>11,316</u></u>

11. Restricted fund

2022	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer	At 30th March
	£	£	£	£	£
Looted Art Research Unit	21,569	12,170	(47,484)	13,745	-
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	45,368	51,800	(21,000)	-	76,168
	<u>66,937</u>	<u>63,970</u>	<u>(68,484)</u>	<u>13,745</u>	<u>76,168</u>
	<u><u>66,937</u></u>				
2021					
Looted Art Research Unit	107,414	-	(87,109)	1,264	21,569
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	-	51,800	(6,432)	-	45,368
European Journal for Jewish Studies	-	-	(835)	835	-
Funding Advisory costs	-	-	(1,400)	1,400	-
	<u>107,414</u>	<u>51,800</u>	<u>(95,776)</u>	<u>3,499</u>	<u>66,937</u>
	<u><u>107,414</u></u>				

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11. Restricted fund (continued)

The Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies allows members of the EAJJS to apply for funding for academic conferences and summer/winter schools for a given academic year and is funded by Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe. In 2018, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for this conference and summer/winter school funding to be continued for another three-year funding cycle. This application was approved by Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in January 2019, with a grant of £155,400 (£150,000 for conference and summer/winter school funding, and £5,400 for the administration of the grant programme) to be paid over three years starting from 1 March 2019. Three instalments of £51,800 were received in March 2019, March 2020 and May 2021. Using this funding, the European Association for Jewish studies awarded grants for the organisation of thirty conferences and summer/winter schools in 2019, 2020 and 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, three of these academic events were cancelled and several were postponed or restructured into online or hybrid events which required less money than originally budgeted. Some of the postponed academic events from 2019, 2020 and 2021 are still yet to proceed, though most have now completed, and the remaining events are scheduled for 2022 or the first half of 2023. Whilst the precise amount will not be known until the events have all completed, it is expected that the underspend for the 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 cycles of the Conference Grant Programme will be in the region of £60,000, and therefore the EAJJS has agreed with Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to fund an additional cycle of the Conference Grant Programme (i.e., 2022-23) from the projected underspend. On this basis, the EAJJS has agreed to fund seven events in 2022-23, with the grants for these seven events coming to £45,884. Any remaining underspend after these events will be returned to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in Autumn 2023.

The Looted Art Research Unit was transferred in 2016 from the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (Charity Number: 309720) and has continued its research activities around art collections looted during the Nazi-period and World War Two. From January 2016 to February 2022, the Looted Art Research Unit (LARU) functioned under the auspices of the European Association for Jewish Studies, with staff administered through the Association's payroll. The activities were accounted for in the charity's accounts as a restricted fund. On 11 February 2022, the European Association for Jewish Studies completed the transfer of LARU and the LARU employees to the Commission for Looted Art in Europe Limited.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1136128

Accounts

Company number: 07119740
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for the year ended
30th March 2021

Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

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Legal and administrative information

Charity registration number: 1136128
Company registration number: 07119740

**The Trustees of the Charity
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Financial Statements for the year ended 30th March 2021

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30th March 2021

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company) present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and activities of the Charity

The objectives of The European Association for Jewish Studies (the Charity) are specifically restricted to the following:

- 1) The advancement for the public benefit of scholarly Jewish studies in Europe.
- 2) The advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

The Charity's activities are as follows:-

1. Organise and fund congresses, colloquia and workshops on subjects related to scholarly Jewish Studies.
2. Publish bi-annual journal (*European Journal of Jewish Studies – EJJS*) with papers relevant to scholarly Jewish studies.
3. Host a website (www.eurojewishstudies.org) containing:
 - a) Online Directory of Jewish Studies in Europe, which includes details of scholars, university departments and higher education institutions, and libraries devoted to or containing collections of works in scholarly Jewish studies.
 - b) Information about academic positions, scholarships and fellowships, conferences and calls for papers, and general news and events in scholarly Jewish studies across Europe.
 - c) Funders Database (the EAJS Database of Funding Sources), containing details of organisations and trusts offering funding (scholarships, grants, bursaries and awards) in scholarly Jewish studies.
 - d) Information about past and planned future EAJS congresses, colloquia and workshops.
 - e) Information about the EAJS.
 - f) Any other information of relevance to scholarly Jewish studies that arises from time to time.
4. Publish a monthly "newsflash" distributed to EAJS members by email.
5. Provide a Funding Information and Advisory Service, with a part-time Funding Advisor, for the benefit of EAJS members.
6. Support academic events in Jewish Studies across Europe organised by the Association's members through funds raised for this purpose.
7. Support exchange and cooperation among academics involved in Jewish Studies by establishing travel bursary programmes, or by funding such travel bursaries.
8. Support the endeavours of the Looted Art Research Unit, functioning under the auspices of the Association, to reconstruct art collections looted during the Nazi-period and World War Two, and to locate and identify works of art which were part of such collections.

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The aim of the Charity's activities is the advancement for the public benefit of research in Jewish Studies and teaching of Jewish Studies at European Universities and other places of higher education and learning.

Charitable Status, Governance and Management

The European Association for Jewish Studies (Charity) is a registered charity (no: 1136128) and has no liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities. The Charity is administered under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 8th January 2010. There is no share capital. The income and property of the charity must be applied solely towards the promotion of the Charity's objectives.

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person willing to be a director/trustee. The office is staffed by an administrator who acts on instructions from the secretary who is a director.

The company obtained charitable status on 1st June 2010.

In 2015, the Association registered with HMRC as employer, PAYE ref. 475 LB29124, accounts office ref. 475 PG 00829519.

Investment Powers

Trustees have the power to deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining such advice from a financial expert as the Trustees consider necessary and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification).

Public Benefit

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. How the Charity has met this guidance is detailed later in this report.

Achievements and performance

The quadrennial Congress of the EAJS took place in Krakow from 18 July 2018 to 22 July 2018. Officers of the Association are elected at quadrennial congresses for four-year terms. At the General Meeting of the Association on 17 July 2018, held during the EAJS Congress, the terms of office of Professor François Guesnet (Secretary), Professor Michal Galas (Treasurer) and Professor Edward Dąbrowa (President) came to an end. At the same General Meeting, Professor Elisabeth Hollender was elected as President, Dr Annelies Kuyt was elected as Treasurer, and Professor Sarah Pearce was elected as Secretary. As newly elected officers of the Association, Professor Elisabeth Hollender, Dr Annelies Kuyt and Professor Sarah Pearce were also elected to the Executive Committee and appointed as directors and trustees of the Association. Professor Edward Dąbrowa remained a member of the Executive Committee in his role as former President of the Association. Professor Francois Guesnet was re-elected as a member of the Executive Committee and was re-appointed as a director and trustee. Dr Javier Castaño was re-elected to the Executive Committee to be President of the Association from 2022 to 2026. Also elected to the Executive Committee were Dr Pavel Sládek, Professor Daniel Stökl Ben Ezra and Dr Marzena Zawadowska.

In 2017, the Charity applied to the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for funding to support the core activities of the EAJS for four years. This application was successful, and in January 2018 Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe agreed to pay £169,068 in four instalments to the Charity for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2022. The first three instalments of £42,267.00 were received in September 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively. The final instalment of £42,267.00 is expected in September 2021. With this funding, the EAJS can continue to fulfil and maintain its objectives and activities, and to build upon its personnel arrangements, with Dr Simon Mayers continuing in his appointment as EAJS Administrator (on a 0.65 FTE basis). A second part-time administrator, Ms Kerry Maciak, was hired in February 2021 (on a 0.1 FTE basis).

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Achievements and performance (continued)

In the framework of a three-year funding cycle (2016-17; 2017-18; 2018-19), the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe awarded £156,750 to the Association in January 2016 to allow funding of academic conferences and summer/winter schools in Jewish Studies, with a yearly amount of £50,000 to be awarded to successful applicants applying for conference funding, and £2,250 earmarked for the administration of this programme. Thirty conferences and summer/winter schools were supported through this funding from 2016 to 2019. Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe awarded an additional £5,000 as part of this cycle to support travel bursary grants for the World Congress of Jewish Studies (WCJS) in 2017. This allowed the Association to award 21 travel bursaries for the WCJS. At the end of the three-year funding cycle for 2016-2019 there was an underspend of £12,952.29 which was returned to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe on 5 November 2019.

In 2018, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for this conference and summer/winter school funding to be continued for another three-year funding cycle. This application was approved by Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in January 2019, with a grant of £155,400 (£150,000 for conference and summer/winter school funding, and £5,400 for the administration of the grant programme) to be paid over three years starting from 1 March 2019. The first instalment of £51,800.00 was received on 29 March 2019. The second instalment for the same amount was received on 31 March 2020. The final instalment of £51,800.00 has been delayed due to COVID-19 but is expected soon. Eleven conferences and summer/winter schools were awarded grants for 2019-20 from this funding, with four proceeding before the COVID-19 lockdowns began in March 2019, and seven being postponed until 2021 (of the seven postponed events, one has proceeded as an online event, one has been cancelled, and the rest are scheduled for 2021-22 as either online, hybrid or in-person events). Ten conferences and summer/winter schools were awarded grants for 2020-21 from this funding, though one of those has since been cancelled, one has gone ahead, and the rest are postponed until later in 2021 or 2022. The Conference Grant Programme application process has been restructured for 2021-22 to have a greater focus on online, virtual and hybrid conferences.

Since January 2016, the Looted Art Research Unit (LARU) has functioned under the auspices of the European Association for Jewish Studies, with staff administered through the Association's payroll. The activities are accounted for in the charity's accounts as a restricted fund. LARU functions under the auspices of the EAJS to reconstruct art collections looted during the Nazi period and World War II and to locate and identify works of art which were part of such collections.

During the financial year, the trustees took the decision that the operations of the Looted Art Research Unit would be better served if carried out by a charity which had a more specific focus on its work. At this stage, the trustees are in the process of carrying out a due diligence exercise to ensure that the operations of the Looted Art Research Unit are transferred to an appropriate entity, and that such transfer will fall within the trustees' powers.

COVID-19

COVID-19, the government's control measures to contain COVID-19, and international lockdowns and travel restrictions during the past year, have had and continue to have an impact on the charity's activities. The EAJS has amended its operations in line with government advice, with staff working from home during the lockdown. Risks and uncertainties resulting from virus control measures include:

- Several conferences and summer/winter schools funded by EAJS grants for 2019-20 and 2020-21 have been postponed, cancelled or restructured into virtual/online or hybrid events. Grant recipients have been informed that the EAJS intends to be flexible and continue its support for their projects where possible. Where grants had already been transferred to the grant recipients for events postponed shortly after the COVID-19 lockdowns, the EAJS has allowed and intends to continue to allow the grantees to hold on to the money as long as clear plans and contingencies are provided for the rescheduling of the funded events. This has been discussed with the EAJS's funder, Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe, who have agreed with this approach and plan to be flexible regarding its support for the EAJS Conference Grant Programme during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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COVID-19 (continued)

- Impacts on the development of new projects planning to seek funds from EAJS, thereby reducing the demand for funding in the immediate future. The number of conference grant applications for 2020-21 was significantly lower than in previous years and there is uncertainty about 2021-22. The Conference Grant Programme application process has been restructured for 2021-22 to have a greater focus on online, virtual and hybrid conferences to avoid some of the problems encountered at the end of the 2019-20 conference grant cycle and during the 2020-21 conference grant cycle due to COVID-19.
- An impact on existing income streams, membership subscriptions, and potential future funders.
- The postponement of the EAJS's twelfth quadrennial EAJS Congress, originally scheduled to take place in Frankfurt in July 2022, until July 2023.

Decision Making Process

Decisions are made by the directors, who take advice from an Executive Committee.

Financial Review (including reserves policy)

The Charity obtains its income from two main sources:

- 1) Members subscriptions
- 2) Donations

The main donor is the Rothschild Foundation.

On 8th January 2010, The European Association for Jewish Studies (company limited by guarantee) was formed. Prior to this the organisation was not a limited company nor did it have charitable status.

On 8th January 2010, funds of £68,740 were transferred from the association to the limited company.

The statement of financial activities covers the year to 30th March 2021. The Charity generated total incoming resources of £117,806 (2020: £127,419). It expended £146,287 (2020: £252,511) on charitable activities including governance costs of £33,185 (2020: £16,444).

In the period the Charity incurred a (deficit)/surplus before transfers of £(32,674) (2020: £(129,547)).

Unrestricted funds in hand at the year end amounted to £132,958 (2020: £125,155). Restricted funds in hand amounted to £66,937 (2020: £107,414). The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's unrestricted reserves of £132,958 (2020: £125,155) are adequate to meet its future objectives and financial needs.

In 2017, the Charity applied to the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe for funding to support the core activities of the EAJS for four years. This application was successful, and in January 2018 Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe agreed to pay £169,068 in four instalments to the Charity for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2022. The first three instalments of £42,267.00 were received in September 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively. The final instalment of £42,267.00 is expected in September 2021. With this funding, the EAJS can continue to fulfil its aims and objectives.

In 2018, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to renew the conference and summer/winter school funding which they previously provided from 2016-17 through to 2018-19 for another three-year funding cycle. This application was approved by Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in January 2019, with a grant of £155,400 (£150,000 for conference and summer/winter school funding, and £5,400 for the administration of the grant programme) to be paid over three years starting from 1 March 2019. The first instalment of £51,800.00 was received on 29 March 2019. The second instalment for the same amount was received on 31 March 2020. The final instalment of £51,800.00 has been delayed due to COVID-19 but is expected soon.

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Financial Review (including reserves policy) (continued)

Eleven conferences and summer/winter schools were awarded grants for 2019-20 from this funding, with four proceeding before the COVID-19 lockdowns began in March 2019, and seven being postponed until 2021 (of the seven postponed events, one has proceeded as an online event, one has been cancelled, and the rest are scheduled for 2021-22 as either online, hybrid or in-person events). Ten conferences and summer/winter schools were awarded grants for 2020-21 from this funding, though one of those has since been cancelled, one has gone ahead, and the rest are postponed until later in 2021 or 2022. The Conference Grant Programme application process has been restructured for 2021-22 to have a greater focus on online, virtual and hybrid conferences.

Risk Review

The Charity has taken out Employer's Liability Insurance and Public Liability Insurance.

The reserves policy enables the Charity to wind up without consequential loss if necessary.

Appropriate accounting and financial controls are in place.

Plans for Future Periods

1. A grant of £169,068 was awarded by the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in to support the core activities of the EAJJS for four years for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2022. The first three instalments of £42,267.00 were received in September 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively. The final instalment of £42,267.00 is expected in September 2021. With this funding, the EAJJS can continue to fulfil its aims and objectives.
2. The EAJJS plans to submit a new funding application to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe during the current year in order to secure the EAJJS's core funding for another four-year cycle (i.e., for 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26).
3. A grant of £155,400 was awarded by the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in January 2019 to fund the EAJJS Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies for a three-year cycle (2019-20 through to 2021-22). This has and continues to enable the EAJJS to fund a series of conferences and summer/winter schools across Europe for the academic years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22. However, some of these academic events have had to be postponed, restructured or cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation.
4. The EAJJS plans to submit a new funding application to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe before the end of 2021 in order to continue the EAJJS Conference Grant Programme for another three-year cycle (i.e., 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25).
5. The twelfth quadrennial EAJJS Congress is now scheduled to take place in Frankfurt in July 2023 (postponed from July 2022 due to COVID-19).

Trustees' responsibilities

Company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue.

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Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Directors and Trustees

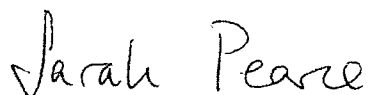
The following held the position of director/trustee of the charity during the year ended 30th March 2021:

Professor François Guesnet
Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce
Professor Maria Elisabeth Hollender
Dr Annelies Kuyt

Trustee Appointment, Induction and Training

Appointments are made by the Board of Trustees giving proper regard to the range of skills and experience needed to govern the Charity. On appointment, Trustees are provided with copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, annual reports and other relevant material. Ongoing advice is thereafter provided to the Trustees as appropriate.

Approved by the Trustees on 30 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by



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Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The European Association for Jewish Studies

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th March 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 Ajay Bahl BA BFP FCA
Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

30 June 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th March 2021

	Note	2021 Restricted £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Restricted £	2020 Unrestricted £	2020 Total £
Incoming resources							
Donations and legacies	3	51,800	66,006	117,806	74,081	53,338	127,419
Total income		<u>51,800</u>	<u>66,006</u>	<u>117,806</u>	<u>74,081</u>	<u>53,338</u>	<u>127,419</u>
Expenditure							
Expenditure on raising funds	5	-	4,193	4,193	-	4,455	4,455
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	95,776	50,511	146,287	215,267	37,244	252,511
Total expenditure		<u>95,776</u>	<u>54,704</u>	<u>150,480</u>	<u>215,267</u>	<u>41,699</u>	<u>256,966</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(43,976)	11,302	(32,674)	(141,186)	11,639	(129,547)
Transfer between funds		3,499	(3,499)	-	(10,190)	10,190	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(40,477)</u>	<u>7,803</u>	<u>(32,674)</u>	<u>(151,376)</u>	<u>21,829</u>	<u>(129,547)</u>
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		107,414	125,155	232,569	258,790	103,326	362,116
Total funds carried forward		<u>66,937</u>	<u>132,958</u>	<u>199,895</u>	<u>107,414</u>	<u>125,155</u>	<u>232,569</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 30th March 2021

	Note	Restricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Restricted 2020	Unrestricted 2020	Total 2020 £
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		67,743	146,879	214,622	107,464	143,216	250,680
Current liabilities							
Creditors: due within one year	10	(806)	(13,921)	(14,727)	(50)	(18,061)	(18,111)
Net assets		<u>66,937</u>	<u>132,958</u>	<u>199,895</u>	<u>107,414</u>	<u>125,155</u>	<u>232,569</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted		-	132,958	132,958	-	125,155	125,155
Restricted	11	66,937	-	66,937	107,414	-	107,414
		<u>66,937</u>	<u>132,958</u>	<u>199,895</u>	<u>107,414</u>	<u>125,155</u>	<u>232,569</u>

For the year ending 30th March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2019) relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 30 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Sarah Pearce

Professor Sarah Judith Katharine Pearce - Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Basis of preparation

- a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, UK Generally Accepted Practice, and the Companies Act 2006.
- b) In preparing the accounts, the Charity has considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No statements were required.
- c) The accounts are drawn up under the historical cost convention. Significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years present unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.
- d) The Charity is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- e) The Charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement.
- f) The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The trustees have included the potential impact of COVID-19 in this assessment. The budgeted income and expenditure is deemed sufficient with the level of reserves held for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Accounting policies

a) Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company, named on page 4, are also trustees of the charity. In the event of a winding up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

b) Income

Credit is taken for income on the following basis:

Interest on an accruals basis.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis and include any income tax recoverable.

c) Subscription income

Subscription income is due on the 1st January and covers a calendar year. This income is accounted for on a receivable basis, although unpaid subscriptions are not accounted for until received.

d) Taxation

The Trust is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

e) Allocation of costs to resources expended

Specific items of expenditure are attributed to the appropriate category, of:

- Cost of generating donations and legacies. These are the costs associated with generating voluntary incoming resources from all sources other than undertaking charitable activities.

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e) Allocation of costs to resources expended (continued)

- Charitable activities. These are the resources applied by the Charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives.
- Governance costs. These are costs that relate to the general running of the charity. The governance costs of the Charity are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are included under charitable costs.
- Support costs such as postage and stationery have been allocated to activity cost categories on a consistent basis.

f) Fund accounting

The Charity mainly holds unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity and at the discretion of the trustees.

The Charity did receive grants and donations which must be used for specific purposes. As at the year end the balance on restricted funds was £66,937 (2020: £107,414). A detailed breakdown of restricted funds is provided in note 11.

g) Pensions

The Charity makes contributions to a pension scheme held by its employees. The costs of contributions are written off in the year they are payable.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants – Government job retention scheme	-	13,417	13,417	-
EAJIS Membership Subscriptions	-	10,219	10,219	11,071
Grants (Rothschild Foundation)	51,800	42,267	94,067	94,067
Donations	-	5	5	10,000
Programme in Jewish Studies	-	-	-	12,281
Other	-	98	98	-
	<u>51,800</u>	<u>66,006</u>	<u>117,806</u>	<u>127,419</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £117,806 (2020: £127,419) of which £51,800 was attributable to restricted funds (2020: £74,081) and £66,006 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2020: £53,338).

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4. Charitable activities

	Restricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Funding Advisory costs	1,400	-	1,400	-
Programme in Jewish Studies	-	-	-	343
Conference grants	1,139	-	1,139	71,035
Administrator's salary	5,293	15,880	21,173	21,643
Looted Art Research Unit				
– (salary and management costs)	69,767	-	69,767	118,400
Support costs	13,842	4,946	18,788	24,646
Governance costs (note 6)	3,500	29,685	33,185	16,444
European Journal for Jewish Studies	835	-	835	-
	<u>95,776</u>	<u>50,511</u>	<u>146,287</u>	<u>252,511</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £146,287 (2020: £252,511) of which £95,776 was attributable to restricted funds (2020: £215,267) and £50,511 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2020: £37,244).

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Restricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Administrator's salary	-	3,257	3,257	3,330
Support costs	-	936	936	1,125
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,193</u>	<u>4,193</u>	<u>4,455</u>

Expenditure on raising funds was £4,193 (2020: £4,455) all of which are unrestricted funds.

6. Governance costs

	Restricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Independent review of accounts	-	1,980	1,980	3,198
Other professional fees	-	24,381	24,381	2,739
Support	-	609	609	658
Internal governance costs (including administrator's salary)	3,500	2,715	6,215	9,849
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>29,685</u>	<u>33,185</u>	<u>16,444</u>

Expenditure on governance costs was £33,185 (2020: £16,444) of which £3,500 was attributable to restricted funds (2020: £6,239) and £29,685 was attributable to unrestricted funds (2020: £10,205).

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7. Support costs

Support costs, consisting of office costs of the Charity, are split between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs on the estimated time spent on each activity.

	Basis of apportionment	Charitable activity funds		Cost of generating		Governance costs	
		2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Office costs	Work done	18,594	24,646	935	1,125	609	658

8. Analysis of employee costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	90,335	89,223
Social security costs	2,902	4,627
Pension	4,962	4,296
	<u>98,199</u>	<u>98,146</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000 during the year.

The Charity had one part-time administrator during the year. The administrator deals with all aspects of the Charity, except the Looted Art Research Centre's operation and his costs are allocated between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs.

From 1st January 2016 the Looted Art Research Centre's operations were transferred from Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (charity number: 309720). The total average number working on the Looted Art Research Centre operations in the year was 3.

9. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received remuneration from the Charity. Expenses of £nil (2020: £995) were reimbursed to Trustees.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £31,145 (2020: £27,748). Anne Webber manages the operations of the Looted Art Research Centre on behalf of the charity and was paid £nil (2020: £48,000).

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10. Creditors due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	1,980	1,980
Deferred income - See below	11,316	10,530
Other tax and social security	1,431	1,601
Other creditors	-	4,000
	<u>14,727</u>	<u>18,111</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
Deferred income		
Subscriptions	11,316	10,530
	<u>11,316</u>	<u>10,530</u>

11. Restricted fund
2021

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer	At 30th March
	£	£	£	£	£
Looted Art Research Unit	107,414	-	(87,109)	1,264	21,569
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	-	51,800	(6,432)	-	45,368
European Journal for Jewish Studies	-	-	(835)	835	-
Funding Advisory costs	-	-	(1,400)	1,400	-
	<u>107,414</u>	<u>51,800</u>	<u>(95,776)</u>	<u>3,499</u>	<u>66,937</u>

2020

Looted Art Research Unit	241,567	10,000	(144,153)	-	107,414
Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies	17,223	51,800	(70,771)	1,748	-
Programme in European Jewish Studies	-	12,281	(343)	(11,938)	-
	<u>258,790</u>	<u>74,081</u>	<u>(215,267)</u>	<u>(10,190)</u>	<u>107,414</u>

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11. Restricted fund (continued)

The Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies allows members of the EAJJS to apply for funding for academic conferences and summer/winter schools for a given academic year and is funded by the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe. In 2018, the Charity applied to Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe to renew the conference and summer/winter school funding which they previously provided from 2016-17 through to 2018-19 for another three-year funding cycle. This application was approved by Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe in January 2019, with a grant of £155,400 (£150,000 for conference and summer/winter school funding, and £5,400 for the administration of the grant programme) to be paid over three years starting from 1 March 2019. The first instalment of £51,800.00 was received on 29 March 2019. The second instalment for the same amount was received on 31 March 2020. The final instalment of £51,800.00 has been delayed due to COVID-19 but is expected soon.

The Looted Art Research Unit was transferred in 2016 from the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (Charity Number: 309720) and has continued its research activities around art collections looted during the Nazi-period and World War Two.