

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023
FOR
MERCAZ CHASIDEI WIZNITZ TRUST

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MERCAZ CHASIDEI WIZNITZ TRUST

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MERCAZ CHASIDEI WIZNITZ TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the year ended 30 September 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objective of the charity is the advancement of the orthodox Jewish faith. In furtherance of this objective, the charity primarily supports the charitable activities of the Mercaz Chasidei Wiznitz institutions in Israel as well as the affiliated institutions in the United Kingdom and Europe.

The activities of the charity are to receive charitable donations to be applied towards the charity's stated objectives.

In furtherance of these objectives the charity:

- Provides grants to the Mercaz Chasidei Wiznitz network of institutions;
- Provides grants to qualifying institutions who are involved in the furtherance of the Jewish Faith and in advancing Jewish Education;
- In line with the emphasis the Jewish religion and culture puts on providing assistance to the needy, the charity provides grants and bursaries to qualifying needy families and individuals.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' in particular, when reviewing the aim and objectives and in planning the charity's future activities. The aims of the charitable company for the public benefit are detailed in the 'Objectives and Activities' section of this report and the main activities undertaken in order to carry out the charitable company's aims for the public benefit are outlined under 'Achievements and Performance' below.

Grantmaking

The charity principally supports the institutions of Mercaz Chasidei Wiznitz in the United Kingdom, Israel and around the world. The trustees are in regular contact with senior members of the institutions around the world who report on the activities of the institutions and on funding requirements.

Donations received are generally designated for causes within the Chasidei Wiznitz network of institutions, however the trustees consider applications from the general public and seek to make donations which meet the charity's objectives and satisfy the principals set out within the Trust Deed. All applications are carefully considered and assistance provided according to circumstances and funds then available.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the year ended 30 September 2023**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year the charity received charitable donations in excess of £970k, all of which have been applied for charitable purposes.

The Rabbinical leadership of the Wiznitz institutions in Israel support and maintain a large network of educational, religious and communal facilities. The Grand Rabbi or "Rebbi" has an open door policy and he sees hundreds of people weekly who come to seek his counsel and his blessing. He holds several weekly gatherings, mainly on Saturdays which are attended by large crowds who draw inspiration from his teachings. In order to fund the activities of the institutions and individuals supported by the Rebbi's office, regular collections are made from supporters worldwide. Discretionary grants are also provided directly to needy families in the UK and abroad who face financial hardship.

During the year under review the Wiznitz community in London were honoured with a visit from the Rebbi during which he provided inspiration and religious guidance to Jewish people of all walks of life. People travelled from around the United Kingdom and Europe to join the programme and associated events. The trustees wish to thank all those who were involved in arranging this event for their efforts in creating a memorable and impactful event.

The trustees are pleased to report that in the year under review, grants of almost £500k were distributed to institutions and individuals in accordance with its grant making policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial results for the period ended to 30 September 2023 are shown in the attached financial statements.

Total income for the period decreased from £1,979,167 to £970,375. In line with this, total expenditure decreased from £1,848,080 to £1,011,868 in comparison with the previous period. There was a net decrease in funds of £41,493 with total funds in deficit of £9,940 carried forward (2022: £31,553 surplus).

Reserves policy

The trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gaps between spending on activities and receiving resources through voluntary donations. The trustees consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 30 September 2023 would be approximately £160,000 so as to cover two months' expenditure. Actual free reserves at the period end were a deficit of £18,470 however, the charity is operated as a grant giving charity, and the trustees' policy is not to commit to make grants but rather to seek to distribute the bulk of the income arising in each financial year as it becomes available.

Whilst the charity does not have any financial commitments, the trustees are actively pursuing sources of funding in order to ensure that there are sufficient reserves to provide financial stability and flexibility.

FUTURE PLANS

Mercatz Chasidei Wiznitz Trust will continue to support the charitable institutions within the wider network of the Wiznitz institutions movement as well as other charitable causes which are in line with its Objects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the year ended 30 September 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees may be appointed by the existing trustees at any time, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing trustees. Any trustees so appointed will hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting and will then be eligible for re-election.

No trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the charitable entity during the year.

Potential trustees are invited to informally attend trustee meetings prior to appointment and a comprehensive induction programme is available. Additionally individual trustees may undertake external training in a particular area of their role on the Governing Body.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. The board meets quarterly.

Induction and training of new trustees

The charitable entity strives to ensure equal opportunities and diversity in the employment of staff and trustee appointments. Selection criteria and procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure that individuals are selected, promoted and treated on the basis of their relevant merits and abilities.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Fundraising

The charity has a good reputation within the local community and has a large pool of regular donors who wish to have a part in the charitable activities of the charity. Existing donors often recommend and encourage other philanthropists to pledge their support to the success of the charity.

The charity is committed to the principals set out by the Fundraising Regulator in its Code of Fundraising Practice. When donors are approached, this is done with sensitivity and respect and with regard to their circumstances.

The trustees are pleased to report that no complaints were received in the past twelve months in relation to its fundraising activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

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Trustees

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 30 September 2023

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

I Taub - Trustee

MERCAZ CHASIDEI WIZNITZ TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 30 September 2023

		Year Ended 30.9.23 Unrestricted fund £	Period 1.8.21 to 30.9.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	970,375	1,979,167
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds			
Raising donations and legacies	3	87,393	34,096
		87,393	34,096
Charitable activities	4		
Advancement of the orthodox Jewish faith		924,475	1,813,984
Total		1,011,868	1,848,080
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(41,493)	131,087
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		31,553	(99,534)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(9,940)	31,553
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.			

The notes form part of these financial statements

MERCAZ CHASIDEI WIZNITZ TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	8,530	13,183
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	-	500
Cash at bank		130	30,470
		<u>130</u>	<u>30,970</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(18,600)	(12,600)
		<u>(18,470)</u>	<u>18,370</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
		(9,940)	31,553
NET ASSETS		<u>(9,940)</u>	<u>31,553</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		(9,940)	31,553
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(9,940)</u>	<u>31,553</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

I Taub - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

MERCAZ CHASIDEI WIZNITZ TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 September 2023

		Year Ended 30.9.23 £	Period 1.8.21 to 30.9.22 £
	Notes		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(28,340)	(17,892)
Interest paid		(2,000)	(4,092)
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Net cash used in operating activities		(30,340)	(21,984)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(30,340)	(21,984)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		30,470	52,454
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		130	30,470
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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 September 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 30.9.23 £	Period 1.8.21 to 30.9.22 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(41,493)	131,087
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,653	5,429
Interest paid	2,000	4,092
Decrease in debtors	500	200,000
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	6,000	(358,500)
Net cash used in operations	<u>(28,340)</u>	<u>(17,892)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.10.22 £	Cash flow £	At 30.9.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	30,470	(30,340)	130
	<u>30,470</u>	<u>(30,340)</u>	<u>130</u>
Total	<u>30,470</u>	<u>(30,340)</u>	<u>130</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

MERCAZ CHASIDEI WIZNITZ TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **for the year ended 30 September 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

The items in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have been made include

- estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets

- allocation of support costs across charitable activities.

No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Donations, grants and gifts are recognised when receivable. In the event that a donation is subject to fulfilling performance conditions before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period. Income from Gift Aid tax reclaims is recognised for any donations with relevant Gift Aid certificates recognised in income for the year. Any amounts of Gift Aid not received by the year-end are accounted for in income and accrued income in debtors.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable are included in the period when any relevant conditions are met by the receiving entity. Payment of later instalments of a grant usually requires satisfactory progress reports from the project.

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

Going concern

The trustees, having made appropriate enquiries, consider that adequate resources exists for the charity to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that, therefore, it is appropriate to adopt going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as at and for the period ended 30 September 2023. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

MERCAZ CHASIDEI WIZNITZ TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **for the year ended 30 September 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Going concern

The trustees have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet the liabilities as they fall due.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities comprise of grants payable and communal events held in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the donation and has satisfied all related conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued for.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and strategic requirements of the charity and the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Overhead and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Sch. 6, para. 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Pt. 11, Ch. 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or s. 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Donated goods and services

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

Donated professional services and facilities are included in income at the estimated value of the gift to the charity when received, based on the amount that the charity would have been prepared to pay for these services or facilities had it been required to purchase them, with a corresponding entry in the appropriate expenditure heading for the same amount. Donated fixed assets are similarly taken to income at the value to the charity with the other entry being capitalised in fixed assets

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 30 September 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to be present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provision are recognised at the moment the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payments where such discounting is material.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Year Ended 30.9.23 £	Period 1.8.21 to 30.9.22 £
Donations	970,375	1,979,167

3. RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Year Ended 30.9.23 £	Period 1.8.21 to 30.9.22 £
Fundraising costs	87,393	34,096

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Advancement of the orthodox Jewish faith	399,522	491,261	33,692	924,475

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5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Year Ended 30.9.23 £	Period 1.8.21 to 30.9.22 £
Advancement of the orthodox Jewish faith	491,261	1,557,161

All grants were made in furtherance of the charity's objects of the advancement of the orthodox Jewish faith. The charity is affiliated with the Mercaz Chasidei Wiznitz institutions in Israel and around the world whose primary activities are in line with the objects of the charity.

	£
Mercaz Hasidei Viznizth Mosdot Yeshuot Moshe	140,659
Mercaz Hasidei Viznizth Mosdot Torat Moshe Elad	80,865
Mercaz Chasidei Wiznitz	63,250
American Friends of Merkez Chasidei Viznitz	50,000
Mercaz Hasidei Viznizth Mosdot Torat Moshe Ashdod	18,900
Grants less than £18,000	44,274
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Total grants to Institutions	397,948
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Grants to individuals	93,313
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	491,261
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Total grants	<hr/>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Advancement of the orthodox Jewish faith	18,877	2,000	12,815	33,692

7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	Year Ended 30.9.23 £	Period 1.8.21 to 30.9.22 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	-	10,200
Other non-audit services	-	2,400

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the period ended 30 September 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the period ended 30 September 2022.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	1,979,167
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EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	
Raising donations and legacies	34,096
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	34,096
Charitable activities	
Advancement of the orthodox Jewish faith	1,813,984
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Total	1,848,080
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NET INCOME	131,087
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RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	(99,534)
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	31,553
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £
COST	
At 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023	23,265
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 October 2022	10,082
Charge for year	4,653
At 30 September 2023	14,735
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2023	8,530
At 30 September 2022	13,183

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	-	500

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	18,600	12,600

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,553	(41,493)	(9,940)
TOTAL FUNDS	31,553	(41,493)	(9,940)

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	970,375	(1,011,868)	(41,493)
TOTAL FUNDS	970,375	(1,011,868)	(41,493)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 30 September 2023

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(99,534)	131,087	31,553
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(99,534)</u>	<u>131,087</u>	<u>31,553</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,979,167	(1,848,080)	131,087
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,979,167</u>	<u>(1,848,080)</u>	<u>131,087</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2023.