

# BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1165722

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-02-24

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

## Contact

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**Address** Bristol Hebrew Congregation  
The Synagogue  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO FURTHER THE RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CIO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES AND PRINCIPLES OF JUDAISM.

**Activities:** Religious congregation (Jewish - Orthodox) operating in the City of Bristol and surrounding areas of South Gloucestershire, Bath and North East Somerset.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£71,043	£65,756	-	-
2024-07-31	£93,928	£95,567	-	-
2023-07-31	£73,866	£61,398	-	-
2022-07-31	£49,431	£83,690	-	-
2021-07-31	£119,433	£118,500	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Gordon		2016-08-01
Carol Simmons		2021-12-12
Garry Stuart Temple		2016-08-01
Noam Adani		2022-03-08

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# Accounts

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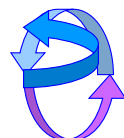
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	July 2025	July 2024
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Members Contributions	£6,406.00	£5,243.50
Events	£605.00	£981.00
Donations and Offerings	£3,367.67	£5,322.75
Friends of Park Row Contribution	£885.00	£1,419.00
Cheder Income	£638.05	£0.00
Investment Income	£9,404.44	£13,309.28
Interest Income	£0.00	£7,350.00
Grants In	£0.00	£9,474.00
Rental Income	£49,737.31	£49,398.01
Other Revenue	£0.00	£1,429.99
	<b>£71,043.47</b>	<b>£93,927.53</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Ministerial Assistance	£3,374.55	£18,911.88
Rabbi Expenses	£20,000.00	£6,114.49
Direct Expenses		£143.88
Light, power & heating	£4,634.37	£5,300.31
Rent		£16.00
Travel		£29.96
Telephone	£57.59	£0.00
Insurance	£3,843.61	£5,719.42
Entertainment		£343.36
Subscriptions & Donations	£410.00	£350.00
Repairs, Maintenance & Cleaning	£9,772.62	£34,935.36
Recorder	£1,055.91	£919.67
Legal Expenses	£35.00	£250.00
Wine and provisions	£3,699.95	£3,958.34
Accountancy	£775.80	£720.30
General Expenses	£1,109.73	£876.05
Event Costs	£1,790.78	£2,157.81
Bank Charges	£135.17	£122.80
Website	£228.00	£179.01
Refurbishment of synagogue	£7,152.00	£12,467.88
Cheder Expenses	£7,500.50	£2,050.81
	<b>£65,575.58</b>	<b>£95,567.33</b>
Movement for the period	£5,467.89	-£1,639.80
Rent Debtor	-£1,920.00	-£6,875.00
Reserves Brought Forward / Introduced	£14,141.10	£15,550.50
Bank Balance C/Fwd	<b>£17,688.99</b>	<b>£7,035.70</b>

Approved by



Esther White ACA  
DATE: 17 October 2025

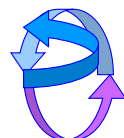
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the income and expenditure accounts of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation (BHS) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

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17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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ICAEW Number 7957609

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# Accounts

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# BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 7.00pm at Park Row Synagogue, Frank Cohen Hall

Attendees: 12 attendees, and quorate.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
  - a. Apologies: Ben Sanders, Mark Braude
2. Remembrance
  - a. For Arnold Greenwood and John Hecht. Silence observed.
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023
  - a. Distributed a month ago.
4. Matters Arising
  - a. No matters arising.
5. Chairman's Report
  - a. We have had multiple events: Chanukah 2023 with 65 people. Tubishvat partnering with South Gloucestershire Council. Purim party with 80 people. Chabad Pesach seder with 70-80 people. 3 Shabbats here (1 "interfaith").
  - b. Good attendance with consistent minyanim.
  - c. Jordan Shelly has started a security company.
  - d. Attendees all say that Noam has done a wonderful job.
6. Treasurer's Report

### Balances

The accounts for the year up to 31 July 2024 were distributed.

The present balances as at 16.12.2024 are:

- BHC 1 account: £ 26,081 (running costs)
- BHC 2 account: £ 6,269 (membership and cheder)

Question raised why "Rabbi expenses" in 2024 is £3k more than in 2023. Attendees agree that should be understood in time by the next council meeting, and we will go through this then.

### Income

- Membership subscriptions are not yet fully in for this year. The means to pay membership is not clear for some people and they are waiting to pay. There are no membership subscriptions in yet for Friends of Park Row.
- We have sought to close the investment EEA as it is terminating. It will pay the small amount remaining as it is dissolved. The other investments are being kept in reserve to provide capital in case of emergency or need. They are paying some interest.
- The 4 flats and small greengrocers are paying rent, this covers shul running costs.
- The hall has been rented out for functions for the community
- The cheder is being run by Channy Adani. It is running through the shul bank at present. It is not thought to be self-sustaining yet, so at present is being sustained by the membership fees. It is hoped it will become self-sufficient in the future.

#### Running expenses.

- The utilities of gas and electricity now appear to be running at a reasonable cost. New contracts for 3 years have been negotiated for both.

#### Funding Needs

- We are going to have to change the heating system from gas and put in a new electric system which is easier to manage. The windows also need to be repaired. The grants for this will need to be applied for.
- JJ Martin has researched for a disabled entrance lift to the shul. This needs to have a Shul council decision and funds applied for from granting authorities.
- We will need to raise funds to put in further security around the site.

#### Donations

We are receiving many kind donations from various people, school visits and Friends of Park Row, which are being used to repopulate our Siddurim at present. We are very grateful for the kindness of these.

### 7. Board of Deputies Representative's Report

#### **Clive A Lawton – December 2024**

Established over 250 years ago, the Board remains the central body that advocates for British Jews.

The election of a new group of Honorary Officers led by a truly dynamic and creative new President, Phil Rosenberg, has put a new spring in the step of the Board this year and a five point plan has been adopted for the coming triennium.

1. **Fight antisemitism**
2. **Stand up for peace and security in Israel and the Middle East**
3. **Defend our religious freedoms**

4. **Make our community more united, inclusive and outward-looking**
5. **Celebrate our faith, heritage and culture as British Jews**

Responding to the rise in antisemitism in both the public sphere and on social media platforms, the Board has worked closely with law enforcement and has put pressure on both the media and universities to address hate speech and discriminatory practices. It continued to raise awareness about the dangers of antisemitism and pushed for stronger legal protections. It continues to advocate for widespread adoption and implementation of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.

Additionally, the Board of Deputies worked on initiatives to present an accurate view of Jews so that its work was not only defensive. Its Jewish Living Experience travelling exhibition is mounted in a range of venues around the country and the Board has invested in multiplying copies of the Exhibition so that it can be displayed in several venues simultaneously, rather than each venue having to wait for the Exhibition to leave one place before arriving elsewhere.

It has also developed the marvellous online resource, Jewish Learning Online, accessible to all, which provides accurate information about Jews and Jewish life while also providing information about the phenomenon of antisemitism.

Another such positive initiative was the launching of what has been called 'The Optimistic Alliance, an attempt to restart Jewish/Muslim dialogue. It is early days yet, but the Board is certainly to be commended for not waiting for better conditions before turning to this critical dimension of a calmer life for Jews in the UK.

In addition, it has also focused on issues like mental health, employment conditions and other matters where Jews might experience challenges.

The Board has taken an active stance on ensuring that the hostages in Gaza are not forgotten. Utilising its unique status with government, it has kept up the pressure to ensure that no actions are taken by the British government on issues concerning Israel without mention being made of the urgent need to 'bring them home'. The Board is also British Jewry's representative on the World Jewish Congress and the 'J7' (led by the Anti-Defamation League), as well as the Commonwealth Jewish Council, ensuring that a British voice is consequential in international Jewish discussions, as befits the fourth largest Jewish community outside Israel.

Lastly, the Board of Deputies focused on sustaining and enhancing its relationship with the UK government. Perhaps the most recent evidence of this is the meeting held between community leaders and the Prime Minister at No 10.

Clive Lawton proposes that we find a way to notify members to pay the voluntary levy of £35 per member for the BoD. Suggestion that this is done within the notification of the annual membership fee. **We will address this in our next council meeting.**

## 8. Security Report

- a. Since the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> attack we have had no incidents despite national and international threats.
- b. There have been numerous multi-faith meetings in Bristol. Jordan Shelly has been helping with security, and BWS have come in to explain our current security system further. We have a talkie walkie on site that goes through directly to CST.

9. Housekeeping & Flats Management Report

- a. All flats and shop let out and paid up to date.
- b. Fire precaution work done
- c. Anti asbestos and anti damp work completed
- d. Flat B repainted and renovations done. Plaster work done.
- e. Insurance all paid up.
- f. We have been clearing the path gradually (behind the mikvah). The bridge needs to be renovated to be safe, to provide access to leave the shul in an emergency. This should all be completed by March.

10. Chevra Kadisha Report

The Chevra Kadisha is Bristol's Jewish Burial Society and has been independently run alongside Park Row since its inception in 1743. We can arrange funerals for those who are halachically Jewish, whether shul members or not.

They can be buried in our Fishponds or Memorial Woodlands cemeteries.

Since the shul's last AGM we have had 2 funerals, Arnold Greenwood and John Hecht.

There are 3 trustees:- myself as Chairman and Administrator, Yoram Adani to organise funerals and stone settings, and Sam Baum head of Teharim and who will gradually take over my position.

Ben Bar- Orien continues to maintain the Fishponds, and Barton Vale (historic) sites. At Fishponds there are around 20 spare plots plus reserved ones. At Memorial Woodlands there are over 120 plots; that site is maintained by the Memorial Woodlands company. Maintenance of graves themselves is the responsibility of next of kin. Access to the Fishponds site can be at any time as there is a tumbler padlock on the gate - contact any of us for the code.

Despite a modest turnout on our Open Day at Fishponds and Memorial Woodlands cemeteries, and following our annual mailout to 100 next of kin, we received £750 from generous donations.

For Teharim, we still have the privilege of using the shared but specially fitted room at HG Harris funeral directors in Staple Hill. We also have a list of 2 Tehara teams to use this room, which consists of 10 men and 8 women. We are still hoping to invite a member of London US chevra's team to run a session on Teharim in Bristol. Date to be confirmed.

Alan Elkan  
Chairman

Clive Lawton notes and praises the involvement of HG Harris. We will write a note to Alan Elkan.

#### 11. Educational work & visits

- a. We will have completed 39-40 visits this year. Mostly schools but also Cubs & Beavers, Bristol Civic society, a group from the University & Swindon Interfaith group. November and December were the busy periods!
- b. I have been assisted by Janet Lee & Clive Lawton, my thanks to both of them for stepping up when the pressure was too much for me to handle.
- c. Bristol Civic Society came and a member of theirs now comes every week to the synagogue.
- d. Lecturer in Jewish studies wants to bring his students, and his department wants to put on a seminar on antisemitism. He has been put in touch with Clive Lawton who is helping him put it together.

Tony Gordon

#### 12. Cheder Report

- a. Just finished 1<sup>st</sup> term of the new program. It's a USA based program "Shalom Learning" and is going very well.
- b. Introduced BBYO, run by Shelley Braude.
- c. Cheder is around 8-10 children regular attendees. Plus a new family has arrived.

### 13. Election of Honorary Officers and Members of Council

- a. Council members elected, through emailed in votes and seconded votes:  
(Secretary has details)

	<b>Role</b>
1 <b>Noam Adani</b>	President
2 <b>Tony Gordon</b>	Vice-President
3 <b>David Stillitz</b>	Secretary
4 <b>Carol Simmons</b>	Treasurer
5 <b>Garry Temple</b>	
6 <b>Mark Braude</b>	
7 <b>Linsey Clark</b>	
8 <b>Melody Beard</b>	
9 <b>Clive Lawton</b>	
10 <b>JJ Martin</b>	

We can discuss coopting Ben Sanders for the next meeting.

Eve has stepped down from the council after many years of service. Enthusiastic thanks and applause from attendees.

### 14. Election of Board of Deputies Representative

Clive Lawton is our current representative and has agreed to stand.

### 15. Any Other Business

We should have "Membership" on next year's AGM agenda

Mark Braude's membership report:

3 new members this year, and 3 others in the pipeline. 1 has stepped down.

26 people haven't responded to their membership fee request

"Friends of Park Row" we will address on the next council meeting.

Peter Shepherd requests to help with Membership. We should address this at the council meeting.

Next council meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at the Gordon's house

Linsey Clark volunteers to take minutes.

**Meeting ends 8.20pm**

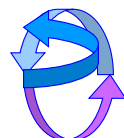
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Investment sale	£0.00	£10,000.00

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Entertainment	£343.36	£0.00
Subscriptions & Donations	£350.00	£694.99
Repairs, Maintenance & Cleaning	£34,935.36	£9,949.72
Recorder	£919.67	£994.29
Legal Expenses	£250.00	£0.00
Wine and provisions	£3,958.34	£3,097.36
Guild payment		£0.00
Accountancy	£720.30	£886.50
General Expenses	£876.05	£3,819.75
Event Costs	£2,157.81	£122.00
Bank Charges	£122.80	£116.75
Website	£179.01	£95.00
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To whom it may concern,

We are holding on to assets in funds for the future, to help contribute to essential and necessary repairs to our iconic listed building synagogue which is our community home. These repairs come up periodically and are vital if we wish to maintain ownership and a welcome base for our community.

The synagogue property is at 9 Park Row, Bristol BS1 5LP and is where we hold our community meetings. This is a listed historic building. The value of the building is specified in an insurance policy document for £2,547,500. This also includes flats which we let and manage in order to produce an income.

We also own a property at 24 Cotham Hill, Bristol BS6 6LF. It is let and managed in order to produce an income. The value of this property is £466,771.

We hold investments totalling £314,000. This is managed by an independent financial adviser. The value and income is to maintain the synagogue building and its listed building maintenance.

Yours sincerely

**David Stillitz**

Bristol Hebrew Congregation Secretary (Trustee)

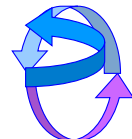
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Rent	£0.00	£52.00
Travel	£148.22	£0.00
Telephone	£172.06	£101.83
Insurance	£4,943.63	£5,755.80
Subscriptions & Donations	£694.99	£350.00
Repairs, Maintenance & Cleaning	£9,949.72	£22,854.48
Recorder	£994.29	£689.51
Wine and provisions	£3,097.36	£2,687.08
Guild payment	£0.00	£0.00
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Esther White ACA  
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As the charity trustees of BHC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records. 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.



14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Esther White ACA

ICAEW Number 7957609

**BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165722

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# Accounts

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## BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 3.00pm at Park Row Synagogue, Frank Cohen Hall**

Meeting opened:

Present: David Turns (President), Tony Gordon (Vice-President), David Stillitz (Secretary), Carol Simmons (Treasurer), Eve Gordon, Garry Temple, Linsey Clark, Clive Lawton, JJ Martin, Janet Lee, Amir Morris, Mark Braude

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
  - a. Apologies: Noam Adani
  
2. Remembrance
  - a. Namely for Sam Silverman, Richard Tuchband, and Heidi Furlong.
  
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021
  - a. Proposed TG, seconded Clive Lawton.
  - b. In last year's minutes it cited the 2019 AGM on Zoom, but it needs to be corrected to 2020.
  - c. Linsey Clark, not Clarke.
  - d. Distribute minutes from last year's minutes to be approved in Oct/Nov, not Dec.
  
4. Matters Arising
  - a. none
  
5. Chairman's Report
  - a. DT reports over the past year, we have returned to normal life after the pandemic with attendance increasing over the year with a steady trickle of people moving to Bristol. We make people feel welcome and may come to be members of the community.
  - b. We have had a Purim and Chanukah events, plus Mendy's communal seder.
  - c. DT pays appreciation to Rabbi Mendy and all those that have led the services, such as Yoram, Amir and Clive. The congregation exists and functions on

these services and so we are grateful to those that are able and willing to contribute in taking the services.

- d. The shul hasn't been open to the public as it normally has. The architecture centre will only have regular open days every other year. So it will be open next year.
- e. DT recognises the honorary officers and their contribution, as well as all council members. Thanks to Carol, Tony and David.
- f. We now have a mechitza in the shul, in place since Rosh Hashana and has been well used since. This took a lot of time to arrange, but we are happy that it is established through a sub committee headed up by TG, advised by Clive. Janet Lee said he appreciates it but is concerned that she is being heard singing by Mendy; but Clive explains that the mechitza absolves any issue with kol isha.
- g. DT references Alex Schlesinger's report of 2018 as Alex had to step back because of his health. DT announces that if he is re-elected this year, he will be leaving the country in October 2023 for a job in Sweden. He thanks for the support so far.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

### i. Balances

The accounts are attached for the year up to July 2022.

The present balances as at 10.12.2022 are:

- a. BHC 1 account: £ 2,401.88 (running costs)
- b. BHC 2 account: £ 3,449.81 (membership fees for Gift Aid)

Various means to pay the Shul have been issued

- A debit card has been issued
- Paypal is in place
- Donorbox linked to 'Stripe' has been created and is in process of being put on to the website so people can make donations and pay fees via the website. This will come online in the next couple of months so that people will be able to apply for membership and pay for fees via the website.

### ii. Income

- a. Membership subs will be reclaimed when they are all in. GA can be claimed for up to 4 years in retrospect for those who are eligible.
- b. EEA securities has been applied for to change contact. No response has been received to date.
- c. Fees for the various functions we hold such as Bar Mitzvahs and Brits and hall use need to be put on the website. It was suggested that the fee would be £250 for the hall for non-members.

### iii. Membership

- b. There are now 66 members (including named spouses). Requests for membership fees went out in October.

### iv. Running expenses.

- a. Gas – the winter heating is on, and the Gas bill will reflect that with the inflated prices this year.
- b. TG asks that next year we separate cleaning from maintenance.

## 7. Board of Deputies Representative's Report

### BOARD OF DEPUTIES REPORT DECEMBER 2022

Once again I have much pleasure in presenting this years' BOD report for the AGM. I apologise for being unable to attend in person.

This is the end of the first year of a further three-year term on the Board of Deputies which I have agreed to serve. At that point another representative will need to be elected. I think I will have served my time by then!

This year has seen the Boards' activities returning to a degree of normality following the pandemic. Nevertheless, meetings do now take a hybrid form with meetings taking place at a location in Camden but still also accessible on Zoom. I have participated in the majority of meetings throughout the year. In addition to the various working groups covering a range of activities, there are also regular meetings for Deputies representing provincial synagogues/organisations.

In these reports in past years I have detailed my credentials for representing BHC as an old Bristolian.

I have also described in some detail the Boards' structure and governance and its primary areas of interest.

I trust therefore that you will forgive me (or thank me?) for not going over this again. I will therefore simply describe some of the activities the Board has been involved in, which as always are manifold and varied. There are usually about 6 meetings a year including one at a regional weekend which this year was held in Manchester. I still hope that one day this could take place in Bristol perhaps in conjunction with the other Bristol synagogue who are also represented on the Board, albeit I do understand that would be a very large undertaking.

This year a number of guests have spoken at meetings, including the chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Maurice Helfgot chair of WJR, Nina Freedman past president of UJS, Sally Seally of the Holocaust memorial foundation, and Melinda Simmons UK ambassador to Ukraine.

Sadly, and perhaps unsurprisingly the issue which arises most frequently is that of antisemitism. The battle against this ongoing threat is being fought on many fronts.

The Board was active in complaining to the BBC about its coverage of the Chanukah bus incident in Oxford street, where the BBC alleged that the young people who had been the victims of abuse in this incident had somehow been guilty of provocation themselves.

An independent enquiry recently concluded that this was NOT the case and the BBC were criticised accordingly.

The Board also expressed its concerns to the CPS that no prosecutions had followed against the perpetrators.

Similarly concerns were expressed that the cases against some of the participants in the Palestinian convoy "incident in north west London had not been prosecuted.

There have also been deep concerns regarding the involvement of clearly anti-Semitic speakers on the BBC Arabic service which has a huge audience.

An area of great concern is anti -Israel activity on campus, which frequently crosses the line into anti-Semitism . This has had the effect of causing some Jewish students to feel very uncomfortable and anxious. One hopes that the situation for Bristol students has eased following the departure of David Miller from the university. I would be interested to know if the situation has indeed improved.

The Board does all that it can to support Jewish students and works closely with the UJS. The so called "Israel apartheid week "is a particularly difficult time and letters have been written to numerous vice chancellors urging them to protect Jewish students.

The governments' decision to sever all links with the NUS due to its unacceptable stance on various issues has been welcomed as has the resignation of the NUS president.

There was a lot of activity surrounding the May local elections with hustings events taking place in a number of areas. The opportunity was also taken to influence local authorities to adopt the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism. The Board also participated in preparing/publishing the Jewish manifesto highlighting a diverse range of matters of interest and concern to the community.

Board representatives, where possible attended party conferences, (some of which took place over the high holy days.)

Together with the JLC a recent meeting was held with Sir Keir Starmer and other members of his team.

Meetings take place with a variety of representatives from numerous organisations including the police, the CPS, the Home office, and other government departments. It liaises with the diplomatic core through contacts with representatives of various foreign embassies, and through contacts with the foreign and commonwealth office.

Support has been given to the proposed holocaust memorial next to parliament, which the government are strongly advocating for. The issue however has split the community with strong feelings both for and against.

The Board administers the all-party parliamentary committee on British Jews, whose leaders include MPs Robert Jenrick and Margaret Hodge.

There was attendance at the SACRE conference and where possible SACRE representatives are supported.

The Board is trying hard to encourage the involvement of younger people in its work. This is done by encouraging people to nominate younger deputies and through enabling young people to attend as observers. There are currently 310 deputies and observers, of which 93 are women.

The president of the Board attended the funeral of Her majesty the queen, and formal condolences were of course sent to the Royal family on behalf of the community.

One meeting of the Board was dedicated exclusively to tributes from deputies to the late Queen.

Deputies and staff have been working on implementation of the recommendations of Stephen Bush report on equality issues in the community.

A grant of £100,000 was received from the ADL to digitise a special programme for all schools, including the Jewish community, Judaism and antisemitism.

An application has been made to a UN body which enables NGOs to become involved in some aspects of UN work.

The Board is to be found throughout the year attending and supporting large communal events such as the AJEX parade and Limmud , as well as whole heartedly supporting mitzvah day activities.

Support has been given to the community in Scotland which has been experiencing particular problems and a meeting has taken place with community leaders in Northern Ireland.

Other activities include the "Hidden Treasures "project which is collating and digitising a wealth of historical /heritage materials from around the community.

The "Jewish Living Experience "exhibition continues to tour the country.

As well as having many communal organisations as members there are particularly close working relationships with the Jewish Leadership Council, the Community security trust, and others.

The above is simply a list of some of the Boards activities. There are many more!

The board has compiled many exhibitions and projects such as Hidden Treasures, a project which is collating and digitising a wealth of historical /heritage materials from around the community.

The regular newsletter which is included in the Recorder also provides lots of information.

If anyone would like any further information about the Board and its work please don't hesitate to contact me. Similarly, I would be happy to raise any issues which Shul members would like to raise.

Leon Smith

#### 8. Security Report

- a. No security issues this year.
- b. A new lock and camera have been fitted.
- c. Fire extinguishers have been serviced.
- d. EG asks if we have any smoke alarms as we should have them. GT will investigate.
- e. In the shul, we have had new heating pumps installed; and a new fridge has come in.
- f. We acknowledge the work that Anton has done, and that Garry continues to do.

#### 9. Housekeeping & Flats Management Report

- a. All flats are rented at the moment.
- b. We had to evict the tenant in flat C this year so lost so income there. A short fall of £6k, plus legal costs of £2k.
- c. We have a gardener come in.
- d. Damp has been dealt with.

#### 10. Chevra Kadisha Report

The Chevra Kadisha is Bristol's Jewish Burial Society and has been independently run alongside Park Row since its inception in 1743. We can arrange funerals for those who are halachically Jewish., whether shul members or not.

They can be buried in our Fishponds or Memorial Woodlands cemeteries.

Since the shul's last AGM we have had funerals for **Sam Silverman, Richard Tuchband, and Heidi Furlong.**

There are 3 trustees:-- myself as Chairman and Administrator, Yoram Adani to organise funerals and stonesettings, and Sam Baum who will gradually take over my position.

Ben Bar- Orien continues to well maintain the Fishponds, and Barton Vale (historic,) sites. At Fishponds there are around 20 spare plots plus reserved ones. At Memorial Woodlands there are over 120 plots; that site is maintained by the Memorial Woodlands company. Maintenance of graves themselves is the responsibility of next of kin. Access to the Fishponds site can be at any time as there is a tumbler padlock on the gate- --contact any of us for the code. At Memorial Woodlands, in case of bad/wet weather, a large popup gazebo can be used at extra cost. as Memorial Woodlands charge anyway for the use of their prayer hall.

Despite a relatively low turnout on 11 Sept for Open Day at Fishponds and Memorial Woodlands cemeteries, following a mailout to 100 next of kin, we received £740 from generous donations.

As part of its site redevelopment, HG Harris, the funeral directors at Staple Hill, quietly created a special fully fitted room for our teharim usage, free of charge, as a gesture for the decades of cooperation between us and them. Sam aims to to re-form tehara teams to use this room, regardless of where the burial is to be, now that Covid health rules have been cancelled.

Alan Elkan  
Chairman.

### 11. Cheder Report

- a. Up until the summer, we had 7 families attend the online cheder.
- b. Since the summer, we have 3 separate group 4-7 run by Chaya Singer attended by 4 families un onsite. Set up s youth group with Zach a student with 2 attendees aged 12-14, run onsite also. Shelley is running ages 8-11, attended by 4 families.

### Vists

- a. Need a heading for next year for visits!!
- b. Will have had 36 visits in this year (up until Chanukah). Most are schools. 8 of 35 are where we have gone to the school. Plus the scouts, Rotary groups, and other institutions. LC, SB and DS have helped TG who does most of it.
- c. TG calls on other people to step forward if they are able.

### 12. Election of Honorary Officers and Members of Council

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Position</b>
1	David Turns	Tony	David S	President
2	Tony Gordon	David S	David T	Vice-President
3	Carol Simmons	Tony	David S	Treasurer
4	David Stillitz	Tony	David T	Secretary
5	Garry Temple	Tony	David S	Security / Flats
6	Eve Gordon	Tony	David T	
7	Ben Sanders	Tony	Carol	
8	Noam Adani	Tony	David S	
9	Linsey Clarke	Tony	David S	

- a. Other members can be co-opted up to 12 in total at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new council in January. Members will consider other people at that meeting.

### 13. Election of Board of Deputies Representative

- a. Leon Smith is in the middle of his term, and everyone is happy to continue.

14. Any Other Business

- a. Clive Lawton moved here in 2019, and expresses that there has been a healthy attendance, with maybe 20 men, which wasn't the case when he arrived. This is a sign of growth, and the students are enthusiastic. So it is very much appreciated.
- b. Clive thanks David Turns for doing a great job!

Meeting ends: 4.28pm

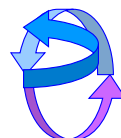
# Bristol Hebrew Congregation

Charity Number 1165722 (Incorporated 24th February 2016)

Bank Accounts - movement for the year ending 31st July 2022

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	July 2022	July 2021
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Members Contributions	£5,445.34	£7,172.50
Events	£340.00	£0.00
Donations and Offerings	£1,551.82	£15,000.00
Investment Income	£6,729.55	£5,741.69
Rental Income	£35,364.09	£41,226.77
School visits	£0.00	£292.50
Investment sale	£0.00	£50,000.00
	<b>£49,430.80</b>	<b>£119,433.46</b>

	July 2022	July 2021
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Ministerial Assistance	£18,757.84	£16,964.95
Rabbi Expenses	£3,255.00	£0.00
Light, power & heating	£3,583.65	£2,782.96
Rent	£52.00	£0.00
Rates (Water & General)	£0.00	£528.18
Telephone	£101.83	£0.00
Insurance	£5,755.80	£6,581.46
Subscriptions & Donations	£350.00	£516.04
Repairs, Maintenance & Cleaning	£22,854.48	£20,025.63
Recorder	£689.51	£825.68
Wine and provisions	£2,687.08	£0.00
Guild payment	£0.00	£500.00
Accountancy	£648.00	£774.00
General Expenses	£3,372.08	£0.00
Bank Charges	£29.37	£0.00
Website	£95.00	£96.00
Refurbishment of synagogue	£21,458.40	£68,905.20
Chevra (burial society)		£0.00
	<b>£83,690.04</b>	<b>£118,500.10</b>

Movement for the period	-£34,259.24	£933.36
Bank Balance Brought Forward / Introduced	£37,341.91	£36,408.55
Bank Balance C/Fwd	<b>£3,082.67</b>	<b>£37,341.91</b>

Approved by



Esther White ACA  
DATE: 5 December 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

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5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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## BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Meeting opened: 3.20pm

Present: David Turns (President), Tony Gordon (Vice-President), David Stillitz (Secretary), Mark Braude (Treasurer), Ian Kane, Eve Gordon, Garry Temple, Linsey Clarke, Carol Simmons, Ben Sanders

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
  - a. Apologies: Daniela Bowker, Shelley Braude, Gerald Levy, Leon Smith
  
2. Remembrance
  - a. A minute's silence was conducted. Specifically remembering members Leonard Glynn, Gerald Gee
  
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020
  - a. Minutes circulated. Proposed BS, seconded EG.
  
4. Matters Arising
  - a. none
  
5. Chairman's Report
  - a. 2019 AGM was on Zoom as we were in a national lockdown and we had a lot of attendees. In the last year we reopened to shul in mid December, for services and none have been skipped. We've had generally good attendance levels. Rabbi Mendy has provided religious leadership in services, with the help from - Clive Lawton, Yoram Adani, the new Aish Rabbi, student chaplain Yosef Citron. Over the summer, there was a big refurbishment of the shul, mostly conducted by Garry Temple, Eve Gordon and Tony Gordon. The community are very grateful. We were back in the shul for the high holy days, and then the 150<sup>th</sup> Year Civic Service. This was well attended and TG acknowledges David Turns for his successful organisation of this. DT acknowledges Clive Lawton and Gerald Levy who organised a lot of the attendees and organisation. There was also Roland Brandman and Mosaic

Voices who made it very enjoyable. DT will circulate a more formal submission of this soon.

- b. James Hicks resigned from council earlier in the year, as well as Gerald Levy who will be standing down from council this year.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Accounts up to July 2021 circulated.
- b. 2020 vs 2021, the numbers are very similar, bar the shul refurbishments (£68k) and other maintenance (£20k), with a generous gift from the Chevra. Rental income and membership contributions are very similar.
- c. TG - question last year we spent £11k with the chevra. This was a debt that had to be settled.
- d. GT - gas expenditure £1.8k but we rarely use it. Maybe we are giving it for free for the flats. GT will look into it.
- e. Gift Aid: MB will talk to CS
- f. Mark Braude is standing down and Carol Simmons is taking over as Treasurer.
- g. MB reads out a HSBC bank mandate to allow Carol Simmons to be a signatory on the account. This form was signed by the President and Secretary, and Carol Simmons the new Treasurer in 2022. The council agrees this goes through as bank requires.
- h. This report was proposed by TG and seconded by LC.

#### 7. The Guild Report

Just before the 1st lockdown the Guild purchased two new settees & beanbags which unfortunately remained unseen & unsat upon until we could restart services. More recently two new book cases & a new urn have been purchased.

There have been regular Shabbat Kiddushim even during the refurbishment. With the help of a few ladies we managed to provide an afternoon tea served following the Civic Service.

The Shul Council gave consideration to the purposes of the Guild which originated from the time when women were not represented on Council. With women now on Council involved in all decisions affecting the Shul, a little interest & support for separate women's activities there is little point in maintaining a Guild with separate bank account. Should circumstances change our constitution allows for a Guild to be reformed.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Guild over many years. Thanks also to the men who annually change the vestments for the High Holy days & the Cheder for ensuring the Succot was decorated.

Eve Gordon

EG will notify this to the Recorder.

The council acknowledges Eve's contribution for many years.

Proposed GT, seconded DS.

#### 8. Board of Deputies Representative's Report

Report for synagogue AGM 12/12/21 from Leon Smith Board of Deputies representative:

I was very pleased to have been re-elected as the Shuls' Deputy for the current 3-year period. I have now been representing Bristol Hebrew Congregation for about 5 years and for the time being I am happy to continue to do so. It may be however, that the honorary officers at some future point wish to consider succession planning for this role!

This report will be a little shorter than usual as looking back on the reports I have provided over recent years I detect a fair amount of repetition! I will not therefore repeat my own credentials or background. Neither will I provide details of the how the Board operates, its' structure, committee roles, etc. which I have done previously.

I have been a Deputy for many years having previously represented Nightingale House, (now called Nightingale Hammerson). I have therefore been able to witness how as an organisation it has improved and evolved, and above all how it has professionalised.

This is of course largely as a result of the quality of both its lay and professional leadership.

Following an election earlier this year the current president Marie Van der Zahl was re-elected for a further 3-year term, albeit it was the first time a sitting president had been challenged in an election for a number of years. The chief executive Gillian Merron who had served for 6 years was awarded a life peerage and decided earlier this year to leave the Board to take up her role in the House of Lords where she is now the oppositions' spokesman on Health and Social Care. There is some irony here as she was awarded her peerage for her work for the Jewish community through the Board.

After having served for some months as acting CEO, her successor Michael Wegier has now been confirmed in this post. He has previously served in leadership roles in numerous communal organisations including UJIA. Michael attended the recent civic service in the Shul where some of you may have met him.

The Board historically was widely known for representing Synagogues. It now has a much wider and diverse membership representing many organisations who are active in the community and in Israel advocacy in various forms.

Recent new members have included JAMI, the Jewish vegetarian society Harif, (Sephardi community) and many others. The other encouraging change is the increased number of younger deputies and observers, partly as a result of various youth and student organisations now being affiliated. There are currently some 300 deputies. The plenary meetings are for the time being still being held by Zoom which works well. The membership organisations continue to represent the major shades of religiosity, perhaps with the

exception of the Charedi community. Although there are links with organisations from that part of our community, few have actually become members.

The Board is an apolitical organisation in so much as it does not make political statements. The Corbyn leadership period was perhaps , and understandably an exception . One of the areas of sensitivity is in relation to Israel and its politics where sometimes particular deputies will want the Board to comment in favour or against certain policies such as new housing /settlements. The Board will usually refrain from being seen to “interfere “with Israeli politics.

The regular communal briefings which the Board issues are always carried in the Synagogue magazine, therefore regular and avid readers will be familiar with the sort of issues which arise.

As a consequence, I will refer to a small number of issues only that have been dealt with this year.

The David Miller problem at Bristol university was one which caused considerable distress across the community but of course particularly amongst the Jewish student body at the university.

Support was shown for the students from various individuals and Organisations and the Board was particularly proactive. Apart from advocating it played an important role in facilitation and coordination of the various interested groups.

A Zoom call was arranged with representatives from the local Jewish student body and the UJS, with the two Bristol synagogues and the the local MP Thangam

Debbonaire who was particularly supportive of the students by criticising the university for not acting on Millers comments. He was of course eventually dismissed however the situation at Bristol university and others will need to be monitored on an ongoing basis.

And now in a spirit of openness I should say that I am always very positive about the Board and the work which it does. If there is one area however where I am less than enthused it is on the question of governance. An inordinate amount of time has been taken up this year on the question of updating its governance structure / constitution. A proposal which was long debated was the adoption of a totally new governance structure, however after much debate this was rejected, and for the time being is shelved.

When there are so many issues that need to be dealt with that it is sometimes frustrating to see that we spent so much time looking in ourselves.

My apologies if I am not totally fulfilling my job description by failing to enthuse over such matters!

I am always impressed by the sheer breadth and volume of issues which the Board is involved with. These issues are both proactive and reactive. In particular reacting to any acts of anti-Semitism which occur whether in the political, cultural, sporting, academic, or other fields.

In this area it works closely with the CST and JLC (Jewish Leadership council)

During the year a seminar was run on Jewish issues for local government councillors together with these 2 organisations.

The situation regarding the ban on Shechita in Belgium has been carefully monitored. Board representatives attended COP 26, and a lot of work has been done on behalf of and in coordination with various refugee groups.

Input was made into a review on antisemitism in the Plaid Cymru party in Wales.

Lobbying has been carried out into the serious problem of anti-Semitism and incitement in Palestinian schools' textbooks. Some success has been achieved in reducing funding from some European countries.

The Board has been very active in fighting BDS and the so called "Israel apartheid week" It has contributed to international women's day and LGBTQ history month.

In the wake of the George Floyd incident and subsequent reaction to that across the world, a review was commissioned by the Board into Racial inclusivity in our community. This was carried out by Stephen Bush the journalist and political editor of the New Statesman. His report will be published early next year.

A lot of work continues to be done in the field of education and training is carried out with youth organisations on how to fight anti-Semitism particularly on campus.

A number of workshops have been held.

The Board together with other organisation attended a meeting with the prime minister on various issues of concern to the community. One of these was a request to proscribe the whole of Hamas in the UK and this fortunately has now happened.

Meetings were held with the Home Secretary following the huge surge in anti-Semitic acts in May following on from the latest round of problems with Gaza etc.

The Board successfully campaigned for the UK government to boycott the UN event held to commemorate the anniversary of the notoriously anti-Semitic Durban conference.

There is considerable contact with diplomats from numerous foreign embassies, with the commonwealth Jewish council forum, trade unions, the armed forces, and many other organisations too numerous to mention.

Advocacy is taking place on behalf of the community in Northern Ireland who are having difficulties in obtaining Kosher meat supplies as a consequence of the Northern Ireland protocol.

Efforts are being made to find members of the community who are prepared to sit on local authority SACRE committees (standing advisory committee on religious education) as there are currently a number of areas without Jewish representatives. The board is very much involved with numerous interfaith groups and activities.

Every effort is made to maintain and enhance profile within the community by participation in various cross communal events such as Limmud , the AJEX parade, Maccabi fun run, mitzvah day, and more.

The above is by no means an exclusive list and there are many other activities which the Board is involved with I hope however that this report gives a flavour of the Boards activities.

If anyone would like to know any more about its work or have a specific comment or question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The council is happy for Leon to carry on as our representative.

9. Security Report

- a. None

10. Housekeeping & Flats Management Report

- a. All flats have been tenanted all year as has the shop.
- b. Side wall of the top flat so we had some scaffolding and redecoration.
- c. Basement flat has new storage heater to meet standards.
- d. Middle flat has new roof over its kitchen, so we have re-felted their roof.
- e. Top flat had a break in, and so a new front door was fitted.
- f. Re painted and redecorated the shul throughout. We have a new garden, and thanks to the chevra for their contribution. New handrail and tiled floors. We have found wood worm and dry rot over 2 windows, so a lot was treated here and also damp prevention to the back walls.
- g. The chandelier near the front entrance has had a new chain and wire. Chandelier in the main shul has a new electric hoist.
- h. Alarm, fire extinguishers and shed have all been maintained but all should report any things that need to be repaired.
- i. Noticed that condensation coming through the ark. GT has installed a heater to prevent damp.
- j. No news on the mikvah despite GT sending them emails. The builder came to have a look, but their engineer found concrete beneath the earth, by a wall belonging to the University.
- k. EG presents GT with his own tool kit as a show of thanks.

11. Chevra Kadisha Report

The society is entirely independent of the BHC and can arrange funerals both for those within and without the congregation as long as they are halachically Orthodox. Burials can be at either the cemetery in Oakdene Avenue or the Memorial Woodlands site near Alveston.

Since the BHC's last AGM there have been funerals for Alex Schlesinger, Leonard Glynn, Ivor Cohen (of Glastonbury) and Ruth Curwen.

Ben Bar-Orian continues to maintain well both our Bristol cemeteries - Oakdene Road and the historic one in Barton Vale. Ben's maintenance does not include the graves themselves - which are the responsibility of the next-of-kin. Access to the Oakdene Road site is available with prior notice to Yoram Adani or Alan Elkan who will advise on the code for the tumbler padlock on its front gates.

Recent research at Oakdene Road by our long-time funeral directors HG Harris of Staple Hill has found that there are currently at least 12 spare plots in addition to plots already reserved. At Memorial Woodlands there are over 140 spare plots – which we do not envisage ever being filled up!

Funerals at Oakdene Road are carried out by HG Harris; those at Memorial Woodlands by Memorial Woodlands themselves.

As BHC members will know from The Recorder, since the start of the first Covid lockdown in 2020 the society's tehara teams are no more. However, personal effects of the deceased can be given to the funeral director to put into the coffin.

Should Covid restrictions on funerals and access to the mortuary be lifted, I do not know who would find volunteers for teharam and reconvene the teams. I do not expect it to be me, as I really would like to resign my post eventually - after 9 years so far.

Like the BHC, the chevra is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a new charity number and, more importantly, total indemnity for trustees – albeit at a considerable cost of fees!

Alan Elkan

## 12. Cheder Report

Over the past year we have run Cheder over Zoom for an hour and a half every Sunday morning during term time.

There are 4 parts to the Cheder sessions:

1. Singing tefilla (Modeh Ani, Shema, Ma Tov, etc.)
2. Learning to read in Hebrew.
3. Saying a blessing over a snack (and eating it!)
4. Learning about the week's parsha.

At Simchat Torah we came to the end of the parsha and the children and I decided that we would prefer to continue learning about the story of the Israelites and so we will be reading through the books of the prophets, starting with the Book of Joshua (rather than restarting the Parsha).

As well as the zoom sessions, the Cheder community has run a few standalone events, including:

- A sukkah decorating session
- A pot luck Friday night supper at the Bean Tree Cafe.
- A Rosh Hashana gathering in the Park.

- A Children's service on Rosh Hashana in the Gordon's garden.

It's been a good year!

Shelley Braude

There are 8 families that regularly attend the Zoom cheder. To add to the events we had a Sukkah party as well as a Chanukah party which was attended by over 40 children, run alongside PJ Library. They co funded a workshop at the Chanukah party. There are 75 families in the Jewish WhatsApp group.

Linsey Clarke

BS suggests connecting those families to BHC to create a more integrated community, although there may be a block with the families to attend onsite at BHC; possibly because they have young children to keep occupied.

TG suggests we would 1<sup>st</sup> understand what the group would want in a service, and then we can provide it. LC to enquire with that community to find out what they would want.

### 13. Election of Honorary Officers and Members of Council

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Position</b>
1	David Turns	David Stillitz	Garry Temple	President
2	Tony Gordon	David Turns	Garry Temple	Vice-President
3	Carol Simmons	David Turns	Garry Temple	Treasurer
4	David Stillitz	David Turns	Garry Temple	Secretary
5	Garry Temple	David Turns	David Stillitz	Security / Flats
6	Eve Gordon	David Turns	Garry Temple	
7	Ben Sanders	Tony Gordon	Eve Gordon	
8	Shelley Braude	Tony Gordon	Eve Gordon	
9	Linsey Clarke	Tony Gordon	Eve Gordon	
10	Mark Braude	Ben Sanders	David Stillitz	

14. Election of Board of Deputies Representative

- a. Leon Smith has agreed to stand as our representative. Proposed BS, seconded TG.

15. Any Other Business

- a. Membership and School Visits should be included on the agenda for next year, with a report being requested.
- b. TG has 4 school visits planned for the year.
- c. Membership report: 11 new members this year. Changed the renewal date to 1<sup>st</sup> October. The membership form is still to be altered to change the wording around men / women.
- d. Recorder: EG will change the email and contact details for Treasurer & Membership
- e. Mechitza - decided not to put the mechitza back up after the Civic Service until we have a better, more permanent version in place. TG aims to approach this asap.

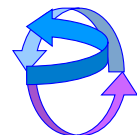
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# Bristol Hebrew Congregation

Charity Number 1165722 (Incorporated 24th February 2016)

Bank Accounts - movement for the year ending 31st July 2021

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	July 2021	July 2020
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Members Contributions	£7,172.50	£6,042.92
Events	£0.00	£1,067.50
Donations and Offerings	£15,000.00	£1,395.60
Investment Income	£5,741.69	£5,223.06
Rental Income	£41,226.77	£41,826.22
Council Tax credit	£0.00	£2,175.81
School visits	£292.50	£35.00
Investment sale	£50,000.00	£0.00
	<b>£119,433.46</b>	<b>£57,766.11</b>

	July 2021	July 2020
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Ministerial Assistance	£16,964.95	£14,687.05
Rabbi Expenses	£0.00	£1,351.26
Gas	£1,873.58	£1,556.48
Electricity	£909.38	£299.60
Rates (Water & General)	£528.18	£938.94
Telephone	£0.00	£36.14
Insurance	£6,581.46	£6,230.95
Subscriptions & Donations	£516.04	£376.58
Repairs, Maintenance & Cleaning	£20,025.63	£6,793.10
Recorder	£825.68	£767.00
Wine and provisions	£0.00	£615.67
Guild payment	£500.00	£0.00
Accountancy	£774.00	£600.00
Events - costs	£0.00	£1,214.35
Cheder payments	£0.00	£117.21
Website	£96.00	£0.00
Refurbishment of synagogue	£68,905.20	£2,689.50
Chevra (burial society)	£0.00	£11,655.67
	<b>£118,500.10</b>	<b>£49,929.50</b>

Movement for the period	£933.36	£7,836.61
Bank Balance Brought Forward / Introduced	£36,408.55	£28,571.94
Bank Balance C/Fwd	<b>£37,341.91</b>	<b>£36,408.55</b>

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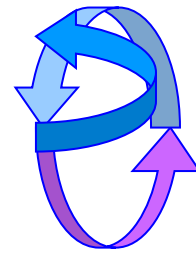


Esther White ACA  
DATE: 9 December 2021

**Investment Schedule**

EEA Fund Management	Value @ * 31-Jul-21	£5,738.21
Smith & Williamson - Investments	Value @ * 31-Jul-21	£333,914.30
		<b>£339,652.51</b>

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Bristol Hebrew Congregation

13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

To Whom it may concern

**Bristol Hebrew Congregation**

I prepared the bank account movement balances for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 from the records provided by Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the preparation of the accounts.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Esther White".

Esther White