

YLJC AGM – TRUSTEES REPORT

It has been difficult to put down in print just what a privilege the last 2 years have been as Chair of YLJC.

In previous reports and articles I know I have made mention of my pride having been given the honour and trust of the keys to the door of this wonderful growing community and I am still not quite sure how to express my gratitude.

There have been a number of highlights during my tenure but I will focus on what we have achieved and accomplished in 2025.

First and foremost we held 3 amazing Festival Celebrations where we hosted between 60/70 people at each event.

- 1) Purim: Purim in Austria was hosted by Rabbi with a wonderful cast of our youngsters and students. An amazing night of pure fun, food and community.
- 2) Pesach: A Seder at Clements Hall, hosted by Lucy and the committee
- 3) Rosh Hashanah: First night tradition and sharing, being together as our growing extended family.

We have continued to have and celebrate 6 Shabbat Services a month (2 Erev Shabbat Friday nights, 2 family services and 2 Saturday Shabbat services) – at times our numbers in attendance seem small if you count up the numbers across these Services we are between 30 and 40 attendees per weekend (with no double counting) which is what we used to get on a monthly basis in the “old days” so it’s wonderful to see our growth but if I have an ask as we move into the new regime, with a new committee is to see more of our community at services more regularly and attend events.

Chanukah was celebrated and once again YLJC made history – with an event every day of the week either online (together with friends and members from London, Leeds and York), Rabbi Elisheva hosted our first Public lighting in front of the Mansion House (3rd night). We had support from various Civic Leaders, and together with community members and the public we were around 50 people (excluding on lookers). It was incredible.

6th night we celebrated not only Channukah in Clifford’s Tower, but it was Shabbat and we also celebrated “welcoming the stranger” which was supported by our Social Action committee. We had almost 100 tickets allocated, with a turnout of over 80 and we had numerous Civic and Religious Leaders attend including Canon Maggie and the Archbishop from York Minster and 3 York MPs and their families were there too. Special thanks must go to Lilian Coulson our Engagement officer for her help and co-ordination and ongoing support of this event together with our Gabbe Howard Duckworth.

The support to myself and the community from North Yorkshire police regarding the above events providing us the opportunity to continue with our visibility and services and keeping us as safe as they could. I have written and called personally to express my thanks and gratitude.

Unfortunately in the past year as we know only too well we have witnessed 2 terrible and frightening attacks on our communities, one so close to home in Manchester, and of course Bondi Beach many of us knew of people personally affected by both. The only positive out of all this was the amount of and the outpouring of support from various Faith leaders, strangers, and general kindness. I personally received over 60 emails of support into the Chair mailbox during these times from people and I know that Rabbi Elisheva and other members of the committee received

additional thoughts and prayers and I made sure these were all responded too as it's so important to acknowledge kindness.

Our HHD were well attended this year, we have our own YLJC Machzorim which we will now use year on year. We also had the most generous and successful HHD Charity Drive this year with over £7000 raised for our 3 chosen charities) I know I thanked you at the time but again it just shows what an incredible group of kind and generous people our community is made up.

None of the above would have been possible without our very own Rabbi Elisheva. One of my greatest moments in this role came in the past couple of months when we renewed Rabbi's contract, this is now a permanent part-time contract and we look forward to many more years together as York remains her home and us her growing and thriving community.

YLJC is beginning to get far reaching visibility across the UK thanks to the dedication of Rabbi Elisheva. We continue to grow, this year we have seen a further 3 members of our community pass the Beth Din and we have a steady flow of new students who are reaching out to YLJC from across all of North Yorkshire to learn, become members and study with Rabbi Elisheva. We have celebrated another 3 Bat Mitzvah's with a fourth only a few short months away.

Rabbi hosts a Shabbat Family service, attended by our families bi-monthly and it's wonderful to see the next generation amongst us.

Rabbi Elisheva has also overseen our first Adult Education course for the past 8 months (Yeshivat HaNefesh), the focus of this was to spend some time stretching ones intellect with no grades. Broadening your Jewish text understand and subjects included prayer, the Talmud, Jewish mysticism, moral understanding, and progressive Jewish philosophy. This we hope is the beginning of many more.

The committee which today I leave behind me has gone from strength to strength and we have various sub-committees including Social Action, Eco-Judaism, Interfaith and we are looking at creating a new focus on Mental Health and Well-being. We have also established the first Ritual Committee that oversees and ensures correctness and Halacha.

I am not going far and will continue to support our new committee as they take on the mantle of this wonderful community. I look forward to seeing you all at our services, events and celebrations over the coming months.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the support and kindness you have shown me.

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**York Liberal Jewish Community
Receipts and payments account**

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Year ended 4 April 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Bursary fund (restricted)	Total funds	2024	budget 25/26
Receipts					
General donations	2,373		2,373	3,161	3500
High holy day appeal	4,002		4,002	940	
Donations for Rabbi's salary & expenses	15,000		15,000	38,500	15000
Gift aid	4,238		4,238	-	5000
Conversion rebate	600		600	-	-
Interest	1,009		1,009	1,166	1000
Events and school talks income	-		-	-	950
Membership fees	25,271		25,271	18,751	20000
Total receipts	52,493		52,493	62,518	45,450
Payments					
Accountancy fees	1,411		1,411	1,092	2,000
Bank charges	139		139	95	150
Charitable contributions	2,840		2,840	250	-
Insurance - other	1,126		1,126	479	500
Service expenses	1,355		1,355	993	750
Rabbinic salary	27,549		27,549	41,458	32,000
Rabbinic expenses	325		325	7,108	500
Rabbinic pension	3,625		3,625	-	4,000
Room booking	3,424		3,424	11,553	5,000
Cheder teachers	560		560	45	800
Newsletter	158		158	148	-
Postage, stationery etc			-	206	300
Social action	273		273	369	50
Subscriptions	926		926	5,797	4,000
Sundry expenses	1,008		1,008	4,317	500
Telephone	165		165	66	275
Website	540		540	-	720
Total payments	45,424		45,424	73,976	51,545
Net receipts	7,069		7,069	(11,458)	(6,095)
Cash funds last year end	49,750	4,000	53,750	65,208	60,819
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Rabbi's pay

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Employer pension

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