

**Jewish Small Communities Network CIO**

**Registered Charity Number: 1168499**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## **Jewish Small Communities Network CIO**

### **Reference, administrative Information and Governing Document**

**Charity Name:** Jewish Small Communities Network CIO

The charity became a registered charity on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Charity Registration Number: **1168499**

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016

#### **The Trustees who served during the period are as follows:**

Martin Sluckis	Appointed 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Robert Evans	Appointed 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Derek Blank	Appointed 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Anne Goldstein	Appointed 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

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#### **Independent Examiner**

Gary Harris FCA

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Chartered Certified Accountants  
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**Objective and activities**

<b>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</b>	<p>To advance the Jewish faith for the public benefit in particular by:</p> <p>a) Providing information and advice to enable members of Jewish small communities to practise and live within the faith;</p> <p>b) Relieving need related to ill health and disability in particular but not exclusively among people in Jewish small communities;</p> <p>c) Advancing education in Jewish history and culture; and</p> <p>d) Promoting the elimination of anti-Semitism and promoting public education about anti-Semitism.</p> <p>Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes, which are not charitable</p>
<b>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit</b>	<p>In person meetings, seminars and conferences, plus online information, resources and toolkits made available via our website, email newsletter, audio Podcast and other digital media. JSCN also attends the meetings of various community organisations to represent and advocate for the views of our communities.</p>
<b>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity commission on public benefit</b>	<p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit</p>
<b>Contribution made by volunteers</b>	<p>Volunteers have continued to contribute towards raising awareness of JSCN and with the development of the heritage project. This was with the support of existing 8 volunteers, no new volunteers were recruited in the period.</p>

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<b>Achievements and performance</b>	<p>After two and a half years of unparalleled growth in demand, 2022-23 was characterised by reflection and taking initial steps for capacity building within JSCN for better future delivery. This included the Chief Executive being the recipient of mentoring support, under a scheme by Yesod.</p> <p>At the same time we built new partnerships with major Jewish organisations. Our Chief Executive also participated in the Jewish Leadership Council's 'Community Professionals Conference' at JW3 in London.</p> <p>Our connections with the Jewish Agency extended our links with Israel further, with a visit to our office by the Naale organisation.</p> <p>We were invited to share our expertise in building networks with communities in the new countries of the Former Yugoslavia.</p> <p>Our advice was also sought by the Jewish Community of Costa Rica. They wished to find the experiences of other communities who had achieved sustainability in maintaining their Jewish schools despite falling pupil numbers. We were able to connect them with appropriate Jewish schools in UK communities with reducing populations.</p> <p>In June we commenced our programme of bringing awareness of small communities by giving presentations at large London synagogues, on this occasion at Edgware Synagogue.</p> <p>A new partnership was created with CST, to deliver education and support for community members who had experienced various aspects of antisemitism. This resulted in a very successful pilot workshop with the combined Liverpool communities, with plans to extend this to other communities around the country.</p> <p>Following talks with the Befriending and Digital</p>
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	<p>departments of Jewish Care, we have entered into a formal partnership, entitled 'Connecting Hands', to consult with regional communities to map existing provision of volunteers providing welfare &amp; wellbeing support and create a network between these to enhance and encourage expertise and the building of robust frameworks to operate within.</p> <p>In August our Chief Executive was invited to make a presentation at the international Jewish genealogy conference in London, IAJGS, on the topic of Jewish migration. The talk was based on JSCN research which extended from our 'Connecting Small Histories' heritage project.</p> <p>During the year demand for our weekly Coffee Break continued, with a rolling list of new an existing participants.</p> <p>Our programme facilitating Judaism Talks in Schools and school Visits to Synagogues continued to see increased demand. Over 12 months we dealt with requests from 216 schools, which provided insights in to Jewish life to 16,581 pupils.</p>
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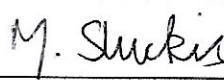
**Financial review**

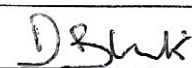
<b>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period and amounts if reserves held</b>	The charity held the following funds at the year-end: £5,618 out of which restricted reserves were £899 (2022 : £4,642 with restricted reserves £600.)
<b>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</b>	The charity is planning towards building reserves for the running costs of 6 months of the charity.

**Structure, governance and management**

<b>Type of governing documents</b>	Written constitution
<b>How is the charity constituted</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>Trustees selection methods</b>	<p>(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Approved by the trustees on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Full name: Martin Sluckis	
Position: Trustee (chair)	Trustee

Full name: Derek Blank	
Position: Trustee	Trustee

## **Independent Examiners Report**

### **Report to the trustees of Jewish Small Communities Network CIO**

**On accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 which are set out on pages 6 – 8.**

**Charity number: 1168499**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of the report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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.



Signed:

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year Ended 30.09.2023 Total funds £	Year Ended 30.09.2022 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants received	1,000	-	1,000	7,320
Donations	7,202	2,111	9,313	7,691
Other income	505	-	505	174
Interest received	44	-	44	3
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>8,751</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>10,862</b>	<b>15,188</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Charitable services	20	-	20	1,987
Partnership working grant	-	-	-	3,009
Small equipment	-	-	-	608
Administration	5,770	1,230	7,000	-
Postage, Printing & Stationary	42	-	42	535
Independent Examination & Accounts	300	-	300	300
Licence fee	185	-	185	280
Travel	607	-	607	500
Insurance	140	-	140	140
Consultant fee	-	-	-	2,500
Event fee	-	582	582	15
Book purchase	21	-	21	57
Online fee	32	-	32	-
Software	697	-	697	-
Sessional	-	-	-	6,730
Heritage project research	-	-	-	-
Production	-	-	-	-
Sundry	260	-	260	176
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,074</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>9,886</b>	<b>16,836</b>
<b>Asset &amp; Investment purchases</b>				
Equipment				
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,074</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>9,886</b>	<b>16,836</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>(1,648)</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>6,290</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,719</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>5,618</b>	<b>4,642</b>





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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank	4,719	899	5,618
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,719</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>5,618</b>
 <b>Liabilities</b>			
Accountancy & Independent examination	390		

**Signed on behalf of trustees:**

	Signature	Date of approval
<b>Trustee 1</b>		
<b>Name:</b> Derek Blank		24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
 <b>Trustee 2</b>		
<b>Name:</b> Martin Sluckis		24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024