

Wellspring

Charity accounts

For the year ending 31st March 2024

Charity Number: 1183111

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Reference and administrative information

On 3rd March 2021 the request to change the name of the charity from the Mikveh Project UK to Wellspring was approved by the Charity Commission.

Charity number	1183111 (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Country of registration	England & Wales

Registered office	13 Woodberry Way, London, N12 OHE
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Trustees

Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Rabbi Miriam Berger	
Ms Sue Pearlman (Interim Chair)	
Mrs Sam Clifford	Resigned 18 October 2023
Mr Joe Gamse	
Ms Ruth Green	Resigned 18 October 2023
Rabbi Rose Prevezer	
Ms Juliet Simmons	
Ms Rebecca Verlander	Appointed 7 February 2024
Ms Cheryl Brodie	Appointed 7 February 2024

Consultant	N/A
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Bankers	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ
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The charity has not yet appointed solicitors and is not required to have financial review or audit.

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

Our aim is to create a physical space where the wellbeing of all people, across Jewish communities, is prioritised and the powerful ritual of mikveh can be used by all people to mark meaningful moments in their lives.

Wellspring will provide an innovative, purpose-built centre which addresses our mental, physical and spiritual health in one space. It will incorporate therapy rooms and communal spaces built around two mikveh pools - natural waters associated with renewal, transition and healing.

It will be a welcoming, inclusive and non-judgmental Jewish space for people of all genders, from all faiths and people of non-religious beliefs. It will offer a preventative and therapeutic approach to good mental health, promoting resilience building and incorporating Jewish rituals such as immersion into active wellbeing and recovery.

The objectives are:

- To advance the Jewish religion by providing and maintaining a mikveh (ritual bath) and associated services.
- To advance the Jewish faith in accordance with the Statement of Belief appearing in the Schedule and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity

In July 2023 Rabbi Miriam Berger gave a year's notice to her employer with the intention of making Wellspring her fulltime work priority from September 2024, without initially looking for payment from Wellspring. For Wellspring that meant that the year was a quiet one with our leadership knowing they no longer needed to try and squeeze wellspring work into their "free time" but rather could wait for September 2024 when time and capacity would be given by Miriam to the work of the charity. As means of preparation for this new beginning we brought two new trustees onto the board with different skill sets which we would need. Rebecca Verlander's work at NHS England brings important wisdom should we later look for NHS funding for the maintenance of the project and Cheryl Brodie brings good project management skills. We have had some small donations over this time in respect of tokens of appreciation by various people knowing the charity is important to its trustees and this money will be used in the charity's work from September 2024. The trustees have used this time simply to ensure the somewhat dormant charity ticked over fulfilling all its legal obligations whilst waiting to be able to bring the charity to life, and work hard from September 2024.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a Constitution (registered on 25th April 2019 as the Mikveh Project UK). On 3rd March 2021 the name of the charity was changed to Wellspring.

Apart from the founding 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. 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.

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The charity does not yet have paid staff. Wellspring is governed by a Board of Trustees, with a minimum membership of three. At the end of March 2024 there were seven trustees. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. No trustees reclaimed expenses from the charity.

Any person who is willing to act as a trustee, and who would not be disqualified from acting as one, may be appointed to be a trustee by a decision of the Board of Trustees.

In the year to 31st March 2024, the Board met four times. In addition, trustees provided significant ongoing support to the organisation throughout the year.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance, published by the Commission, in determining the activities undertaken by the charity. The trustees are satisfied that the aims and objectives of the charity, and the activities reported on above to achieve the aims, meet these principles.

Fundraising

Wellspring's fundraising was led by the trustees.

We have ensured we are in line with the GDPR data protection regulations and all other relevant codes of conduct. We do not pressure supporters to make gifts and respect decisions to stop giving. We received no complaints about our fundraising practices.

Risk Management

Key risks in this development stage include securing income and maintaining adequate cashflow. To progress the project into the next stage funds will need to be secured in order to employ professional staff and consultants.

Financial review

In this development stage, Wellspring's reserves policy states that it will aim to ensure that it has between three- and six-months' worth of working capital to cover its operational expenses. This policy will be reviewed annually.

Wellspring started the year with a balance of £9,512. In the period to 31st March 2024, Wellspring received a further £2,650 in donations (all unrestricted), and £23 in interest. Total spending amounted to £60. Wellspring had an end of year balance of £12,125.

Breakdown of expenditure is shown in on page 5.

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Declaration

The trustees would like to thank the volunteers who generously gave their time during the year, and all the people who have supported the Project.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 03/12/2024 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Pearlman". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Ms Sue Pearlman

Interim Chair of the Board of Trustees

Receipts and payments accounts for the period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023				CC16a
Section A: Receipts and payments				
	Unrestricted funds (£)		Restricted funds (£)	Total funds (£)
Receipts				
Voluntary Donations	2,650		-	2,650
Interest	23			23
Total receipts	2,673		-	2,673
Payments				
Professional services	60		-	60
Event costs				
Misc costs				
Total payments	60		-	60
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,613			2,613
Cash funds last year end	9,512			9,512
Cash funds this year end	12,125			12,125
Section B: Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
	Unrestricted funds (£)		Restricted funds (£)	
B1: Cash funds	12,125		-	
Total cash funds	12,125		-	

The financial statement was approved and authorised for issues by the Board of Trustees on 03/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Sue Pearlman

Ms Sue Pearlman

Interim Chair of the Board of Trustees

Miriam Berger

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Rabbi Miriam Berger

Founding Trustee