



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.1.21 To 31.12.21

Charity name: Leytonstone and Wanstead Synagogue

Charity registration number: 1185624

Objectives and Activities

According to our constitution, the synagogue's objectives and activities are as follows:

To advance the Jewish religion for the benefit of the public in particular but not exclusively by:

- maintaining and upholding the faith and observance of Traditional Judaism;
- the holding of prayer meetings;
- conducting marriage ceremonies for persons of the Jewish faith;
- providing facilities and accommodation for Hebrew and religious instructions for children of the Jewish faith
- providing public celebration of religious festivals;
- any such other activities charitable in law which the trustees consider will generally foster the spirit and practice of Traditional Judaism

The main activities undertaken by the synagogue in relation to the above purposes, during the period of 1.1.21 – 31.12.21, have been:

- Conducting prayer services for Shabbat and all Jewish festivals, apart from the periods during which government restrictions dictated the closure of all Places of Worship.
- Educational activities including classes and talks in the synagogue as well as online.
- Distribution of kosher food (through the 'Ko-op'); items needed for the observance of Shabbat, Jewish festivals (such as Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Chanukah, Pesach and Shavuot); and other aspects of Jewish life; in particular to those who are more vulnerable and therefore have been unable to attend the synagogue in person.
- Installing a large-scale Menorah on the public highway opposite Leytonstone tube station for Chanukah in December 2021, as well as organising an accompanying menorah-lighting and music event open to all members of the public.

The trustees have ensured the above has been carried out in accordance with guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

The synagogue is entirely volunteer-run apart from a nominal fee paid to the Rabbi for preparing Torah readings for prayer services. During this period, volunteers have carried out the majority of tasks including building maintenance and repairs, cleaning, cooking, distribution and deliveries, administration, fundraising and accounts.

Achievements and Performance

The main achievements during this period are as follows:

- As the Covid-19 Pandemic continued during 2021, the community has nevertheless begun again to grow in numbers and maintain all activities with some return to in-person talks and greater numbers attending services.
- We have continued to prioritise keeping our congregants safe by implementing robust Health & Safety protocols in keeping with government advice.
- We made efforts to ensure continuation of educational activities by adapting our talks and classes so that they could take place online
- In March 2021 we again distributed a 'Seder Night Kit' for Pesach, and throughout the year we continued regular weekly deliveries of Kosher food to local households.

Financial Review

During this period, the charity has made a profit of £271.12. We were assisted financially by several one-off grants, including a Lottery Grant of £2,492 received in February 2021, Covid Test Centre Grants for £625 and £5,512 in April and May 2021, a Covid Startup Grant for £7,500 in June 2021, and Chanukah Funding from Waltham Forest Council totalling £2,000. For the first time, the Synagogue was also used as a Polling Station for the first time in May 2021, earning us a fee of £2,100.

Meanwhile, our usual sources of income were still reduced compared to pre-Pandemic, including:

- Communal Friday Night service and meals
- Communal Seder Night service and meal
- General fundraising events

The synagogue does not have a specific Reserve Fund as our modest income and resources mean we do not currently have the ability to accrue reserves. We keep a regular operating amount in the Current Account of approximately £15,000 to ensure sufficient funds are available for our ongoing costs. The balance in the Current account at 31.12.21 was £16,977.86. Our principle source of funds is through membership fees and donations from our regular congregants. Our principle annual fundraiser is the Kol Nidre Appeal, from which we raised £2,790.55 during this period, an increase of over 15% compared to 2020.

Structure, Governance and Management

Our governing document is a Constitution which may only be amended at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary Meeting, duly convened and by a majority of members present and voting. The charity is constituted as a CIO.

Appointment of charity trustees:

(1) Elected charity trustees

(a) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;

(b) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;

(c) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (d) of this clause;

(d) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12(3) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;

(e) A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Leytonstone and Wanstead Synagogue
Other name the charity uses	LAWS
Registered charity number	1185624
Charity's principal address	2 Fillebrook Road Leytonstone E11 4AT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip Schryber	Chairman		
2	Ruth Schryber*	Secretary & Treasurer		
3	Isar Rosenberg			
4	Jeffrey Wilson**			


* Ruth Solomons changed her name to Ruth Schryber following marriage on 20.2.22

** Jeff Wilson stepped down as a trustee on 5.5.22

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ruth Louise Dvorah Schryber	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary & Treasurer	
Date	28/10/2022	

RECEIPTS

Balance of membership fee received	£7,034.79
Donations - General Donations	£10,016.15
Donations - kiddush	£326.00
Donations - yahrzeit	£0.00
Donations - Roof repair/ Shul Fix-up	£6,137.00
Donations - Ko-op	£1,793.44
Donations - Purim	£0.00
Donations - Seder Night	£2,900.89
Donations - Sukkot	£56.00
Donations - Simchat Torah	£0.00
Donations - Chanukah	£2,010.00
Donations - Tu B'Shvat	£0.00
Donations - Friday Night	£0.00
Donations - Kol Nidre Appeal	£3,793.04
Donations - Kabbalah/ Halacha	£0.00
Donations - Wedding	£250.00
Donations - Parking Space	£1,200.00
Donations - CST Grant	£5,565.60
Donations - Storage	£2,630.00
Balance of Donations Received	£36,678.12
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£43,712.91

PAYMENTS

Minister's fee	£5,490.00
Secretary's fee	£0.00
Security	£6,226.80
Accounts	£0.00
Balance of professional fees	£11,716.80
Utilities (water, gas, electricity)	£1,687.90
Insurance	£1,400.26
Kiddush	£1,929.96
Kitchen	£498.79
Cleaning	£2,182.33
Facilities	£1,401.03
Printing, paper, stationery	£594.10
Computer costs	£0.00
Balance of running costs	£9,694.37
Events - Friday Night	£596.38
Events - Ko-op	£4,825.69
Events - Purim	£334.53
Events - Pesach	£2,151.47
Events - Lag B'Omer	£172.70
Events - Shavuot	£52.92
Events - Arts Trail	£42.69
Events - Rosh Hashanah	£503.83
Events - Sukkot	£210.87
Events - Simchat Torah	£57.48
Events - Chanukah	£3,459.43
Events - Wedding	£0.00
Other Events	£0.00
Balance of Events	£12,407.99
Sefer Torah Repair	£35.00
Shul Fix-up	£9,587.63
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£43,441.79

SUMMARY

TOTAL RECEIPTS	£43,712.91
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£43,441.79
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	£271.12

Bank Balance at 1/1/21	£16,706.74
Bank balance at 31/12/21	£16,977.86



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Leytonstone and Wanstead Synagogue

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1185624

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2021**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sam Gold

Date:

30/10/2022

Name:

Sam Gold

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.