



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023 To 31 December 2023

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 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, have been:

- Conducting prayer services for Shabbat and all Jewish festivals.
- 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 2023, as well as organising an accompanying menorah-lighting and music event open to all members of the public; additionally a smaller menorah was placed at Orford Road, Walthamstow.

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 an volunteer-run organisation.

We do pay a nominal fee to the Rabbi for preparing Torah readings for prayer services.

We also pay for cleaning, waitressing, book keeping, marketing and additional security guards when funds have been granted for specific events such as communal Friday Night Meals. We have also engaged the services of an accounting firm, Enaid Accountancy Ltd, which specialises in small

charities. However, the majority of tasks including building maintenance and repairs, cooking, distribution and deliveries, administration, fundraising and accounts are still carried out by volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

The main achievements during this period are as follows:

- We have continued to deliver our services throughout the year and held numerous successful events.
- We made efforts to ensure continuation of educational activities by adapting our talks and classes so that they could take place online, while also maintaining contact with members who are unable to
- In Passover 2023 we again distributed a 'Seder Night Kit' for Pesach
- We continue regular weekly deliveries of Kosher food to local households.
- We hold a regular weekly Zoom lessons
- In December 2023 over 300 people attended our public menorah lighting in Leytonstone cold snowy and rainy conditions.

Financial Review

During this period, the charity ended the year with a loss of £1,796. The loss was mostly due a significant increase in our expenditures which exceeded the increase in income.

Overall, we have seen our total income increase to £66,589 in 2023 an increase of approx. 19% compared to our income in 2022 (£56,048).

Our principle source of funds is through membership fees and donations from our regular congregants. We also had a significant increase in one-off donations which reached £22,937 compared to £14,884 in 2022. Our membership income declined to £10,241 from £11,032 in 2022.

We have also received a number of grants which reached £33,410 compared to £29,132 in 2022.

Our total expenditures reached £68,385 an increase of 55% compared to 2022 (£43,969).

Our largest expenditure was paying for the numerous events we organized throughout the year. This expenditure has seen a significant increase with costs reaching £27,849 compared to £15,787 in 2022.

Our premises costs have also seen a significant increase and reached £20,961 compared to £10,875 in 2022. The largest component is due to security costs. The increase was largely due to installing a new advanced CCTV system in the synagogue. This cost was mostly financed by a generous grant from CST.

We have also seen a significant increase in maintenance costs which reached £5,407 compared to £1,896 in 2022 and our gas/electricity costs which increased to £3,100 from £2,574 in 2022.

Lastly, we employed Enaid Accountancy Ltd to provide accounting services which costs £2,603 during the year, although £888 of this related to work on previous years.

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;
 - e. 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	Philip Schryber		Chairman
	Ruth Schryber – resigned October 2023		
	Isar Rosenberg		Security
	Yakov Korner – appointed July 2023		Secretary

Declarations

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


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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by Yakov Korner, Secretary on 18 October 2024



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 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1185624

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 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.

Signed:

Sam Gold
Sam Gold (Oct 28, 2024 11:30 GMT)

Date:

18 October 2024

Name:

Sam Gold

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

ACCA

Address:

96 Melford Road

London

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Profit and Loss

Leytonstone Synagogue

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Account	2023	2022
Receipts		
One-off donations	22,936.91	14,883.96
Membership income	10,241.99	11,032.10
Grants	33,410.25	29,132.70
Legacies and in memoriam	0.00	1,000.00
Total Receipts	66,589.15	56,048.76
Payments		
Event costs	27,848.65	15,787.89
Fundraising costs	14.53	61.07
Rabbi fees	6,960.00	8,140.00
Federation dues	4,995.00	3,996.00
Premises		
Premises costs - gas/electricity	3,100.00	2,574.58
Premises costs - maintenance	5,406.74	1,896.35
Premises costs - security	11,765.30	5,531.94
Premises costs - water	364.70	209.95
Kitchen supplies	323.95	662.39
Total Premises	20,960.69	10,875.21
People costs		
Staff costs - cleaning	2,584.18	1,282.43
Staff mileage	242.48	0.00
Staff travel costs	98.56	0.00
Total People costs	2,925.22	1,282.43
Professional services		
Accounting and financial consultancy costs	2,603.69	0.00
Total Professional services	2,603.69	0.00
Administration		
General costs - bank charges	77.60	69.60
General costs - office sundry expenses	92.38	211.56
General costs - printing and photocopying	202.30	124.00
General costs - stationery costs	1,141.64	517.57
Sundry expenses	400.24	192.00
Total Administration	1,914.16	1,114.73
IT costs		
IT costs - software costs under 500	130.00	0.00
Total IT costs	130.00	0.00
Governance costs		
Governance costs - insurance costs	33.60	2,711.71
Total Governance costs	33.60	2,711.71
Total Payments	68,385.54	43,969.04
Net income/(expenditure)	(1,796.39)	12,079.72

Account	2023	2022
1. Asset and liabilities		
Cash at bank and in hand	30,482.42	28,802.07
Amounts due at year end	(4,472.97)	(78.34)
Total Asset and liabilities	26,009.45	28,723.73