



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 To 31 December 2024

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 2024 to 31 December 2024, 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 2024, 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

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 High Holidays. 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

Faced with severe financial constraints this year, we have been determined to do more for less.

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 organised a spirited Communal Seder for Passover and unprecedented deliveries of Shemura Matzot to over 300 people in the local area
- We continue regular weekly deliveries of Kosher food to local households.
- We hold a regular weekly Zoom lessons
- We hold a Saturday night Melaveh Malka during the winter which continues to grow in popularity.
- In December 2024 over 350 people attended our public menorah lighting in Leytonstone. We have been able to hold this despite the removal of the Menorah concrete base and associated infrastructure as the site was upgraded to a biodiverse rain garden. We have to been able to work together with our partners to reinstate the Menorah at its traditional location. We also organized a Menorah lightening in Orford Road.

Financial Review

During 2024 the charity recorded a surplus of **£4,209**, supported in part by the deferral of certain payments to 2025.

Income

Total income for 2024 amounted to **£62,716**, representing a decrease from **£66,589** in 2023. This reduction was primarily due to a significant decline in charitable grants received. However, this was partially offset by an increase in income from our premises rental.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was **£58,507**, a reduction from **£68,385** in 2023. The largest area of expenditure continued to be event-related costs, including food and beverages for the various activities held throughout the year.

Premises-related expenses decreased to **£16,123** compared with **£20,960** in 2023. The largest component of this category related to security costs, which were largely financed through a generous grant from the CST. Maintenance expenses also declined in 2024, reflecting a reduced need for repair and upkeep work during the year.

Other Matters

Please note that the payment of Federation dues for 2024 was made in 2025. As the charity prepares its accounts on a cash basis, these costs are not reflected in the 2024 financial statements.

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
	Isar Rosenberg	Security
	Yakov Korner	Secretary
	Ruth Schryber	

Declarations

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

Jonathan Korner

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by Yakov Korner, Secretary on 28 October 2025



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 2024

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

Date:

28 October 2025

Name:

Sam Gold

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

ACCA

Address:

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London

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Profit and Loss

Leytonstone Synagogue

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Account	2024	2023
Receipts		
One-off donations	7,380.64	22,936.91
One-off donations - Koop	4,987.35	0.00
Membership income	13,536.17	10,241.99
Grants	16,400.00	33,410.25
Grants - security	9,128.55	0.00
Property rental income	10,783.30	0.00
Sundry income	500.00	0.00
Total Receipts	62,716.01	66,589.15
Payments		
Event costs	9,578.35	27,848.65
Food and drink	13,932.60	0.00
Fundraising costs	59.84	14.53
Rabbi fees	6,674.00	6,960.00
Federation dues	0.00	4,995.00
Burial fees paid	2,685.00	0.00
Premises		
Premises costs - gas/electricity	2,868.85	3,100.00
Premises costs - maintenance	1,501.24	5,406.74
Premises costs - security	11,287.49	11,765.30
Premises costs - water	261.09	364.70
Kitchen supplies	204.86	323.95
Total Premises	16,123.53	20,960.69
People costs		
Staff costs - cleaning	4,017.12	2,584.18
Staff costs - marketing	656.88	0.00
Staff costs - accounting	682.30	0.00
Staff mileage	142.20	242.48
Staff travel costs	104.81	98.56
Total People costs	5,603.31	2,925.22
Professional services		
Accounting and financial consultancy costs	2,161.01	2,603.69
Total Professional services	2,161.01	2,603.69
Administration		
General costs - bank charges	80.42	77.60
General costs - general postage costs	212.50	0.00
General costs - office sundry expenses	20.95	92.38
General costs - printing and photocopying	164.88	202.30
General costs - stationery costs	143.54	1,141.64
General costs - telephone and internet costs	301.99	0.00
Sundry expenses	196.95	400.24
Total Administration	1,121.23	1,914.16
IT costs		
IT costs - equipment purchased under 500	334.49	0.00
IT costs - software costs under 500	0.00	130.00
IT costs - website costs	200.10	0.00
Total IT costs	534.59	130.00
Governance costs		
Governance costs - insurance costs	33.60	33.60
Total Governance costs	33.60	33.60
Total Payments	58,507.06	68,385.54
Net income/(expenditure)	4,208.95	(1,796.39)

Account	2024	2023
1. Asset and liabilities		
Cash at bank and in hand	33,126.96	30,482.42
Amounts due at year end	(3,117.21)	(4,472.97)
Total Asset and liabilities	30,009.75	26,009.45