

Cambridge Jewish Residents Association (CJRA CIO)
Charity Number 1187648

CJRA Trustees' Annual Report 1 June 2023 - 31 May 2024

Reference and administrative Information

Charity Name: **Cambridge Jewish Residents Association CIO**

Charity Registration Number **1187648**

Address of Organisation - there is no official building or office.
All Trustees work from their home addresses.

Trustees: One Trustee, David Waldman, died on 10 January 2024.
We gained a new Trustee, Ruth Katz, at the AGM on 7 September 2023.

- 1. Marilyn Fersht, Chairman**
- 2. Sylvia Morris, Treasurer**
- 3. Eva Simmons, Vice Chair**
- 4. Rachel Meller, Membership Secretary**
- 5. Robert Marks, Treasurer of Burial Society**
- 6. Ruth Barnett, Secretary of Burial Society**
- 7. Valerie Collis, Education Officer**
- 8. Tirza Bleehen, Welfare Officer**
- 9. Kathrin Peters, Minute Secretary**
- 10. Ruth Katz, Email Circular Editor**

Structure, governance and management

The CJRA became a CIO on 29 January 2020 with a constitution, after many years of being an unincorporated charity. At the Annual General Meeting on 8 September 2022, it was agreed to increase the number of Trustees from the original two to ten, following a resolution that ***the board of charity trustees shall comprise: the Chairman and the Treasurer, during their tenure of office; and during their time on the committee all other Committee Members who choose so to be.*** All are volunteers. We have held four committee meetings and one AGM during the period of this report. All were held on Zoom. We also have many other volunteers who help run our different groups, in particular, a cross-community welfare support group.

Our members are charged a small subscription of £30 per annum per person. We have a category called Associate Members, who are non-Jewish, who receive the magazine and can join in all our events and activities but have no burial rights. We had, at the end of the financial year, 143 full members and 15 associate members.

Our income is derived from subscriptions, donations, bank interest and gift aid.

Objectives and Activities

Our purpose is the advancement of the Jewish faith through the provision of religious services and burial, education to advance Jewish culture, history and knowledge and to provide social interaction and welfare for those in need. We are always open to those outside the Jewish faith, who would like to advance their knowledge of our religion, history, customs and culture. Entry to most of our talks and events is free.

We give financial support for the maintenance of the Synagogue building in Thompson's Lane, Cambridge. The University of Cambridge Jewish Society runs the Synagogue with help from Jewish residents.

We enjoyed a community garden party on 20 August 2023 at a member's home and held a Chanukah Party jointly with Beth Shalom Reform Synagogue on 10 December. Entertainment was provided by our locally based Kol Echad Choir. Seventy people attended.

On 6 May 2024 we commemorated the founding of the state of Israel with a solemn programme that remembered the 1200 victims, killed in the massacres of 7 October 2023 and the Israeli hostages still in Gaza.

Our Evening Talks programme: There were seven talks, which continued online and were well attended.

The monthly Monday afternoon meetings of the Cambridge Jewish Cultural Association continued in person and were well attended.

We sent out in the post three magazines, which contained information of all that is happening across the Cambridge Jewish community, as well as interesting articles and reports. We also offer an online version of the magazine. In addition, an email circular is sent out weekly to inform and remind our members and others of forthcoming activities and events.

Our Burial Society arranged 3 burials and 2 stone settings.

CJRA TREASURER'S REPORT 2023/2024

The accounts are prepared on a Cash Basis so the results show cash movements in the year. They have been independently verified by a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Income:	Members' subscriptions	*£5,149
	Donations	£85
	Gift Aid received for 21/22 and 22/23	£930
	Chevra Kadisha	£190
	Welfare CJCS transferred September 2023	<u>£884</u>
		<u>£7,238</u>

* After refunds of small overpayments subtracted
Gift aid for 2023/24 of £770 has been claimed.

** Investment interest:	Natwest Liquidity	£257
	Natwest Reserve	£704
	Saffron	<u>£4,635</u>
		<u>£5,596</u>

Expenditure:	Insurance	£326
	Printing, postage, stationery	£2,476
	Charity donation for accountancy	£500
	CUJS Annual donation	£2,500
	Wednesday speakers	£280
	Other events	£449
	Chevra Kadisha	<u>£589</u>
		<u>£7,119</u>

Note: the MDA donation of £685 was accounted for in the 2021/22 year and does not therefore appear as expenditure in the current year,

The charity donation is being given to Crisis in recognition of the work undertaken by the pro bono independent examiner for 23/24,

Funds Available

Cash at Bank	£3,465
Natwest Liquidity	£45,257
NatWest Reserve Account	£11,341
Saffron Building Society	<u>£87,663</u>
Total	<u>£147,726</u>



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Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Cambridge Jewish Residents Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st May 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1187648

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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 31/05/2024.

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:

M. Pearmain

Date:

18/07/2024

Name:

Mary Pearmain

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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