

Nottingham Hebrew Congregation
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The key objective of the Charity continues to be to perpetuate the existence of the Nottingham Hebrew Congregation as an orthodox Jewish community. The assets and annual revenues are primarily used to cover the cost of running services, communal events, the buildings, and the staff and providing pastoral care including births, rituals, and religious ceremonies e.g. bar-mitzvahs, bat-mitzvahs, marriages, and deaths. To that end the Trustees and officials give their time voluntarily to ensure that the buildings, cemeteries, and artefacts are maintained to a reasonable standard and to ensure that religious services are held as appropriate.

Public benefit

In setting the objectives of the settlement and planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Religious services continue to be held in accordance with the traditions of Orthodox Judaism and on a regular weekly basis. They are held on Shabbat (Saturdays) and Sunday mornings, together with High Holy Days, attended by members, visitors, and students. Services are usually followed by a Kiddush (prayer over wine) and refreshments or breakfast. These are sometimes sponsored to celebrate a special occasion. We are indebted to Rabbi Lent and all those who organised and attended the services and those that organise refreshments.

Our grateful thanks also go to Mrs Brocha Lent and all those who generously gave their valuable time to arrange and organise the many social events that took place throughout the year.

The Trustees are especially indebted to Mrs Gail Samson who continues to provide unerring support as Treasurer and advisor to the Trustees and to Joanne Goldszmit for her work as Administrator.

We also appreciate the behind the scenes work that continues to be carried out by dedicated members in such matters as bereavement, synagogue and cemetery maintenance, security, and Board of Deputies Representative.

No major expenditure was incurred on Hatikvah and expenditure on Sherwood St and Hardy St cemeteries was limited to routine maintenance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

Our investment advisors remain as Barclays Wealth Management adopting a low-risk strategy. Performance is satisfactory and in line with expectation given financial market performance during the year.

Reserves policy

The charity holds large reserves due to several reasons, including but not limited to; -

- A long-term unquantifiable obligation to maintain 3 cemeteries in Nottingham.
- A long-term requirement to maintain facilities for practicing orthodox Judaism in the region, as NHC is not underpinned by a central, national, or international funding resource.
- A requirement to maintain religious artifacts in good condition, according to the Jewish faith.

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FUTURE PLANS

Membership is fairly stable, and we are fortunate in having been joined by a few new members. Age distribution however is inclined towards senior citizens, and this eventually will impact on membership levels and participation in services and events. Nottingham has a high number of Jewish students at the two universities and a considerable number of these participate in synagogue services and other events. This results, in particular, to very well attended synagogue services.

NHC is well funded, so the financial future is secure, but challenges face an ageing community.

The Trustees and Management Team have benefited from the unerring support of Rabbi and Brocha Lent, but the future is dependent on the support of members. As asked in previous years, if any member would like to help maintain an active, enthusiastic, and harmonious community, or have ideas as to how we can do things better, with the resources we have, we would love to hear from them.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide the facilities necessary to practice orthodox Judaism, with processes that protect the charity's assets and scrutinise best value.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Nottingham Hebrew Congregation is a registered Charity governed by an Association model CIO. It was established to uphold the principles and maintain the facilities for worship and religious observance in accordance with the beliefs of Orthodox Judaism and under the supervision and control of the Court of the Chief Rabbi.

Trustees are appointed by the General Meeting of the Congregation, from amongst its membership and in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. The government and business affairs of the Charity are controlled by a Management Team in accordance with the Constitution.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

To the best of our knowledge; -

- There have been no actual frauds or suspected frauds in the year.
- The Charity is considered a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of the signing of the accounts.
- Fund allocation has been done correctly.
- There have been no transactions (other than subs and reimbursed expenses) between the charity and the trustees.
- There are no related parties (spouses, family, businesses) that have material transactions (more than £100) with the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1188843

Principal address

Hatikvah Synagogue
Highurst Street
Nottingham
Nottinghamshire
NG7 3QA

Trustees

C Kofler (resigned 31.7.23)
S Cohen (resigned 31.7.23)
R S Resnick
F Miller
R Christie (appointed 16.7.23)
N Pike (appointed 16.7.23)

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

William Oates BA FCA
Brooks Mayfield Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

R S Resnick - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Nottingham Hebrew Congregation

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nottingham Hebrew Congregation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nottingham Hebrew Congregation (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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

William Oates BA FCA

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18 April 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		58,482	-	58,482	51,092
Other trading activities	2	36,011	2,620	38,631	15,268
Investment income	3	42,605	-	42,605	32,297
Other income		266	-	266	80,430
Total		137,364	2,620	139,984	179,087
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General		54,734	3,642	58,376	61,316
Other		66,558	-	66,558	64,396
Total		121,292	3,642	124,934	125,712
Net gains/(losses) on investments		73,636	-	73,636	(122,964)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		89,708	(1,022)	88,686	(69,589)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,742,330	1,022	1,743,352	1,812,941
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,832,038	-	1,832,038	1,743,352

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	201,486	-	201,486	202,971
Investments	7	1,300,396	-	1,300,396	1,230,342
		<u>1,501,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,501,882</u>	<u>1,433,313</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	7,399	-	7,399	12,480
Cash at bank		330,830	-	330,830	305,640
		<u>338,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>338,229</u>	<u>318,120</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,073)	-	(8,073)	(8,081)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>330,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330,156</u>	<u>310,039</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,832,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,832,038</u>	<u>1,743,352</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,832,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,832,038</u>	<u>1,743,352</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				1,832,038	1,742,330
Restricted funds				-	1,022
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,832,038</u>	<u>1,743,352</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

F Miller - Trustee

R S Resnick - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- not provided
Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance

No depreciation charge has been provided in the year on property as the Trustees believe that the freehold property is stated at its current open market valuation.

Donated assets

Land and religious artefacts that have been donated to the congregation do not have a historic cost. As there is no present intention to dispose of these articles and due to the intrinsic difficulty in assigning a market value, no adjustment is made to the balance sheet to reflect their potential value, because of their singular nature and given their true worth would only be realised on sale.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Funeral charges	33,405	10,685
Board of Deputies income	1,560	1,740
Kol Nidre income	1,060	1,281
Events	1,826	392
Stone setting	780	1,170
	<u>38,631</u>	<u>15,268</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Listed investment income	<u>42,605</u>	<u>32,297</u>

Investment management charges in the year to 31 December 2023 were £3,983 (2022 - £3,313)

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	51,092	-	51,092
Other trading activities	12,247	3,021	15,268
Investment income	32,297	-	32,297
Other income	80,430	-	80,430
Total	<u>176,066</u>	<u>3,021</u>	<u>179,087</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General	56,826	4,490	61,316
Other	64,396	-	64,396
Total	<u>121,222</u>	<u>4,490</u>	<u>125,712</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(122,964)	-	(122,964)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(68,120)	(1,469)	(69,589)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,810,450	2,491	1,812,941
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,742,330</u>	<u>1,022</u>	<u>1,743,352</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>200,000</u>	<u>5,941</u>	<u>205,941</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	-	2,970	2,970
Charge for year	-	1,485	1,485
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>4,455</u>	<u>4,455</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	<u>200,000</u>	<u>1,486</u>	<u>201,486</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>200,000</u>	<u>2,971</u>	<u>202,971</u>

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
Cost	<u>200,000</u>	<u>5,941</u>	<u>205,941</u>

All tangible fixed assets were transferred from the predecessor Charity on 1 January 2021 at their open market value. The trustees do not believe there has been a material movement in the value of freehold property since this date.

All assets are used for charitable purposes and all properties are owned 100% by the charity.

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7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2023	1,230,342
Disposals	(3,582)
Revaluations	73,636
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At 31 December 2023	1,300,396
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	1,300,396
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At 31 December 2022	1,230,342
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There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The Nottingham Hebrew Congregation investment portfolio is held at Barclays via the Barclays Charity Fund R distribution and is stated at market value.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

	Listed investment £
Valuation in 2021	107,554
Valuation in 2022	(122,963)
Valuation in 2023	73,636
Cost	1,242,169
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	1,300,396
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8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Other debtors	5,930	11,131
Prepayments	1,469	1,349
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	7,399	12,480
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	488	757
Taxation and social security	-	28
Other creditors	7,585	7,296
	<u>8,073</u>	<u>8,081</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,742,330	89,708	1,832,038
Restricted funds			
Board of deputies	30	(30)	-
Kol Nidre	992	(992)	-
	<u>1,022</u>	<u>(1,022)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,743,352</u>	<u>88,686</u>	<u>1,832,038</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	137,364	(121,292)	73,636	89,708
Restricted funds				
Board of deputies	1,560	(1,590)	-	(30)
Kol Nidre	1,060	(2,052)	-	(992)
	<u>2,620</u>	<u>(3,642)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,022)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>139,984</u>	<u>(124,934)</u>	<u>73,636</u>	<u>88,686</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,810,450	(68,120)	1,742,330
Restricted funds			
Board of deputies	-	30	30
Kol Nidre	2,491	(1,499)	992
	<u>2,491</u>	<u>(1,469)</u>	<u>1,022</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,812,941</u>	<u>(69,589)</u>	<u>1,743,352</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	176,066	(121,222)	(122,964)	(68,120)
Restricted funds				
Board of deputies	1,740	(1,710)	-	30
Kol Nidre	1,281	(2,780)	-	(1,499)
	<u>3,021</u>	<u>(4,490)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,469)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>179,087</u>	<u>(125,712)</u>	<u>(122,964)</u>	<u>(69,589)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,810,450	21,588	1,832,038
Restricted funds			
Kol Nidre	2,491	(2,491)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,812,941</u>	<u>19,097</u>	<u>1,832,038</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	313,430	(242,514)	(49,328)	21,588
Restricted funds				
Board of deputies	3,300	(3,300)	-	-
Kol Nidre	2,341	(4,832)	-	(2,491)
	<u>5,641</u>	<u>(8,132)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,491)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>319,071</u></u>	<u><u>(250,646)</u></u>	<u><u>(49,328)</u></u>	<u><u>19,097</u></u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are used to provide facilities for worship and religious observance in accordance with the principles of Orthodox Judaism.

Purposes of restricted funds

Kol Nidre Appeal - Appeals are made for donations which are subsequently donated to Israeli, National and Local Charities, from time to time part of the monies raised are retained for any significant internal expenditure,

Board of Deputies Fund - A voluntary levy is collected from the congregation members and subsequently donated to the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There was no key management personnel remuneration during the year ended 31st December 2023 (2022 - £nil).

Nottingham Hebrew Congregation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Subscriptions	29,870	30,832
Donations	5,487	7,062
Gift aid	18,145	6,610
Security grants	4,980	6,588
	58,482	51,092
Other trading activities		
Funeral charges	33,405	10,685
Board of Deputies income	1,560	1,740
Kol Nidre income	1,060	1,281
Events	1,826	392
Stone setting	780	1,170
	38,631	15,268
Investment income		
Listed investment income	42,605	32,297
Other income		
Gain on sale of property	-	57,500
Gain on sale of investments	266	168
Compensation	-	22,762
	266	80,430
Total incoming resources	139,984	179,087
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Rabbinical donations	36,076	36,477
Charitable donations	5,438	4,490
	41,514	40,967
Other		
Wages	13,750	12,013
Funeral costs	10,521	6,397
Cemetery expenses	9,909	8,251
Light and heat	3,677	1,862
Repairs and restorations	2,455	8,753
Insurance	4,713	4,126
Cleaning	319	644
Security costs	5,515	5,261
General congregation expenses	3,591	3,351
Carried forward	54,450	50,658

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Other		
Brought forward	54,450	50,658
224 Mansfield Road costs	-	5,295
Events and kitchen	9,011	5,638
Postage and stationery	889	770
Telephone	723	550
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,485	1,485
	66,558	64,396
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Audit and accountancy	3,645	3,465
Investment management charges	3,983	3,313
Legal and professional fees	9,234	13,571
	16,862	20,349
Total resources expended	124,934	125,712
Net income before gains and losses	15,050	53,375
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	73,636	(122,964)
Net income/(expenditure)	88,686	(69,589)