

Tzelem Annual Report to AGM 13th January 2025

For the year ending 31st March

Over the past year, Tzelem has focused on poverty as an issue of socio-economic justice. We have worked with the Trussell Trust and begun to work with other organisations, as detailed below.

Rabbi Lee Wax and Rabbi Dr. Barbara Borts were elected as Trustees at the last AGM and they have both brought valuable experience working with other Jewish and charitable organisations. Rabbi Dr. Elliott Karstadt has again been a reliable Treasurer. I am grateful for the support and expertise of all the trustees and also Rabbi Alex Goldberg whose experience and knowledge are invaluable.

For Purim, we held a talk by Rev. Jessica Foster of the Trussell Trust and launched an accompanying resource with Jewish sources titled: 'Moving from "Gifts to the Poor" to "There shall be no Poor"', which was well received by rabbis.

In January, we met with Rabbis Josh Levy and Charley Baginsky of the Movement for Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism about how we might work within a new single Progressive Jewish movement. After the meeting the Trustees agreed that for the time being we would continue to work across the Jewish community. Although our members are predominantly from the Progressive movement, we do have the involvement of two Orthodox rabbis and Masorti rabbis have sometimes been involved too.

In March we met with Amos Schonfeld of HIAS J-CORE to discuss how we might work together. There are many areas of overlap, particularly in the area of justice for asylum seekers and refugees, and we agreed to look at ways of collaborating.

We continue to struggle in terms of capacity and would welcome anyone who would like to get involved in any way. If we are unable to bring in others to take up some of the workload, Tzelem will struggle to work effectively as a voice for social and economic justice in the future.

We remain committed to exploring ways of working cross-communally and in partnership with other organisations in order to pursue our aim of promoting social inclusion by looking at the causes of social exclusion and how they might be addressed.

Rabbi Dr. Margaret Jacobi, Chair

Tzelem Accounts, 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	2022-2023
Income	Donations	-	-	0	10000
	Fellowship	-	-	0	2500
	Membership	-	108	108	630
	Total Income	£0	£108	£108	£13,130
Outgoing	Insurance	-	508	508	512
	IT	-	66	66	66
	Living Wage	-	72	72	-
	Fellowship	-	-	-	10552
	AGM	-	-	-	250
	Total Outgoing	£0	£646	£646	£11,380
Profit/Loss		£0	-£538	-£538	£1,750
Funds brought forward		£0	£6,399	£6,399	£4,650
Funds carried forward		0	£5,861	£5,861	£6,399