

SOUTHAMPTON HEBREW CONGREGATION

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Report for Annual General Meeting 29th March for the year ending December 31st 2025

We have had a very busy year with a number of services in the synagogue, used by both the Orthodox and Reform.

Notably we have had Student Friday night services with supper which have been Chabad led followed by Shabbat morning services again Chabad led, followed by lunch. We have had Tu B'Shvat social evening and Purim services followed by food, generously brought by Rabbi Zalman Lewis. Following on from Purim we had a very successful Pesach Seder where we had 36 attendees. The event was catered by members led by Danny Habel. It was joint event with the Reform community where one Seder was in Portsmouth and one in Southampton. Members and friends of both communities attended the Seder which was most convenient to them.

Jewish Small Communities Network has an annual 'One Shabbat', and this year we had successful Friday night, where we took the service with supper afterwards.

We opened our Chanukah event to the community, and members of Southampton City Council, the local Sikh community and the Bishop of Southampton attended, as well as the chair of the Interfaith Group. Again well attended and well appreciated.

Our High Holy Days are normally split between the Reform for Rosh Hashanah and the Orthodox for Yom Kippur. However, this year for Yom Kippur we invited the retired Reform Rabbi from Bournemouth to lead us, following the Masorti tradition. We had a good attendance from both communities.

Because the synagogue hall is now open without pews, but chairs and a moveable bimah, we are able to use it for social events, and the students took advantage, and held their annual 'ball' in the synagogue.

On the maintenance front we successfully applied for a grant from The Communities Securities Trust and we now have new Steel doors.

Our Outreach section has been very busy with visits to schools as well as many coming to visit the synagogue. Although we ask for a donation, the feedback is very good, and we now have core who visit us each year. Professor Tim Sluckin also has an adult group who cover our traditions, more than the religious aspects.

Income Expenditure
for Southampton Hebrew Congregation for year ending 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Year to 31st December 2025	Unrestricted 31st December 2024	Restricted Funds	Total Year to 31st December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Grant from CST		2971.80	2971.80			
Membership Fees	3837.75		3837.75	3670.00	60000.00	60000.00
Voluntary Levy	630.00		630.00	540.00		3670.00
Donations	1436.95	3975.60	5412.55	1030.00	7392.37	540.00
Gift Aid	857.50		857.50	2090.00		8422.37
SHJRC contribution	500.00		500.00			2090.00
Seder Income	722.00		722.00			
Yom Y'rushalayim talk fees	251.00		251.00			
Outreach	320.00		320.00			
Natwest Reserve interest		84.77	84.77			
Interest National Savings	179.67		179.67	178.37	227.68	227.68
	8734.87	7032.17	15767.04	7508.37	67620.05	75128.42
Outgoing Resources						
Legal & Estate Agent Fees	0.00		0.00			0.00
Visiting Rabbi	600.00	1000.00	1600.00	968.00	0.00	968.00
Fees to Religious Bodies	545.00		545.00	245.00		245.00
Tahara fees to Bournemouth	400.00		400.00			
Voluntary Levy	630.00		630.00	540.00		540.00
Renovation costs including Builder	94.18	5943.60	6037.78		62974.64	62974.74
Alarm & Fire maintenance	1397.20		1397.20	1323.45		1323.45
Insurance	1847.09		1847.09	2009.05		2009.05
Utilities	1317.77		1317.77	1233.96		1233.96
Cleaning & Gardening	428.75		428.75	145.00		145.00
Building surveys and control	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	437.00	437.00
Solent Mind Donation	100.00		100.00			
Seder expenses	637.09		637.09			
Storage & Van		0.00	0.00			
Various Expenses including seder	87.45		87.45	0.00	669.25	669.25
	8084.53	6943.60	15028.13	578.90	1102.17	1681.07
	650.34	88.57	738.91	7043.36	65183.06	72226.52
Excess income over expenditure				465.01	2436.99	2901.90