



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	03	06	2024		31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Congregation of Jacob Synagogue

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1208500**

Charity's principal address

351-353 Commercial Road

London

Postcode

E1 2PS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gerald Brandes	Chair		
2	Rev David Brandes	Treasurer		
3	David Russell	Secretary		
4	Harvey Behr			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO - FOUNDATION (REGISTERED 3 JUNE 2024)

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ('FOUNDATION')

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Nomination Committee

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All new trustees will receive copies of the constitution as well as any relevant guidance from the Charity Commission. In addition, new trustees will receive copies of all Congregation of Jacob Synagogue policies and procedures for their perusal and are encouraged to review them at least annually in line with Congregation of Jacob Synagogue policy.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ORTHODOX JEWISH FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY MAINTAINING AND MANAGING A SYNAGOGUE IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP, PUBLIC PRAYER AND RELIGIOUS STUDY, AND BY PROVIDING FOR THE RELIGIOUS NEEDS, SPIRITUAL EDUCATION, PASTORAL NEEDS AND WELFARE OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to. New trustees must read these documents, which are must be taken into consideration when planning the charity’s activities for the ahead.

The following statement summarises the way in which the Congregation of Jacob Synagogue has contributed to the public benefit:

The synagogue provides a place of worship, which is particularly important for those that need a safe space to practice their Orthodox Jewish faith. It is also important for people that are saying kaddish (memorial prayers) to commemorate the death of family, as well as for those that are celebrating milestones such as Bar Mitzvah and Marriage. In addition to the benefit of providing a place of worship, the synagogue also plays a pastoral and supportive role to help members of the community at times of need, such as illness or death. The members make a concerted effort to care and provide for those in need, which is not only restricted to other members but with the wider community who have a connection to the synagogue.

Attendance is open to everyone, even those not of the Orthodox Jewish faith. We have regular attendees who are not Jewish, but who enjoy the communal atmosphere of the services. We open every Saturday morning for Sabbath services, as well as for all the major festivals throughout the year (such as Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Pesach etc.)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In 2024, the Congregation of Jacob Synagogue in London achieved several significant milestones, enhancing its community engagement and institutional development.

1. Registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

On June 3, 2024, the synagogue was officially registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under charity number 1208500. This formal recognition underscores our commitment to advancing the Orthodox Jewish faith and providing religious, educational, and welfare services to the community in Tower Hamlets.

2. Community Events

Throughout 2024, the synagogue hosted regular Shabbat services on Saturday mornings, as well as all major festivals, fostering community engagement.

3. Recognition for Heritage and Inclusivity

The synagogue's historical significance as the UK's first Mizrachi synagogue, established in 1903, continues to be acknowledged. Our ongoing restoration efforts aim to preserve its architectural heritage while maintaining its role as a vibrant place of worship. Additionally, the congregation has been regularly praised by attendees for its warm and welcoming atmosphere, which people describe as ensuring a delicate balance between being both inclusive and traditional, attracting visitors of all faiths.

These achievements in 2024 reflect the Congregation of Jacob Synagogue's dedication to serving its community, preserving its rich heritage, and fostering an inclusive environment for worship.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Congregation of Jacob Synagogue maintains reserves equal to at least 12 months of ordinary running costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Income this year was principally from member contributions.

Expenditure this year was principally for running costs of the synagogue (such as utilities, insurance) as well as capital costs on an ongoing programme of restoration to preserve the synagogue for posterity.

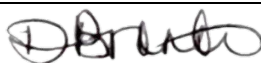
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)




Full name(s)

David Brandes

David Russell

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Secretary

Date

09/06/2025



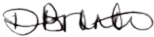
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 03/06/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	3,964	2,384		6,348	
Donations	3,641			3,641	
Refunds	781			781	
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Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,386	2,384		10,770	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,386	2,384	-	10,770	-
A3 Payments					
Burial Society Fees		2,384		2,384	
Utilities	609			609	
Restoration	55,395			55,395	
Marketing	180			180	
Equipment	1,353			1,353	
Legal	1,350			1,350	
Services	2,288			2,288	
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				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Sub total	61,174	2,384	-	63,558	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	61,174	2,384	-	63,558	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 52,788	0	-	- 52,788	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	93,386			93,386	
Cash funds this year end	40,598	0	-	40,598	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	40,598	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,598	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David Brandes	09/06/2025	
		David Russell	09/06/2025	