

Charity Registration No. 258581

THE JEWISH VEGETARIAN AND ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE JEWISH VEGETARIAN AND ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Business Information

Trustees

Mr M A Freedman (Treasurer)

Mr D J Jacobs

Mr K S Sefton

Patron

Mr A Jackson

Independent examiner

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Trustees' report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and company with the trust deed (its governing document) and 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 2015).

Principal aims and objectives

The Jewish Vegetarian and Ecological Society operates with the aim of raising funds to promote a kinder society, without killing animals for food.

In this context the Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 (5) of the 2011 Charities Act in giving due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

The charity's objectives are to promote as a means of advancing the physical, mental, moral and economic improvement, of mankind, knowledge of vegetarianism/veganism. Through research into the production, utilisation, preparation and dietetic effects of vegetable substances and promotion of this information.

Objectives and activities

The Jewish Vegetarian and Ecological Society charitable objects are given below and are taken from the governing document as follows:

To promote as a means of advancing the physical, mental, moral and economic improvement, of mankind, knowledge of vegetarianism/veganism.

To promote research into and provide information upon the production, utilisation, preparation and dietetic effects of vegetable substances for human consumption.

To do all such acts and things as shall further the active and corporate life of the society or may be necessary to the above objects and may lawfully be done by a body established only for purposes recognised by the law of England as charitable.

The Jewish Vegetarian and Ecological Society's objectives for the year are to promote a kinder society without killing animals for food. To make people aware of the benefits of rejecting cruelty to animals and the extension of this to an improved society where mankind is not cruel to fellow beings, both human and animals, as expressed in the Torah, which teaches kindness to all sentient creatures and for the replenishment of the earth and plant and animal species.

To meet these objectives, the charity raises awareness of the many benefits of vegetarianism via frequent events (film screenings, cookery classes, group trips etc) and the provision of an interactive website to disseminate news and views as well as topical relevant matters. They also hold Friday Night Dinners and sponsor a gardening group.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Achievements and Performance

The results for the year are set out in the Summary of Income and Expenditure in the ensuing pages.

The trustees collected rental income of £123,443 (2023: £123,262) and generated income from its other charitable activities of £35,670 (2023: £45,193).

Financial Review

The Jewish Vegetarian and Ecological Society has maintained its healthy financial position with closing fund balances totalling £2,919,581 (2023: £2,874,870).

The organisation relies on its ability to generate funds from charitable activities in order to meet operating costs.

The principal funding source was the rental income received - all rental income is used for charitable purposes only.

The total unrestricted rental income received in 2024 reached £123,443 (2023: £123,262) with £43,848 (2023: £43,920) expended for rental purposes.

The total unrestricted income from hall use and other functions in 2024 reached £33,786 (2023: £42,456) with £16,301 (2022: £22,844) expended for these purposes.

This year saw other income total £796 (2023: £856), and income from investments total £636 (2023: £140).

Reserves Policy

It is the desired policy of the trustees to have unrestricted funds in the Capital Account to cover twelve months' running costs, and to maintain a cash balance at least equal to three months' operating costs. This will provide adequate funds to meet current and anticipated future liabilities and provide financial flexibility.

Investment policy

In accordance with the Governing document, the Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit.

Plans for the future

The trustees are continuing to work towards a Vegan/Vegetarian world to combat the cruelties associated with animal slaughter and factory farming methods, coupled with working toward a greener world to minimise damage to the environment and over exploitation of the world's finite resources. We are working to make our premises a hub for green activities and accommodate other like minded charity organisations. We have completed the upgrade to our premises to make them more attractive as a meeting point to house our activities; attract donations for use of the same; and attract income from continued rentals.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its Governing document adopted 25th March 1969. The charity's reference and administrative details are as set out within these accounts.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr M Freedman

Mr D J Jacobs

Mr K S Sefton

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Trustees induction and training

New trustees are made aware of the structure of the charity and are informed of the charity's financial position. Any new trustees would be fully briefed and trained by the existing committee and aware of their responsibilities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M Freedman

Treasurer

Dated: 21. 10. 25

**THE JEWISH VEGETARIAN AND ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JEWISH VEGETARIAN AND ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.



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Dated: 21/10/2025

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Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable Activities	35,670	45,193
Cost of charitable activities	1,454	3,390
Gross profit	<u>34,216</u>	<u>41,803</u>
Other business income	124,079	123,402
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages, salaries and other staff costs	23,824	16,701
Car, van and travel expenses	62	188
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs	60,149	63,374
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs	3,700	3,329
Interest on bank and other loans	4,851	5,317
Bank, credit card and other finance charges	237	429
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees	1,116	1,826
Depreciation and revaluation of fixed asset	613	766
Other charitable expenses	-	227
Total charitable expenditure	<u>94,552</u>	<u>92,157</u>
Net income for the year and movement in funds	<u>63,743</u>	<u>73,048</u>

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Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Equipment, machinery, fixtures and fittings	3	3,613	2,300
Other fixed assets	4	<u>2,800,677</u>	<u>2,800,677</u>
		2,804,290	2,802,977
Current assets			
Other debtors		32,791	23,301
Bank/building society balances		138,434	101,190
Other current assets and prepayments		<u>28,648</u>	<u>28,187</u>
		199,873	152,678
Current liabilities			
Loans and overdrawn bank accounts	5	21,600	21,600
Trade creditors, other liabilities and accruals		<u>4,582</u>	<u>1,921</u>
		26,182	23,521
Net current assets		173,691	129,157
Loans due after more than one year		(58,400)	(57,264)
Net assets		<u>2,919,581</u>	<u>2,874,870</u>
Capital account			
Balance at start of period		2,874,870	2,801,822
Net profit		63,743	73,048
PY Correction to loan capital		<u>(19,032)</u>	<u>-</u>
		2,919,581	2,874,870

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 21.10.25



Mr M Freedman
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting basis

Charity information

The Jewish Vegetarian and Ecological Society is an unincorporated charity in England and Wales. The principal address is 853 Finchley Road, London, NW11 8LX

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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	£	£
2 Income from charitable activities		
Sales, hall use and reimbursements	33,786	42,456
Membership subscriptions and donations	1,088	1,881
Charitable rental income	-	-
Other income	796	856
	<u>35,670</u>	<u>45,193</u>
Direct costs for charitable activities		
Purchases	424	-
Event costs	1,030	3,390
	<u>1,454</u>	<u>3,390</u>
Other business income		
Interest receivable	636	140
Charitable rental income	123,443	123,262
	<u>124,079</u>	<u>123,402</u>
Wages, salaries and other staff costs		
Wages and salaries	19,378	16,701
Pensions	35	-
Temps and recruitment	4,411	-
	<u>23,824</u>	<u>16,701</u>
Car, van and travel expenses		
Travel and subsistence	62	188
	<u>62</u>	<u>188</u>
Charitable letting costs incurred		
Rates	6,316	4,595
Light and heat	8,717	7,911
Property insurance	4,441	4,359
Repairs met through agent	1,570	14,432
Agent fees	6,223	6,080
Repairs, cleaning, gardening and maintenance	32,882	25,997
	<u>60,149</u>	<u>63,374</u>
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs		
Telephone and internet	983	798
Computer, printing, postage and stationery	2,717	2,531
	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,329</u>

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Interest on bank and other loans

Interest	4,851	5,317
	<u>4,851</u>	<u>5,317</u>

Bank, credit card and other finance charges

Bank charges	237	429
	<u>237</u>	<u>429</u>

Accountancy, legal and other professional fees

Accountants fees	581	488
Legal and professional	535	588
Consultancy fees	-	750
	<u>1,116</u>	<u>1,826</u>

Depreciation and revaluation of fixed assets

Depreciation	613	766
	<u>613</u>	<u>766</u>

Other charitable expenses

Subscriptions	-	27
Charitable donations	-	200
	<u>-</u>	<u>227</u>

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3 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & Fittings etc. £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	64,211
Additions	1,926
At 31 December 2024	<u>66,137</u>
Depreciation (25% Reducing balance)	
At 1 January 2024	61,911
Charge for the year	613
At 31 December 2024	<u>62,524</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,613</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,300</u>

4 Other fixed assets

	2024 £	2023 £
Premises	2,500,000	2,500,000
Cumulative renovation costs	<u>300,677</u>	<u>300,677</u>
	<u>2,800,677</u>	<u>2,800,677</u>

The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out by Savills (UK) Limited Chartered Surveyors, who are not connected with the charity. The valuation was made on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties on 8 August 2017. The trustees having suitable market knowledge considered the stated valuation to be a fair reflection of the investment properties at 31 December 2024.

5 Current and longer term liabilities

The Society continues to repay a mortgage over 10 years from Santander. These funds were used to renovate the hall.