

David Ishag Synagogue
Neveh Shalom Sephardi Community

Trustees' Annual Report

For

Year Ended 31 January 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name David Ishag Synagogue - Neveh Shalom Sephardi Community

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 260863

Charity's principal address 352-354 Preston Road

Harrow

Middx

Postcode

HA3 0QJ

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	Adrian Joseph Morris Levy	Chair		
2	David Rasouly	Trustee		
3	Joe Edward Cohen	Trustee		
4	Richard Delmonte	Trustee		
5	Marc Sullam	Trustee		
6	Murray Jarvis Rose	Honorary Treasurer		
7	Jonathan Gerald Spain	Trustee		
8	Elie Myers	Honorary Secretary		
9	Joe Hazan	Trustee		

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
Bank	Barclays Bank	On-line
Independent Examiner	Sam Shemtob	Flat 5, 25 Barrowgate Road, London W4 4QX

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

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 10 March 1970 (as amended)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Constitution

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

The Synagogue activities are in the main managed by Trustees responsible for specific areas. Reports from each of the Trustees are presented at the Annual General Meeting and at Trustee Meetings.

and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the charity are set out in the Constitution and include providing:

- A Synagogue for the purpose of religious worship according to Sephardi rites.
- Facilities for the solemnisation of Marriages.
- Facilities for religious education and social activities.
- The dispensation of Tzedaka (Charitable Work).
- Facilities for burial in consecrated ground through the Spanish and Portuguese Burial Society.
- Support for such measures calculated to promote the observance of Orthodox Judaism.

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)

The objects of the Charity are achieved by undertaking the following activities:

- Conducting Divine Services on Shabbats and Holy Days and providing facilities for Kiddushim and Seudot.
- Providing religion education through Shiyurim (lessons) for adults.
- Organising social activities
- Holding fund raising events when necessary. Making charitable appeals to support its activities.
- Affiliation to the Spanish and Portuguese Joint Burial Society in order to ensure appropriate burial rights for its members.
- Affiliation to the Board of Deputies of British Jews and other communal bodies and organisations.
- Recognising the religious jurisdiction of the Sephardi Ecclesiastical Authorities.

The Synagogue activities are organised and managed by volunteers from the membership of the Synagogue itself.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance where relevant.

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.

The Synagogue activities are organised and managed by volunteers from the membership of the Synagogue itself and the Synagogue could not carry out its functions without the time and effort of these volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year the Synagogue has held religious services every Saturday morning and for each of the Jewish festivals. Services have also been held on other occasions including most Sunday mornings. The services have been conducted using Sephardi traditions.

Following the services there have been social gatherings or kiddushim. There have also been various other social gatherings during the year to develop and enhance the community.

During the services and at certain social events there have been sermons and shiurim providing religious education to members.

The Synagogue has a warm and friendly atmosphere where there is mutual respect and appreciation.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Restricted funds are those earmarked for a specific project/event or specified by the donor to be used for a particular purpose. The Charity seeks to keep the level of restricted funds to a minimum, preferring to hold unrestricted funds.

The Charity's reserve policy is to maintain unrestricted funds to at least three months of core operating expenditure. Where reserves fall below the minimum level, trustees will implement appropriate measures which may include adjusting expenditure, increasing fundraising efforts, or reviewing planned activities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

The main source of income is subscriptions receivable and donations received and tax reclaims.

Expenditure as shown in the accounts is in accordance with the Synagogue's objectives and activities as mentioned.

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)	Adrian Joseph Morris Levy	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	02/12/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Neveh Shalom Community

No (if any)
260863

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1-Feb-2024	To	Period end date 31-Jan-2025
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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 Received	40,290		-	40,290	41,753
Donations	21,458	5,600	-	27,058	20,940
Hire of Lockers	280		-	280	270
Income Tax Claim - (Gift Aid)	8,134		-	8,134	9,437
Bank Interest	963		-	963	939
Other Interest	3,714		-	3,714	3,050
Hire / Use of Hall			-		-
Other Receipts	1,503	3,360	-	4,863	6,808
50th Anniversary		406	-	406	5,068
Events Income	9,697		-	9,697	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	86,039	9,366		95,405	88,265
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Total receipts	86,039	9,366		95,405	88,265
A3 Payments					
Premises Costs	25,921		-	25,921	35,958
Education Fees and Expenses			-	0	-
Ministerial Fees	35,000		-	35,000	35,000
Ecclesiastical Fees			-		
Charitable Donations	2,500	9,200	-	11,700	16,311
Management and Administration Costs	15,812		-	15,812	6,627
Events Expenses	5,906		-	5,906	1,534
Other payments		675	-	675	5,525
Assets Purchased			-		-
50th Anniversary			-		37,347
Sub total	85,139	9,875		95,014	138,301
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Total payments	85,139	9,875		95,014	138,301
Net of receipts/(payments)	900	509		391	(50,036)
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	138,059	40,478		178,537	228,573
Cash funds this year end	138,959	39,969		178,928	178,537

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 - Current Account	(6,025)	12,606	-
	Bank - Saver Account	1,393	27,363	-
	Bank - saver Account	1,452	0	-
	Cash in Hand	972	0	-
	Total cash funds	(2,208)	39,969	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Unrestricted		80,922
CAF Deposit Account	Unrestricted		20,000
Israeli Bonds	Unrestricted		40,000
Virgin Money Deposit			

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of David Ishag Synagogue
Neveh Shalom Sephardi Community

On accounts for the year
ended 31 January 2025

Charity no (if any)	260863
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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

David I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/1/2025.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 19.10.2025

Name: Sam Shemtob

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address: Flat 5, 25 Barrowgate Road, London, W4 4QX

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.