

Charity Registration No. 1119571 (England and Wales)

Company Registration No. 6004963 (England and Wales)

THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD

(FORMERLY UK FRIENDS OF THE ABRAHAM FUND INITIATIVES)

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors (Trustees)	Alex Brummer Amnon Beeri-Sulitzeanu Thabet Abu Rass Elizabeth Harris-Sawczenko Robert Niven Laurie Scher Alice Wood Ben Shimshon Sarah Sackman Mike Sampson Ariel Khan Neil Hamburger Lindsay Simmonds Laurence Kaye	(Appointed 1 July 2019) (Appointed 1 July 2019) (Appointed 1 July 2019) (Appointed 1 August 2019) (Appointed 1 July 2019)
Charity number	1119571	
Company number	6004963	
Registered office	148 Kew Road Richmond TW9 2AU	
Independent examiner	Clarkson Hyde LLP 3rd Floor Chancery House St Nicholas Way Sutton Surrey SM1 1JB	

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**THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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)

Objectives and activities

The Abraham Initiatives Ltd ("the UK charity") supports the work of the Israeli NGO also called the Abraham Initiatives ("TAI").

TAI, and the UK charity, view coexistence as the ability of people of different backgrounds and beliefs to live side-by-side in mutual respect. Coexistence is not assimilation; rather, its objective is to enable individuals and communities to live in a joint and shared society, while maintaining their own unique cultural identities.

TAI and the UK charity see civic equality for Israel's Arab and Jewish citizens as a moral and pragmatic imperative, whereby individual rights and the political, cultural and religious character of the Arab minority must be clearly and unambiguously recognised and respected.

TAI works to advance social transformation and policy change built on the values of coexistence, equality and cooperation by: Initiating and operating large-scale coexistence ventures and initiatives; Providing leadership, training and research to the coexistence field; Conducting public education, advocacy, training and consultation to government ministries and officials; Investing in strategic partnerships that promote the vision of shared citizenship. A pioneer in this work, TAI serves as a central resource for coexistence professionals in Israel and worldwide.

TAI's unique position in the field of Jewish-Arab relations is reflected through its ability to bring about change through governmental bodies and at the same time, work hand-in-hand with civil society organisations. As a reputable and professional issue leader, TAI forges partnerships, joint ventures and funding relationships which leverage its resources and impact. Such partnerships have been built in the public sector (with government ministries and authorities, the police, municipalities and local councils) and with leading Jewish-Arab NGO's, foundations, Jewish Federations, friends and supporters from around the world, policy and advocacy organisations and service providers in the field.

The UK charity promotes TAI's vision and mission to enhance co-existence and equality among Arabs and Jews in Israel by focusing on the following three strategic goals in the UK:

- Fundraising – raise funds for TAI to enable it to promote its programs and initiatives, as well as for the UK charity's local operations. This is the primary goal of the UK charity.
- Advancement of education and raising of awareness – promotion of better knowledge, education and awareness in the UK to issues concerning coexistence and equality of Jews and Arabs in Israel.
- Creating synergy between Israel and the UK –the UK charity will foster cooperation aimed at advancing coexistence and equality, as well as synergy between Israeli bodies, individuals, initiatives and programmes with respective agencies and institutions in the UK. Cooperation will enable the transfer of knowledge, capacities and information as well as formulation and implementation of joint initiatives.

The UK charity's directors (referred to as "Trustees" in UK charity law) are responsible for the management and direction of the UK charity. The Board of Directors currently comprises 14 members, including Chairperson and Treasurer.

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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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

Financial review

In a challenging environment the UK charity raised £251,064 in 2019, compared to £241,298 in 2018.

Review of progress and achievements

Development Work

Fundraising work included:

- 3rd Shared Society Fundraising Dinner which took place in November 2019
- 2nd annual lecture in June 2019 (a donor engagement event, rather than direct fundraising)
- Regular communication with existing supporters
- Applications to, and stewardship of, UK charitable foundations with some successful outcomes
- Participation in the “Big Give” matched funding campaign
- Partnership appeals with UK synagogue communities

Around 50% of the UK charity’s income was secured at our Shared Society Dinner. Much of this was from new donors to the organisation.

Communications work

We maintained our communications work with our supporters, including a regular e-newsletter.

Organisational Development

In 2019, the UK charity recruited several new board members, who will bring new expertise and connections.

UK events

Most significantly, the UK charity held a fundraising dinner, attended by 190 guests, at which Ami Ayalon, former Head of Israel’s “Shin Bet” secret service, was keynote speaker together with Mira Awad, the Arab-Israeli international singer/songwriter.

In June 2019 we held our annual lecture with Israeli journalists Eran Singer & Eman Sefady.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month’s reasonable expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity’s current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 21 November 2006 and registered as a charity on 8 June 2007. The charity operates from the registered address 148 Kew Road Richmond upon Thames, Surrey, TW9 2AU.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Alex Brummer

Amnon Beer-Sulitzeanu

Thabet Abu Rass

Robert John

(Retired 1 July 2019)

Elizabeth Harris-Sawcenko

Robert Niven

Laurie Scher

Alice Wood

Ben Shimshon

Sarah Sackman

Mike Sampson

(Appointed 1 July 2019)

Ariel Khan

(Appointed 1 July 2019)

Neil Hamburger

(Appointed 1 July 2019)

Lindsay Simmonds

(Appointed 1 August 2019)

**THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

Laurence Kaye

(Appointed 1 July 2019)

The committee members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005) issued in May 2008 and in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

Alex Brummer

Alex Brummer

Chairman

Trustee

Dated: 8 September 2020

Michael Sampson

Mike Sampson

Treasurer

Trustee

Dated: 8 September 2020

**THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Abraham Initiatives Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Abraham Initiatives Ltd (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Andrew Seton

Andrew Seton FCCA

Clarkson Hyde LLP
Chartered Accountants
Chancery House
St Nicholas Way
Sutton
Surrey
SM1 1JB

Dated: 8 September 2020

THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total 2018 £
	Notes						
<u>Income from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	2	134,064	117,000	251,064	118,298	123,000	241,298
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds	3	45,305	-	45,305	48,128	-	48,128
Charitable activities	4	100,112	53,000	153,112	600	123,000	123,600
Other	8	993	-	993	187	-	187
Total resources expended		146,410	53,000	199,410	48,915	123,000	171,915
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds							
		(12,346)	64,000	51,654	69,383	-	69,383
Fund balances at 1 January 2019		111,522	-	111,522	42,139	-	42,139
Fund balances at 31 December 2019		99,176	64,000	163,176	111,522	-	111,522

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

**THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD
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BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 £	£	2018 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	9	20,154		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		144,322		119,562	
		<u>164,476</u>		<u>119,562</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,300)		(8,040)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			163,176		111,522
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			64,000		-
Unrestricted funds			99,176		111,522
			<u>163,176</u>		<u>111,522</u>
			<u></u>		<u></u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 September 2020

Alex Brummer

Alex Brummer
Trustee

Michael Sampson

Mike Sampson
Trustee

Company Registration No. 6004963

THE ABRAHAM INITIATIVES LTD
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Abraham Initiatives Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 148 Kew Road, Richmond, TW9 2AU.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". 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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.4 Incoming resources

Donations are recognised upon receipt.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	134,064	117,000	251,064	118,298	123,000	241,298
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

3 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2019	2018
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Staging fundraising events	27,817	35,855
Advertising	500	-
Support costs	16,988	12,273
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fundraising and publicity	45,305	48,128
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Charitable activities

	Donations to Israel	Governance costs	Total	Donations to Israel	Governance costs	Total
	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations made	149,052	-	149,052	123,000	-	123,000
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	-	4,060	4,060	-	600	600
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	149,052	4,060	153,112	123,000	600	123,600
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	96,052	4,060	100,112	-	600	600
Restricted funds	53,000	-	53,000	123,000	-	123,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	149,052	4,060	153,112	123,000	600	123,600
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5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2019	Support costs	Governance costs	2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Management and office costs	16,988	-	16,988	12,273	-	12,273
Accountancy	-	700	700	-	600	600
Consultancy	-	3,360	3,360	-	-	-
	<u>16,988</u>	<u>4,060</u>	<u>21,048</u>	<u>12,273</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>12,873</u>
Analysed between						
Fundraising	16,988	-	16,988	12,273	-	12,273
Charitable activities	-	4,060	4,060	-	600	600
	<u>16,988</u>	<u>4,060</u>	<u>21,048</u>	<u>12,273</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>12,873</u>

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

8 Other

	2019	2018
	£	£
Bank charges	993	187
	<u>993</u>	<u>187</u>

9 Debtors

	2019	2018
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	20,154	-
	<u>20,154</u>	<u>-</u>

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,300	8,040
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2018 - none).