

Company registration number 07014880
Charity number: 1132415

**UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31
DECEMBER 2016**

**PERSIAN SEPHARDI
SYNAGOGUE
(A Company Limited by
Guarantee)**

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

PERSIAN SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Trustees

Mr A Bassalian
Mr S Gorjian
Mr M Hakimian

Company registered number

07014880

Charity registered number

1132415

Registered office

Lynton House, 7-12 Tavistock Square, London, United Kingdom, WC1H 9LT

Principal operating office

Finchley Synagogue Building, 2nd Floor Kinloss Gardens, London, N3 3DU

Independent Examiner

Malcolm Lucas, Lynton House, 7-12 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9LT

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of for the year 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Structure, governance and management

Persian Sephardi Synagogue was incorporated on 10th September 2009, as a company limited by guarantee, and was registered as a charity on 30th October 2009.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:
A Bassalian.
Mr S Gorjian.
Mr M Hakimian

The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity number 1132415.

Objectives and Activities

The main objectives of Persian Sephardi Synagogue are:-

'To advance worship in the Sephardi tradition through the organisation and administration of a Jewish Synagogue in such parts of London, the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,'

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life including but not by way of limitation for the Sephardic Jewish community in such parts of London, United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

Achievements and performance

How Our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in performance of its charitable aims. The Trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who worship at our synagogue and the wider community.

Religious Activities

Our synagogue provides a centre for our worship and activities associated with our faith. During the year under review, we offered a range of religious services and activities including prayers, festivals, marriage, funeral facilities and religious classes.

Financial review

The charity's main source of income is donations and gifts. The net surplus for this year, after charitable activities and governance costs amounted to £32,243 (2015: £18,505 deficit).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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Reserves Policy

The total funds the charity holds at the end of the reporting period are £112,229 which are unrestricted. It is the policy of the Persian Sephardi Synagogue 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 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 Persian Sephardi Synagogue'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.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

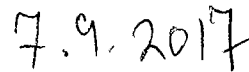
Reference and Administrative Details

The Charity did not have any employees during the period and day to day management of the charity was undertaken by the Trustees who did not receive any remuneration during the year.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



.....
A Bassalian
Trustee



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Date:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Persian Sephardi Synagogue

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2016 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to audit under charity or company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below .

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (continued)

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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:



Malcolm Lucas FCA , DChA

Dated: 20/9/17

Menzies LLP

Chartered Accountants
Lynton House
7 -12 Tavistock Square
London
WC1H 9LT

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	115,826	115,826	90,121
Other income	3	36,800	36,800	12,009
Total income		152,626	152,626	102,130
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities:				
Direct charitable activities		63,912	63,912	73,309
Support cost - depreciation		9,343	9,343	11,674
Support cost		35,748	35,748	32,773
Donation		8,500	8,500	-
Governance	6	2,880	2,880	2,880
Total expenditure		120,383	120,383	120,636
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		32,243	32,243	(18,506)
Net movement in funds		32,243	32,243	(18,506)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		79,986	79,986	98,492
Total funds carried forward		112,229	112,229	79,986

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

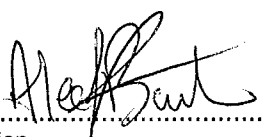
	Note	£	2016 £	£	2015 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		591		9,934
Current assets					
Stocks	9	135,157		120,000	
Debtors	10	6,830		4,469	
Cash at bank and in hand		46,811		48,633	
		<u>188,798</u>		<u>173,102</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(8,660)		(17,750)	
Net current assets			<u>180,138</u>		155,352
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>180,729</u>		165,286
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(68,500)		(85,300)
Net assets			<u>112,229</u>		79,986
Charity Funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>112,229</u>		79,986
Total funds			<u>112,229</u>		79,986

The Trustees consider that the Charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf, by:


.....
A Bassalian
Trustee

7.9.2017
.....
Date:

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Persian Sephardi Synagogue meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Company's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

1.2 Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

1.3 Company status

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

1.4 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.5 Income

The principal incoming resources for the Synagogue are membership fees and donations from members. It also receives funds from sale of burial plots to members. Incoming resources are recognised in the year of receipt.

Incoming resources from gift aid tax reclaims are recognised at the same time as the gifts to which these relate.

1.6 Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	-	15% straight line
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1.8 Stocks

Stock consists of burial plots at Bushey Cemetary which are held at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.9 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and by their nature will rarely equal the related outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year as follows:

Included within stock are burial plots which were acquired for £130,000. The burial plots vary in size, location and prominence and it is difficult to attribute a cost value to each burial plot. Therefore the Trustees have exercised their judgement and estimated the cost of each burial plot to be £1,000. The stock of plots are held at cost.

1.10 Loan from Persian Hebrew Community

A loan of £130,000 was received from the Persian Hebrew Community in 2011 for the purposes of purchasing a stock of burial plots, the loan is interest free and when burial plots are sold, the sales proceeds are repaid to the Persian Hebrew Community until the loan is fully repaid. At the balance sheet date the outstanding balance of this loan was £48,500 (2015: £85,300). A further loan of £20,000 was made by the Persian Hebrew Community during the year, the loan is interest free and there are no set terms for repayment. Both loans are treated as a concessionary loan and are initially recognised at the amount received, the carrying amount is adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments made. The carrying amount of the loans are disclosed in note 12 of the financial statements.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Donations	115,826	115,826	90,121

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3. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Burial plot sold income	36,800	36,800	12,000
Other income	-	-	9
	<u>36,800</u>	<u>36,800</u>	<u>12,009</u>

4. Charitable activities

	Charitable activities £	Total 2016 £
Direct charitable expenses	72,411	72,411
Support costs- depreciation	9,343	9,343
	<u>81,754</u>	<u>81,754</u>
<i>At 31 December 2015</i>	<u>84,982</u>	<u>84,982</u>

5. Support costs

	Direct costs £	Total 2016 £
Other support costs	196	196
Annual Membership	27,000	27,000
L Mitrovski	5,650	5,650
Light bulbs	25	25
Refund -Dayan	1,000	1,000
Royal Mail	312	312
Security	200	200
Senprint	138	138
UPS	1,047	1,047
Commission	181	181
	<u>35,749</u>	<u>35,749</u>
<i>At 31 December 2015</i>	<u>32,774</u>	<u>32,774</u>

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6. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Independent examiner's fee	2,880	2,880	2,880

7. Employees

The company has no employees other than the Trustees, who did not receive any remuneration (2015 - £NIL).

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016	77,830
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2016	67,896
Charge for the year	9,343
At 31 December 2016	77,239
Net book value	
At 31 December 2016	591
At 31 December 2015	9,934

9. Stocks

	2016 £	2015 £
Burial plots at Bushey Cemetery	135,157	120,000

10. Debtors

	2016 £	2015 £
Income tax recoverable	6,830	4,469

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11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2016	2015
	£	£
Accruals	8,660	17,750

**12. Creditors:
Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2016	2015
	£	£
Other loans	68,500	85,300

The above loan from The Persian Hebrew Community is interest free with no set repayment terms

13. First time adoption of FRS 102

It is the first year that the Charity has presented its financial statements under SORP 2015 and FRS 102. The following disclosures are required in the year of transition. The last financial statements prepared under previous UK GAAP were for the year ended 31 December 2015 and the date of transition to FRS 102 and SORP 2015 was therefore 1 January 2015.

The policies applied under the Charity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on funds or net income/expenditure.