

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07014880 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132415**

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017  
for  
PERSIAN SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE

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PERSIAN SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

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## PERSIAN SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **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 or 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.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **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 provide 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**

### **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 £16,554 (2016: £32,243).

### **Reserves policy**

The total funds the charity holds at the end of the reporting period are £128,783 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 Persian Sephardi Synagogue's current activities while consideration is give to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

07014880 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

1132415

PERSIAN SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered office**

4 Quex Road  
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**Trustees**

Mr. A Bassalian  
Mr. S Gorjian  
Mr. M Hakimian

**Company Secretary**

Mr. A Bassalian

**Independent examiner**

Purcellz  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1 June 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr. A Bassalian - Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of PERSIAN SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached

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Date: .....

PERSIAN SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	31.12.17 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.16 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		106,030	115,826
Other income		20,837	36,800
<b>Total</b>		126,867	152,626
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3		
Direct charitable activities		65,538	63,912
Support cost - depreciation		590	9,343
Donation		5,500	8,500
Governance		2,400	2,880
Support cost		36,285	35,748
<b>Total</b>		110,313	120,383
<b>NET INCOME</b>		16,554	32,243
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		112,229	79,986
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		128,783	112,229
<b>CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>			
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.			

The notes form part of these financial statements

PERSIAN SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE

Balance Sheet

At 31 December 2017

	Notes	31.12.17 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.16 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	1	591
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	7	130,000	135,157
Debtors	8	5,295	6,830
Cash at bank		51,537	46,811
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		186,832	188,798
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(7,550)	(8,660)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		179,282	180,138
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		179,283	180,729
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(50,500)	(68,500)
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		128,783	112,229
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<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds		128,783	112,229
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		128,783	112,229
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The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued

At 31 December 2017

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2017.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 1 June 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr. A Bassalian -Trustee



## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **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.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

### **Stocks**

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

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **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 £30,500 (2016: £48,500). A further loan of £20,000 was made by the Persian Hebrew Community in the previous 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 to subsequent years to reflect repayments made. The carrying amount of the loans are disclosed in note 12 of the financial statements.

## **2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of judgments, 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 asset and liabilities with the next financial year as follows:

**2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

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 judgment and estimated the cost of each burial plot to be £1,000. The stock of plots are held at cost.

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Direct charitable activities	65,538	-	-	65,538
Support cost - depreciation	590	-	-	590
Donation	-	5,500	-	5,500
Governance	-	-	2,400	2,400
Support cost	-	-	36,285	36,285
	<u>66,128</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>38,685</u>	<u>110,313</u>

**4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>590</u>	<u>9,343</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2017 nor for the year ended 31 December 2016 .

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2017 nor for the year ended 31 December 2016 .

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017	<u>77,830</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2017	77,239
Charge for year	<u>590</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>77,829</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2017	<u>1</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>591</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

**7. STOCKS**

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Stocks	130,000	135,157
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**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,855	6,830
Prepayments	1,440	-
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	5,295	6,830
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Other creditors	5,150	8,660
Accruals	2,400	-
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	7,550	8,660
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**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Other loans	50,500	68,500
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The above loan from the Persian Hebrew Community is interest free with no set repayment terms.

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2017.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	31.12.17 £	31.12.16 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	106,030	115,826
<b>Other income</b>		
Burial plot sold income	20,800	36,800
Interest receivable	37	-
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	20,837	36,800
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	126,867	152,626
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Direct charitable activities	65,538	63,912
Fixtures and fittings	590	9,343
Grants to institutions	5,500	8,500
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	71,628	81,755
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
Other support costs	-	1,196
Annual membership	28,125	27,000
Repairs & catering	6,931	5,675
Printing, postage & stationery	606	1,496
Security	375	200
Bank charges & commission	248	181
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	36,285	35,748
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	2,400	2,880
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<b>Total resources expended</b>	110,313	120,383
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<b>Net income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	16,554	32,243