

Charity Registration No. 1144866

Company Registration No. 07831243 (England and Wales)

**THE BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

# THE BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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A. Hurst (Asst Hon.Treasurer)

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Status unchanged	Re-elected	Appointed	Resigned
J Abramson	J Brookes	M Horowitz	S Bruck (14 June 2018)
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**Company number**                      **07831243**

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018*

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018, which also contains the directors' report as required by company law.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charitable company's constitution, 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 (FRS102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016).

#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission. The benefit to the public is manifestly demonstrated by the activities and achievements contained in this report.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

Belsize Square Synagogue was founded in 1939 and established as a charity by its constitution, which was first adopted in 1971. In 2011 a new charity, The Belsize Square Synagogue (the 'Charity'), was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and in 2012, assumed the assets, liabilities and activities of the previous, unincorporated, body. The Charity's governing documents comprise the Memorandum and Articles of Association, which are largely similar to the constitution of the previous body.

The Synagogue is organised under the management and control of the governing body, ("the Board"), whose members, together with the elected Chair, comprise the charity Trustees. The Board consists of up to 33 elected members, and appoints, from among its members, the Honorary Officers of the Synagogue who include the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary, in addition to the Chair. The Board also appoints the Executive, which consists of the Chair and eight members of the Board, including the Honorary Officers.

The Board Members, Chairman, Honorary Officers and members of the Executive who served during the year are set out on the front page of this report and accounts. All appointments, re-elections and resignations took place at the Annual General Meeting on 4 June 2018 unless otherwise stated.

The Board constitutes various committees, whose membership is made up of members of the Community. These committees take responsibility for organising and managing various activities within the community and report to members of the Executive and/or the Chair. Periodic reports are also made to the Board and to the Annual General Meeting of the Synagogue's members. The Chairs and membership of each committee are approved by the Board on an annual basis. The Executive are appointed by Board resolution as the Remuneration Committee. The Trustees as well as the Synagogue's Finance & Audit Committee have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage exposure to the major risks such as predictability of income.

A legally qualified and long-standing Board member has responsibility for ensuring that from time to time there is a presentation to the Board about Charity Trustee obligations and liabilities. This forms part of new Board member induction.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Synagogue's objectives are to advance the Jewish religion in accordance with the teachings and practices of progressive Judaism. To further these objectives the Charity is to maintain the synagogue for public worship, conduct regular services, provide the services of a Rabbi and a Cantor, and provide religious education of Jewish children, youth and adults. The Synagogue is authorised to provide facilities for marriages, burial and assistance for the aged, the sick and the needy.

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#### **Achievements and performance**

2018 has been another vibrant year in the life of our community in no small part thanks to the contribution of our ministers.

Rabbi Dr Stuart Altshuler completed his eighth year as the community's Rabbi. His contribution as spiritual leader of the Synagogue continues to be widely recognised among the members, and he has been instrumental in attracting new members to the community. The Rabbi runs a successful conversion programme with the majority of students joining the community on completion of the course. Rabbi Altshuler has also reached out to the wider community around the Synagogue, including to the minister of St Peter's Church, our neighbours in Belsize Square. Cantor Dr Paul Heller completed his fifth full year of service and led the community as Cantor for a full annual cycle of religious services. His participation not only enhances those services but also continues the musical tradition for which the Synagogue is well known. Rabbi Rodney Mariner continued in his Emeritus Rabbi role and assists when needed, supporting the community when Rabbi Altshuler is away and officiating at funerals when requested.

During the course of the year, the Synagogue continued to offer religious, educational and welfare activities. Religious services were maintained each Shabbat, with services held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings throughout the year. Services continued to be held on the on the first two and last days and evenings of all the major Jewish festivals, including both days of Rosh Hashanah and throughout Yom Kippur.

Services are led by one or both of the ministers, with involvement from members of the Community on a regular basis. The music of our services continues to be enhanced by our Synagogue, Community and Youth choirs accompanied by an organ. High Holyday Services in our Synagogue were an enormous success with Kol Nidrei and our children's Services being standing room only. Once again, we were able to broadcast the live High Holyday Services into the Hall for the benefit of members unable, through lack of space, to be accommodated in the sanctuary. We continue to webcast our services, via BelsizeLIVE on our website, for the benefit of both members and non-members both in the U.K. and overseas.

We have continued to enjoy a successful and mutually beneficial relationship with our tenant, Keren's Nursery, who renewed their lease for a further 10-year period.

We remain extremely grateful to The Association of Jewish Refugees for their continued funding of our Community Care Co-ordinator who provides support for the aged and needy in our community, many of whom are members of the AJR.

A new 10-year lease on the Scout Hut, which occupies part of the Synagogue's land, has been signed at a substantially improved rent.

Our commitment to education, for all ages, remains as strong as ever with the numerous events open to members and the wider community. Our Cheder provides popular weekly educational activities for more than eighty children between the ages of 5 and 15. Our Head of Cheder, Jeanie Horowitz, stepped down at the end of December after 18 years of exemplary service and has been replaced by Caroline Loison, a long-standing member of the community with extensive teaching experience. We have appointed a full-time youth worker, Lucy Bergman, who has arranged a variety of activities for our children to help us engage our members of the future. Our weekly Adult Discussion Group continues to be popular, attracting new members and producing a lively debate amongst attendees.

The Music at Belsize Committee provided another season of high calibre concerts and events, which were well attended by our members, while also attracting a large number of people from the wider community.

Our Youth Choir visited the Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue in Berlin, strengthening the link between our communities. Rabbi Altshuler also visited Berlin to address their congregation. The Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue ministers and youth choir have been invited to take part in our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2019.

We joined the ECO synagogue initiative which launched in January 2018. This is a cross-denominational environmental project with synagogues from each of the movements invited to participate. In our first year we have attained Bronze award status.

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#### **Fundraising activities**

The Belsize 100 initiative, asking members to add a £100 donation to their annual subscription, was successful in its second year raising over £39,000.

The Chanukah Market raised an excellent £18,000 and the Tree of Life nearly £4,000. In addition, this year saw the relaunch of a legacy campaign.

Fundraising events are held from time to time in the Synagogue such as a Supper Quiz or an Auction of Promises. There is also an annual Chanukah Market and an Israel dinner. These events are open to all members. A request for additional donations is also issued once a year with the membership fee letter. There is a legacy scheme which is publicised by leaflets that are available for members to take at the Synagogue entrance. No phone calls are made to pressurise members into attending events or into giving.

#### **Financial review**

Total income for the year was £1,063,000 (2017: £1,022,000). The increase was mostly due to an increase in membership and improved rental income. Membership numbers grew slightly in the year and subscriptions (including gift aid reclaimed) increased from £443,000 to £458,000. The Membership Committee continues to review several initiatives to increase the Synagogue's membership base.

Expenses for the year of £1,193,000, excluding depreciation of £123,000 (2017: £127,000), were higher than the 2017 figure of £1,025,000. The largest portion of running costs comprises wages and salaries, including those of our two full time ministers, the cost of running our office and facilities as well as our educational, musical and welfare activities.

The overall outcome of gross income of £1,063,000 less total expenditure of £1,316,000 meant that the net assets of the Charity at the end of 2018 of £3,793,000 were £253,000 lower than the previous year (£4,046,000). The net assets principally comprise land and buildings of £2,599,000, which includes capitalisation of all development expenditure on the synagogue building. The Charity also held £1,292,000 in cash and deposits at 31 December 2018 compared to £1,355,000 at the end of 2017.

In addition to the fixed asset fund, representing the land and buildings, the Charity held £1,106,000 in unrestricted funds at 31 December 2018. This is in keeping with the Reserves Policy (see below). The amount held in designated and unrestricted funds is kept under review by the Trustees and the Synagogue's Finance Committee as part of financial planning for the future. A further £87,000 remains held as restricted funds.

Wages and salaries costs in 2018 include a catch-up charge to account for sabbatical earned to date by the Rabbi, who under his terms of employment is entitled to one month of sabbatical for each year of service. The Rabbi's sabbatical had not previously been accrued in the accounts.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Synagogue holds two main categories of funds.

Restricted funds are held where monies are given for specific purposes by donors.

Unrestricted funds comprise all remaining funds and are segregated into two additional categories:

- (i) Designated Funds, which represent the net book value of the Synagogue's fixed assets as well as, periodically, amounts that the Board wishes to set aside for specific substantial future projects; and
- (ii) Other Charitable Funds, which broadly comprise the unrestricted cash balances available to manage the Synagogue's day to day activities.

A formal Reserves Policy exists, which sets out the Synagogue's policy that Other Charitable Funds should be maintained at a level sufficient to finance annual working capital requirements and to enable the Synagogue to meet all of its charitable objectives. This policy is reviewed by the Board and the Finance Committee on an annual basis. An amount of £2,678 has been transferred from Other Charitable Funds to Designated Funds at 31 December 2018 representing fixed asset additions during the year.

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### **Key risks and uncertainties disclosures**

The Synagogue has developed a Risk Register which is reviewed annually by the Board and the Finance & Audit Committee. There are currently 45 identified risks in the categories of: Financial; External premises and Security; Governance; Religion; Subletting part of the building to third parties; Cheder; Trips; Welfare; Youth. New risks are added when appropriate. None of the current risks are categorised as red and consequently there are no principle risks to the Synagogue.

### **Plans for the future**

In 2019 the synagogue will be celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and has a variety of events planned. These include a community Shabbat dinner to coincide with Shabbat UK, Civic Service on the actual anniversary weekend in March and Night of Promises.

In 2019 we will be holding a Shabbat inclusion service and have been working closely with the charity Langdon and some of our members to make it as accessible as possible. This is to be an annual event.

From March 2019, The Central School for Speech and Drama will no longer require use of our hall. We are assessing our options regarding rental of the hall but also are considering refurbishing it.

As well as striving to increase our membership, we regularly look at ways to better utilise our assets.

Day-to-day we continue to rely on the huge and unstinting generosity of members, in remembering the community in their legacies and in donating so substantially to our future both in terms of monetary gifts and time on behalf of the Community. We remain extremely grateful.

### **Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

On behalf of the Board



Jackie Alexander  
Chairman

3 June 2019



# **THE BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018***

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The Trustees, who are also the Directors of The Belsize Square Synagogue 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.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Belsize Square Synagogue (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

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#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

  
Julian Challis (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of H W Fisher & Company

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##### Statutory Auditor

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

### Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2018 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
	Notes					
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>						
Donations and legacies	3	736,634	-	97,803	834,437	810,239
Charitable activities	4	45,211	-	-	45,211	37,290
Other trading activities	5	176,964	-	-	176,964	167,524
Investments	6	6,166	-	300	6,466	6,849
<b>Total income</b>		<b>964,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,103</b>	<b>1,063,078</b>	<b>1,021,902</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>						
Raising funds	7	234,570	12,298	9,374	256,242	225,528
Charitable activities	8	850,562	110,804	98,859	1,060,225	926,080
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1,085,132</b>	<b>123,102</b>	<b>108,233</b>	<b>1,316,467</b>	<b>1,151,608</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>(120,157)</b>	<b>(123,102)</b>	<b>(10,130)</b>	<b>(253,389)</b>	<b>(129,706)</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(2,678)	2,678	-	-	-
<b>Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(122,835)</b>	<b>(120,424)</b>	<b>(10,130)</b>	<b>(253,389)</b>	<b>(129,706)</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2018		1,229,183	2,719,239	97,838	4,046,260	4,175,966
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2018</b>		<b>1,106,348</b>	<b>2,598,815</b>	<b>87,708</b>	<b>3,792,871</b>	<b>4,046,260</b>

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.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

**Prior financial year**

		Unrestricted funds general 2017 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total 2017 £
	Notes				
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>					
Donations and legacies	3	705,506	-	104,733	810,239
Charitable activities	4	37,290	-	-	37,290
Other trading activities	5	167,524	-	-	167,524
Investments	6	6,532	-	317	6,849
<b>Total income</b>		<b>916,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,050</b>	<b>1,021,902</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Raising funds	7	199,421	12,641	13,466	225,528
Charitable activities	8	716,004	113,925	96,151	926,080
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>915,425</b>	<b>126,566</b>	<b>109,617</b>	<b>1,151,608</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>1,427</b>	<b>(126,566)</b>	<b>(4,567)</b>	<b>(129,706)</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(8,879)	9,379	(500)	-
<b>Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(7,452)</b>	<b>(117,187)</b>	<b>(5,067)</b>	<b>(129,706)</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2017		1,236,635	2,836,426	102,905	4,175,966
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2017</b>		<b>1,229,183</b>	<b>2,719,239</b>	<b>97,838</b>	<b>4,046,260</b>

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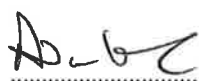
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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	2018 £	£	2017 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		2,598,815		2,719,239
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	57,689		54,767	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,292,307		1,354,718	
		<u>1,349,996</u>		<u>1,409,485</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(155,940)</u>		<u>(82,464)</u>	
Net current assets			1,194,056		1,327,021
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>3,792,871</u>		<u>4,046,260</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		87,708		97,838
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	2,598,815		2,719,239	
General unrestricted funds		<u>1,106,348</u>		<u>1,229,183</u>	
			<u>3,705,163</u>		<u>3,948,422</u>
			<u>3,792,871</u>		<u>4,046,260</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 3 July 2019



A Hurst  
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07831243

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	2018 £	£	2017 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	21		(66,199)		(6,451)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,678)		(9,379)	
Interest received		6,466		6,849	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>			3,788		(2,530)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(62,411)		(8,981)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,354,718		1,363,699
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			1,292,307		1,354,718

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

The Belsize Square Synagogue is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 51 Belsize Square, London, NW3 4HX.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements 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 unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected.

Investment income is included when receivable.



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#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of attracting voluntary income, collecting subscriptions and the costs of fundraising.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of the delivery of activities and services for beneficiaries.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	Over 20 years straight line on completion
Fixtures and fittings	25% and 33 1/3% straight line
Religious items	10% reducing balance
Cemetery	Not depreciated

Cemetery land is not depreciated because any potential depreciation charge is deemed to be immaterial at this stage. The Trustees continue to review and intend to depreciate the land when a material proportion of the burial land has been used.

The painting is included in the accounts at an insurance valuation and is not depreciated as the residual value is not expected to be less than current value.

Freehold buildings are included in the accounts at cost less depreciation. The Trustees are satisfied that at the present time the market value of the property exceeds the value at which it is recognised in the financial statements and therefore no impairment provision is required.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

The Trustees are required to make judgements in respect of depreciation rates and non-depreciation of the charity's assets. Further information can be found on this in accounting policy 1.6.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Unrestricted funds general 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total 2017 £
Donations and gifts	278,471	97,803	376,274	243,298	104,733	348,031
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	19,688	-	19,688
Membership fees	458,163	-	458,163	442,520	-	442,520
	<u>736,634</u>	<u>97,803</u>	<u>834,437</u>	<u>705,506</u>	<u>104,733</u>	<u>810,239</u>

### 4 Charitable activities

	2018 £	2017 £
Education & Welfare	30,644	23,973
Religion	14,567	13,317
	<u>45,211</u>	<u>37,290</u>

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### 5 Other trading activities

	2018 £	2017 £
Income from fundraising events	18,882	23,435
Hall hire and rental income	90,813	75,651
Security services	64,072	65,238
Other income	3,197	3,200
Other trading activities	176,964	167,524

### 6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Unrestricted funds general 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total 2017 £
Interest receivable	6,166	300	6,466	6,532	317	6,849

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### 7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2018 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Unrestricted funds general 2017 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total 2017 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>								
Other costs	851	-	9,374	10,225	2,147	-	13,466	15,613
Development project	-	-	-	-	19,292	-	-	19,292
Other fundraising costs	24,611	-	-	24,611	14,790	-	-	14,790
Staff costs	27,774	-	-	27,774	21,498	-	-	21,498
Support costs	181,334	12,298	-	193,632	141,694	12,641	-	154,335
	<u>234,570</u>	<u>12,298</u>	<u>9,374</u>	<u>256,242</u>	<u>199,421</u>	<u>12,641</u>	<u>13,466</u>	<u>225,528</u>

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### 8 Charitable activities

	2018 £	2017 £
Staff costs	363,027	297,804
Welfare	30,600	30,000
Burial/funerals	74,432	68,746
Religion and festivals	116,465	131,479
Other costs	23,167	32,372
	<u>607,691</u>	<u>560,401</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	66,000	39,500
Share of support costs (see note 10)	380,583	319,707
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	5,951	6,472
	<u>1,060,225</u>	<u>926,080</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds - general	850,562	716,004
Unrestricted funds - designated	110,804	113,925
Restricted funds	98,859	96,151
	<u>1,060,225</u>	<u>926,080</u>

### 9 Grants payable

	2018 £	2017 £
Grants to institutions:		
Israel Sport Centre	22,000	11,500
Jaffa Institute	22,000	11,500
Yemin Orde Childrens Centre	22,000	11,500
Latet Be'eilat	-	5,000
	<u>66,000</u>	<u>39,500</u>

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### 10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2018	Support costs	Governance costs	2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	205,394	-	205,394	196,861	-	196,861
Depreciation	123,102	-	123,102	126,566	-	126,566
Security	74,950	-	74,950	67,620	-	67,620
Other support costs	167,837	-	167,837	79,808	-	79,808
Audit fees	-	8,883	8,883	-	9,659	9,659
	<u>571,283</u>	<u>8,883</u>	<u>580,166</u>	<u>470,855</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>480,514</u>
Analysed between						
Fundraising	190,700	2,932	193,632	151,148	3,187	154,335
Charitable activities	380,583	5,951	386,534	319,707	6,472	326,179
	<u>571,283</u>	<u>8,883</u>	<u>580,166</u>	<u>470,855</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>480,514</u>

### 11 Trustees and related party transactions

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Three Trustees were reimbursed for various expenses incurred in their capacity as Trustee totalling £712 (2017: £3,630).

During the year payments of £9,267 (2017: £7,959) were made in total to three Trustees and two relatives, which have been recognised as related party transactions. These payments were for the provision of services integral to the day to day activities of the Synagogue and not in their capacity as Trustees. The governing document permits such payment in pursuit of the charitable objectives. All decisions relating to the operation of the charity rest with the Trustees and therefore key management personnel comprises only the Trustees.

Earnings in the year to Trustees and relatives of Trustees for their roles as teachers/teaching assistants in the synagogue cheder were as follows:

Elizabeth Nisbet (Trustee)	£1,288 (2017: £2,164)
Rebecca Nisbet (relative)	£588 (2017: £454)
Benji Nathan (relative)	£672 (2017: £387)
Peter Strauss (relative)	£nil (2017: £24)

Two Trustees provided catering services at a synagogue event - Adam Nathan (a Trustee) £4,440 (2017: £3,538) and payment of £2,279 (2017: £1,392) was made to Claire Walford (a Trustee).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 12 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2018 Number	2017 Number
13	13

#### Employment costs

	2018 £	2017 £
Wages and salaries	538,522	465,534
Social security costs	35,766	32,449
Other pension costs	21,907	18,180
	596,195	516,163

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2018 Number	2017 Number
£60,000 - £69,999	1	1
£90,000 - £99,999	1	1

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### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Religious items/ Sifrei Torah £	Painting £	Cemetery £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 January 2018	2,469,341	71,233	2,558	25,000	891,983	3,460,115
Additions	-	2,678	-	-	-	2,678
At 31 December 2018	2,469,341	73,911	2,558	25,000	891,983	3,462,793
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>						
At 1 January 2018	685,127	54,550	1,199	-	-	740,876
Depreciation charged in the year	114,256	8,710	136	-	-	123,102
At 31 December 2018	799,383	63,260	1,335	-	-	863,978
<b>Carrying amount</b>						
At 31 December 2018	1,669,958	10,651	1,223	25,000	891,983	2,598,815
At 31 December 2017	1,784,214	16,683	1,359	25,000	891,983	2,719,239



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<b>14</b>	<b>Financial instruments</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	39,074	37,880
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
	Measured at amortised cost	144,866	71,100
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>15</b>	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
	Other debtors	39,074	37,880
	Prepayments and accrued income	18,615	16,887
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		57,689	54,767
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>16</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Other taxation and social security	11,074	11,364
	Other creditors	10,576	9,000
	Accruals and deferred income	134,290	62,100
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		155,940	82,464
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### 17 Retirement benefit schemes

#### Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to income and expenditure in respect of defined contribution schemes was £21,907 (2017 - £18,180).

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### 18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2017	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2018	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2018
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	£	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	£
Israel	16,922	53,444	(47,966)	-	22,400	56,454	(75,374)	3,480
Chevre	61,008	355	-	-	61,363	380	(225)	61,518
Welfare	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	30,600	(30,600)	-
Medical Fund	-	11,921	(10,468)	-	1,453	-	-	1,453
Max Blum Book Prize Fund	2,763	-	-	-	2,763	-	-	2,763
Disabled Fund	570	-	-	-	570	-	-	570
Webcasting Project	1,588	5,595	(2,356)	(500)	4,327	10,000	(1,479)	12,848
VB Fund	7,664	1,000	(5,000)	-	3,664	-	-	3,664
Other Restricted Donations	12,390	2,735	(13,827)	-	1,298	669	(555)	1,412
	<u>102,905</u>	<u>105,050</u>	<u>(109,617)</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>97,838</u>	<u>98,103</u>	<u>(108,233)</u>	<u>87,708</u>

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### 18 Restricted funds

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Israel - Funds raised for support of specific projects in Israel.

Cheвра Kadisha - Fund to support care for the sick and needy and for work involved in cases of death.

Welfare - Funds to support the Synagogues welfare activities.

Medical Fund - Funds raised to assist sick members.

Max Blum - Fund established to provide books as prizes at the Cheder.

Disabled Fund - Fund established to support needs of disabled members of the community.

Webcasting project - Funds received to install a camera and provide the infrastructure for webcasting synagogue services.

VB fund - Holding fund for Scholarships for musicians.

Other restricted donations - This represents amounts received for smaller projects.

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### 19 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2017 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 January 2018 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2018 £
Fixed Asset Funds	2,836,426	(126,566)	9,379	2,719,239	(123,102)	2,678	2,598,815
	<u>2,836,426</u>	<u>(126,566)</u>	<u>9,379</u>	<u>2,719,239</u>	<u>(123,102)</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>2,598,815</u>

Fixed asset fund - equates to the value of fixed assets at the balance sheet date. The transfer above, equalling fixed asset additions, has been made for this purpose.

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2018 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Unrestricted funds general 2017 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total 2017 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2018 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	2,598,815	-	2,598,815	-	2,719,239	-	2,719,239
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,106,348	-	87,708	1,194,056	1,229,183	-	97,838	1,327,021
	<u>1,106,348</u>	<u>2,598,815</u>	<u>87,708</u>	<u>3,792,871</u>	<u>1,229,183</u>	<u>2,719,239</u>	<u>97,838</u>	<u>4,046,260</u>

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<b>21</b>	<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Deficit for the year	(253,389)	(129,706)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(6,466)	(6,849)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	123,102	126,566
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	200
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,922)	8,875
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	73,476	(5,537)
	<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<b>(66,199)</b>	<b>(6,451)</b>