CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2025 To 31 December 2025

Charity name: Leytonstone and Wanstead Synagogue

Charity registration number: 1185624

Objectives and Activities

According to our constitution, the synagogue's objectives and activities are as follows:

To advance the Jewish religion for the benefit of the public in particular but not exclusively by:

- maintaining and upholding the faith and observance of Traditional Judaism;
- the holding of prayer meetings;
- conducting marriage ceremonies for persons of the Jewish faith;
- providing facilities and accommodation for Hebrew and religious instructions for children of the Jewish faith
- providing public celebration of religious festivals;
- any such other activities charitable in law which the trustees consider will generally foster the spirit and practice of Traditional Judaism

The main activities undertaken by the synagogue in relation to the above purposes, during the period of 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025, have been:

- Organising and leading communal worship for Shabbat and throughout the Jewish calendar, ensuring opportunities for the community to celebrate and observe all major Jewish festivals.

- Promoting Jewish learning and engagement through a programme of educational sessions, lectures and discussions, delivered both in person at the synagogue and through online platforms.

- Supporting the practical needs of the Jewish community by providing kosher food via the 'Ko-op' and supplying essential provisions for the celebration of Shabbat, the observance of festivals such as Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Chanukah, Pesach and Shavuot, and other aspects of Jewish religious life. This support is particularly important for vulnerable individuals and families who face difficulties accessing the synagogue in person.

- Bringing Jewish culture and celebration into the wider community through the installation of a prominent Menorah on the public highway opposite Leytonstone Underground Station for Chanukah in December 2025. This initiative also included a public menorah-lighting ceremony with music, creating an inclusive event that welcomed people from all backgrounds to share in the celebration.

The trustees have ensured the above has been carried out in accordance with guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information

The synagogue operates primarily through the dedication and commitment of its volunteers, who undertake the vast majority of its day-to-day activities and responsibilities. A nominal fee is paid to the Rabbi for administering Torah readings for prayer services. The synagogue also incurs expenditure on essential services, including cleaning, waiting staff and bookkeeping. Additional security personnel are engaged when funding has been specifically allocated for particular events, such as the High Holidays.

To support its financial management and regulatory responsibilities, the synagogue has also appointed Enaid Accountancy Ltd, an accountancy firm with expertise in working with small charities. Nevertheless, the organisation remains heavily reliant on voluntary contributions of time and expertise. Volunteers continue to manage a wide range of essential functions, including building maintenance and repairs, food preparation, the distribution and delivery of provisions, administration, fundraising and financial record-keeping. Their ongoing contribution is fundamental to the synagogue's ability to sustain its activities and serve the needs of the community.

Achievements and Performance

Despite significant financial pressures during the year, the synagogue has remained committed to maintaining its services and expanding its support for the local community, making effective use of the limited resources available.

Key achievements during the reporting period include:

- **Maintaining community services:** Continuing to provide the synagogue's core services and deliver a varied programme of successful communal and religious events throughout the year, despite budgetary constraints.
- **Passover celebrations and support:** Organising a well-attended and vibrant communal Seder and arranging an exceptional distribution of Shemura Matzot to more than 300 people in the local area.
- **Ongoing food provision:** Sustaining weekly deliveries of kosher food to local households, helping ensure that members of the community can access essential provisions.
- **Online Jewish education:** Continuing to offer regular weekly lessons via Zoom, providing accessible opportunities for learning and engagement.
- **Winter community gatherings:** Hosting a weekly Saturday-night Melaveh Malka during the winter months, an event that continues to attract growing interest and participation.
- **Public Chanukah celebrations:** In December 2025, more than 300 people attended the public Menorah-lighting ceremony in Leytonstone. This was achieved despite the removal of the Menorah's concrete base and associated infrastructure during the redevelopment of the site into a biodiverse rain garden. Through collaboration with our partners, we successfully reinstated the Menorah at its traditional location and ensured that this important community celebration could continue. In addition, we organised a further Menorah-lighting event in Orford Road, extending the reach of our Chanukah celebrations and providing further opportunities for public participation.

These achievements demonstrate the synagogue's continued commitment to religious observance, community welfare, education and public engagement, while adapting to financial challenges and changes to the local environment

Financial Review

- The charity recorded a deficit of £11,783 for the year ended 2025, primarily reflecting a substantial reduction in income compared with the previous year. Despite this financial challenge, the charity continued to deliver its activities and provide support to the local community.

Income

- Total income for 2025 was £32,767, compared with £62,716 in 2024. This significant decrease was mainly attributable to lower levels of charitable grants and donations, together with a reduction in rental income from property.

Expenditure

- Total expenditure for the year amounted to £44,551, representing a decrease from £58,507 in 2024. Event-related costs, including expenditure on food and refreshments for the charity's various religious, educational and community activities, continued to account for the largest proportion of expenditure.

- Premises-related expenditure also decreased, falling to £9,963 in 2025 from £16,123 in the previous year. Security costs represented a significant element of these expenses and were largely supported by a generous grant from the Community Security Trust (CST). Maintenance expenditure also fell during the year, reflecting a lower requirement for repairs and general upkeep.
- Overall, the charity continued to manage its expenditure in response to reduced income, while seeking to maintain its services and fulfil its charitable objectives within the financial resources available.

Structure, Governance and Management

Our governing document is a Constitution which may only be amended at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary Meeting, duly convened and by a majority of members present and voting. The charity is constituted as a CIO.

Appointment of charity trustees:

1. Elected charity trustees
    a. At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;
    b. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;
    c. The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause
    d. of this clause;
    e. The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12(3) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded; (e) A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Leytonstone and Wanstead Synagogue	
Other name the charity uses	LAWS	
Registered charity number	1185624	
Charity's principal address	2 Fillebrook Road Leytonstone E11 4AT	
Names of the charity trustees	Philip Schryber	Chairman
	Isar Rosenberg	Security
	Yakov Korer	Secretary

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Jonathan Korer

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by Yakov Korer, Secretary on 24 October 2026

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: Leytonstone and Wanstead Synagogue		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1185624
Set out on page	7 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:	Sam Gold	Date:	28 October 2026
Name:	Sam Gold		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACCA		
Address:	96 Melford Road London E11 4PS		

Profit and Loss

Leytonstone Synagogue

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Account	2025	2024
Receipts		
One-off donations	6,402.00	7,380.64
One-off donations - Koop	4,591.56	4,987.35
Membership income	11,618.27	13,536.17
Grants	3,467.00	16,400.00
Grants - security	5,372.20	9,128.55
Property rental income	1,116.47	10,783.30
Sundry income	200.00	500.00
Total Receipts	**32,767.50**	**62,716.01**
Payments		
Event costs	940.00	9,578.35
Food and drink	11,901.13	13,932.60
Fundraising costs	145.92	59.84
Rabbi fees	6,669.00	6,674.00
Federation dues	3,996.00	0.00
Burial fees paid	1,341.00	2,685.00
Premises		
Premises costs - gas/electricity	3,437.85	2,868.85
Premises costs - maintenance	499.31	1,501.24
Premises costs - security	5,621.70	11,287.49
Premises costs - water	158.15	261.09
Kitchen supplies	246.78	204.86
Total Premises	**9,963.79**	**16,123.53**
People costs		
Staff costs - cleaning	4,650.00	4,017.12
Staff costs - marketing	26.50	656.88
Staff costs - accounting	1,819.57	682.30
Staff mileage	148.42	142.20
Staff travel costs	85.09	104.81
Total People costs	**6,729.58**	**5,603.31**
Professional services		
Accounting and financial consultancy costs	1,395.04	2,161.01
Total Professional services	**1,395.04**	**2,161.01**
Administration		
General costs - bank charges	74.36	80.42
General costs - general postage costs	48.72	212.50
General costs - office sundry expenses	4.99	20.95
General costs - printing and photocopying	101.90	164.88
General costs - stationery costs	189.34	143.54
General costs - telephone and internet costs	178.69	301.99
Sundry expenses	208.15	196.95
Total Administration	**806.15**	**1,121.23**
IT costs		
IT costs - equipment purchased under 500	0.00	334.49
IT costs - software costs under 500	391.56	0.00
IT costs - website costs	238.35	200.10
Total IT costs	**629.91**	**534.59**
Governance costs		
Governance costs - insurance costs	33.60	33.60
Total Governance costs	**33.60**	**33.60**
Total Payments	**44,551.12**	**58,507.06**
Net income/(expenditure)	**(11,783.62)**	**4,208.95**

Account	2025	2024
1. Asset and liabilities		
Cash at bank and in hand	21,048.64	33,126.96
Amounts due at year end	(1,969.29)	(3,117.21)
Total Asset and liabilities	**19,079.35**	**30,009.75**