Cambridge Jewish Residents Association (CJRA CIO)
Charity Number 1187648

CJRA Trustees' Annual Report 1 June 2025 - 31 May 2026
Reference and administrative Information

Charity Name: Cambridge Jewish Residents Association CIO

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Address of Organisation - there is no official building or office.
All Trustees work from their home addresses.

The death of the Treasurer, Sylvia Morris, occurred on 5 November 2025 and Robert Marks was appointed as acting Treasurer

Trustees:

1. **Marilyn Fersht, Chairman**
2. **Robert Marks, Acting Treasurer since November 2025**
3. **Eva Simmons, Vice Chair and Magazine Editor**
4. **Rachel Meller, Membership Secretary**
5. **Robert Marks, Treasurer of Burial Society**
6. **Ruth Barnett, Secretary of Burial Society**
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9. **Kathrin Peters, Minute Secretary**
10. **Ruth Katz, Publicity Officer**

Committee members coopted after AGM
Shira Hecht Koller
Adam Bertscher

Structure, governance and management

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Our members are charged a small subscription of £30 per annum per person. We have a category called Associate Members, who are mostly non-Jewish, who

receive the magazine and can join in all our events and activities but have no burial rights. We had, at the end of the financial year, 161full members and 17 associate members.

Our income is derived from subscriptions, donations, bank interest and gift aid.

Objectives and Activities

Our purpose is the advancement of the Jewish faith through the provision of religious services and burial, education to advance Jewish culture, history and knowledge and to provide social interaction and welfare for those in need. We are always open to those outside the Jewish faith, who would like to advance their knowledge of our religion, history, customs and culture. Entry to most of our talks and events is free.

We give financial support for the maintenance of the Synagogue building in Thompson's Lane, Cambridge. The University of Cambridge Jewish Society runs the Synagogue with help from Jewish residents.

We enjoyed a community tea party on Sunday 21 September following the AGM at a member's home and supported a Chanukah Party with Beth Shalom Reform Synagogue on 14 December and enjoyed a Chanukah tea at a member's home on 15 December.

Our Evening Talks programme: There were seven talks, which continued online and were well attended.

The monthly Monday afternoon meetings of the Cambridge Jewish Cultural Association continued in person and were well attended.

We sent out in the post three magazines, which contained information of all that is happening across the Cambridge Jewish community, as well as interesting articles and reports. We also offer an online version of the magazine. In addition, an email circular is sent out weekly to inform and remind our members and others of forthcoming activities and events.

Our Burial Society arranged 2 burials and approved the wording for one stone.

CJRA Accounts 2026

SUMMARY FOR CHARITY COMMISSION RETURN		
	2026	**2025**
Receipts and Payments		
Receipts		
Members Subscriptions	4819	5054
BoD levy		
Donations Camp Simcha		
Donations		
Others		
Events		100
Gift Aid refunded	740	773
Fund : CJCS Welfare	493	
Fund : CK income	3490	3665
INCOME	**9543**	**9592**
Assets & Investment sales		
Interest received	6346	7234
Transfer from previous charity		
ASSET INCOME	**6346**	**7234**
Payments		
CUJS		
(Synagogue)	2500	2500
Printing, postage & stationery	2818	2853
Donations to chosen charity	3350	5400
Sundry	322	47
Insurance	311	327
Examination		
Education		
Events	160	759
CK Exps	3295	4767
PAYMENTS	**12756**	**16653**
NET INCOME	**3132**	**173**
Assets and Liabilities		
Cash and Bank	61491	58433
Natwest Reserve	4510	4466
Saffron	85030	85000
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TOTAL ASSETS	**151031**	**147899**

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