
THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE JEWS' CHILDREN'S FUND

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The object of the Trust is to provide grants for specified purposes to children or young people not more than 25 years of age who are Sephardi Jews or persons accustomed to congregate with them who are, in the opinion of the Trustees, in need of financial assistance.

The exception being the David and Florence Mellows Memorial Fund, the purpose of which is "to award grants, including travel grants and scholarships, to Jewish students either Ashkenazi or Sephardi, male or female, to assist them in pursuing Jewish Studies generally (eg, in a Yeshiva or at a Teachers' Training College or a Degree course at a university or Jews' College) in the United Kingdom, Israel or elsewhere or, alternatively in pursuing studies for a Degree or Diploma in preparation for undertaking social work."

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The Charity undertakes to give grants in line with its governing document to Jewish young people in need.

c. Grant-making policies

The Trustees receive applications from individuals and institutions. These are reviewed by the Trustees throughout the year in relation to the charitable objectives and appropriate grants are approved by the Trustees.

d. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The activity of grant making to those Jewish children and Jewish young people in need further the Charity's purpose for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the charity

The Childrens Fund disbursed 23 grants in 2023-24 compared to 13 in 2022-23. These grants support young people in formal and informal education. This can include support for school field trips, school uniform, university education and residential and day camps.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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b. Reserves policy

The Charity aims to expend all incoming resources in the form of grants payable to various individuals and institutional beneficiaries. This is dependent upon the level of applications received for funding and also the level of investment income in the year. The Trustees will utilise reserves when suitable grant applications are received in future periods. On this basis, and due to the fact that there are very few overhead costs, there is no fixed level set for free reserves. This reserves policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The Trust holds investments in the name of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogue Common Investment Fund (also known as The London Sephardi Trust Investment Pool) as custodian trustee. Income earned on these investments is the principal source of funding for the Charity.

c. Review of the Year

Total income for the year was £43,771 (2023: £45,626) derived from the common investment fund. Expenditure for the year totalled £26,974 (2023: £20,908), of which £23,005 (2023: £16,535) pertained to grants and £3,969 (2023: £4,373) pertained to support costs. There was a gain on investments of £121,420 (2023: loss of £36,373). Funds carried forward at the year end totalled £2,065,098 (2023: £1,926,881). Included in the above is £2,204 (2023: £2,097) of restricted income and £6,308 (2023: £1,848) of restricted gains on investments. Restricted Funds carried forward at the year end totalled £105,518 (2023: £97,006).

The Trustees were deeply saddened by the passing of the previous chair, Julia Samuel in September 2024. Julia served as a Trustee for more than 20 years, latterly as chair, and played a pivotal role in service to the charity.

The Trustees are currently in discussions with two other charities, with similar objectives, with a view to merge.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Children's Fund is a registered charity, number 313635, governed by a Trust deed and whose governing document is a scheme dated 22 May 1964.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees are currently recruited both by word of mouth and also by advertising vacancies among the membership of the Spanish & Portuguese Jews' Congregation. Such advertising is conducted in accordance with the Constitution, with any nominations needing to be appropriately seconded and transmitted to the Secretary. Trustees may be appointed directly by election or co-option to fulfil a casual vacancy. New trustees are generally furnished with minutes of recent meetings and invited to observe one or two meetings prior to taking office. They are encouraged to discuss matters with the Trustees and/or the Secretary to familiarise themselves with the workings of the Charity.

c. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Plans for future periods

The Trust shall continue to make grants in line with its charitable objectives.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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Ms N Leon

Trustee

Date: 19/08/2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Spanish And Portuguese Jews' Children's Fund ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Ian Saunderson*

Dated: 19/08/2025

Ian Saunderson FCA

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from:					
Investments	3	2,204	41,567	43,771	45,626
Total income		<u>2,204</u>	<u>41,567</u>	<u>43,771</u>	<u>45,626</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		-	26,974	26,974	20,908
Total expenditure		<u>-</u>	<u>26,974</u>	<u>26,974</u>	<u>20,908</u>
Net income before net gains/(losses) on investments					
		2,204	14,593	16,797	24,718
Net gains/(losses) on investments		6,308	115,112	121,420	(36,373)
Net movement in funds		<u>8,512</u>	<u>129,705</u>	<u>138,217</u>	<u>(11,655)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		97,006	1,829,875	1,926,881	1,938,536
Net movement in funds		8,512	129,705	138,217	(11,655)
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>105,518</u>	<u>1,959,580</u>	<u>2,065,098</u>	<u>1,926,881</u>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	1,988,715	1,867,295
		<u>1,988,715</u>	<u>1,867,295</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	71,462	27,691
Cash at bank and in hand		8,086	35,655
		<u>79,548</u>	<u>63,346</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,165)	(3,760)
Net current assets		<u>76,383</u>	<u>59,586</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,065,098</u>	<u>1,926,881</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,065,098</u></u>	<u><u>1,926,881</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	11	105,518	97,006
Unrestricted funds	11	1,959,580	1,829,875
Total funds		<u><u>2,065,098</u></u>	<u><u>1,926,881</u></u>

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



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Ms N Leon

Trustee

Date: 19/08/2025

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1. General information

The Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Children's Fund is a registered charity, operating in England and Wales.

The registered office is 2 Ashworth Road, Maida Vale, London, W9 1JY.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Children's Fund 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.

2.2 Going concern

The Charity has minimal fixed costs, with the main source of expenditure being grants made to individuals which can be made at the discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, the Charity had a healthy cash balance at the year end. The Trustees therefore consider that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.9 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 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.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Investment income

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from Common Investment Fund	2,204	41,567	43,771

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3. Investment income (continued)

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from Common Investment Fund	2,097	43,529	45,626
	2,097	43,529	45,626

4. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Individuals 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants, Supporting young people	23,005	23,005
	23,005	23,005

	<i>Grants to Individuals 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Grants, Supporting young people	16,535	16,535
	16,535	16,535

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Supporting young people	23,005	3,969	26,974
	23,005	3,969	26,974

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	<i>Grant funding of activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Supporting young people	16,535	4,373	20,908
	16,535	4,373	20,908

Analysis of support costs

	Supporting young people 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Secretarial	1,149	1,149
Independent Examination & Accountancy fees	2,820	2,820
	3,969	3,969

	<i>Supporting young people 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Secretarial	1,793	1,793
Independent Examination & Accountancy fees	2,580	2,580
	4,373	4,373

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner for the preparation and independent examination of the charity's annual accounts	2,820	2,580
	2,820	2,580

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7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 October 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 November 2023	1,867,295
Revaluations	121,420
At 31 October 2024	1,988,715
 Net book value	
At 31 October 2024	1,988,715
At 31 October 2023	1,867,295

9. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Amounts owed by Common Investment Fund	71,462	27,691
	71,462	27,691

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,165	3,760
	3,165	3,760

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11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 November 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	1,829,875	41,567	(26,974)	115,112	1,959,580
Restricted funds					
David and Florence Mellows Memorial Fund	60,154	1,366	-	3,912	65,432
Sahal Scholarship fund	36,852	838	-	2,396	40,086
	<u>97,006</u>	<u>2,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,308</u>	<u>105,518</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,926,881</u>	<u>43,771</u>	<u>(26,974)</u>	<u>121,420</u>	<u>2,065,098</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 November 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 October 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	1,841,779	43,529	(20,908)	(34,525)	1,829,875
Restricted funds					
David and Florence Mellows Memorial Fund	60,000	1,300	-	(1,146)	60,154
Sahal Scholarship fund	36,757	797	-	(702)	36,852
	<u>96,757</u>	<u>2,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,848)</u>	<u>97,006</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,938,536</u>	<u>45,626</u>	<u>(20,908)</u>	<u>(36,373)</u>	<u>1,926,881</u>

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11. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted Funds comprise:

David and Florence Mellows Memorial Fund

The purpose of the David and Florence Mellows Memorial Fund is to award grants, including travel grants and scholarships, to Jewish students either Ashkenazi or Sephardi, male or female, to assist them in pursuing Jewish Studies generally (eg, in a Yeshiva or at a Teachers' Training College or a Degree course at a university or Jews' College) in the United Kingdom, Israel or elsewhere or, alternatively in pursuing studies for a Degree or Diploma in preparation for undertaking social work."

Sahal Scholarship Fund

To provide scholarships to male Sephardi undergraduate students of medicine.

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	105,518	1,883,197	1,988,715
Current assets	-	79,548	79,548
Creditors due within one year	-	(3,165)	(3,165)
Total	105,518	1,959,580	2,065,098

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Fixed asset investments	97,006	1,770,289	1,867,295
Current assets	-	63,346	63,346
Creditors due within one year	-	(3,760)	(3,760)
Total	97,006	1,829,875	1,926,881

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13. Related party transactions

As at 31 October 2024, The Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Children's Fund was owed £71,462 (2023: £27,691) by the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogue Common Investment Fund, also known as the London Sephardi Trust Investment Pool (an associated entity of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogue with a common trustee), in which all investments of Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Children's Fund were held as at 31 October 2024 and 31 October 2023.

Investment income received during the year from these investments amounted to £43,771 (2023: £45,626).