

**THE BRITISH FRIENDS OF BAR ILAN
UNIVERSITY**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Chair

Mr Romie Tager KC PhD (Hon.)

Executive Director

Max Dunbar

Trustees

Mr Romie Tager KC PhD (Hon.)

Mr David Gradel PhD (Hon.)

Mr Andrew Singer KC (appointed on 21st May 2024)

Associate

The Rt. Hon. Sir Bernard Rix (Hon. Vice President)

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Independent Examiner

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TRUSTEES REPORT

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Trustee's Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)".

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document

The full name of the Charity is The British Friends of Bar-Ilan University. The Charity is governed by the Board of Trustees and managed by the Charity's Executive Director. Supported by the University's Global Development team, the Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Charity.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by invitation from the existing Trustees and by majority vote of the Trustees of the Charity.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

The trustees and Executive Director comprise the key management personnel of the charity who oversee directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day-to-day basis. The pay of the Executive Director is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Organisational structure

Trustees meet quarterly at which time the Executive Director, who is appointed by them and is responsible for the day to day running of the Charity, reports on all matters of policy and strategy. Trustees are informed of strategies to raise funds for, and increase the profile of, Bar-Ilan University.

These meetings also include the presentation of management accounts and cash flow. Any changes in strategy are discussed, amended and when agreed, adopted as written policy by trustees and implemented by the Executive Director.

The British Friends of Bar-Ilan University was established in 1957 by supporters of the University's ethos, namely to assist the development of teaching and research in all areas of study with full academic freedom whilst incorporating an awareness and knowledge of Jewish identity and cultural heritage.

The British Friends have worked in conjunction with the Anglo-Jewish community, as well as other organisations with similar educational aims, to promote the University. Under a Deed of Amendment dated 14th October 2004, the Trustees replaced the original Trust Deed to conform with modern day practices. In addition, to reflect and identify their activities, the name of the charity was changed to The British Friends at that time.

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Remuneration

A salary is paid to the professional staff of the Charity. Professional fees are paid to outside professionals such as the accountants. None of the trustees receives any payment or reimbursement of expenses and they all serve in a voluntary capacity.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

The major operational risk is the extent to which the University applies the funds raised in accordance with the underlying fundraising campaign. The trustees manage this risk by ensuring, through regular dialogue and meeting with the University personnel, that the funds are correctly applied.

Objectives and Activities

The British Friends of Bar-Ilan University is one of a number of organisations around the world, which exist to publicise the aims of this major Israeli institution; to promote its research in all faculties; to establish and maintain scholarships for the education of students at Bar-Ilan University and for that purpose to build up scholarship funds; to provide funds for and towards the erection, equipment and maintenance of lecture rooms, libraries, laboratories and other buildings and facilities as may from time to time be necessary for the purposes of the University, its staff and students, or any of them; to pay all or part of any costs or expenses incurred or to be incurred by the University in operating and maintaining the University in a proper and efficient manner and in repairing, renewing, creating and improving buildings, equipment and conveniences in the grounds thereof; the promotion and advancement of religious and secular education and instruction by and at the University.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act, having due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trust's aims and objectives, when setting the grant making policy and in making grants.

Achievements and Performance

In 2023/24 the Charity has continued to raise its profile, attracting new community partners, supporters and university alumni.

In the immediate aftermath of 7th October, emergency campaigns were launched to raise funds for university medical equipment and scholarships for serving students. Webinars were held with university representatives, updating supporters about the war's impact on the university. Working in partnership with JW3, a series of online war briefings were also given by Bar-Ilan faculty.

Alongside emergency causes, other campaigns raised support for legal aid clinics, advancing women's rights in Israel and the establishment of a new Jonathan Sacks Institute.

To connect UK audiences closer to Bar-Ilan's work, new marketing materials were produced helping promote the latest scientific news, community initiatives and university campaigns. Bar-Ilan stories were regularly posted on our website and social media platforms, and monthly e-bulletins were sent to all our supporters.

Our work with UK Jewish schools continued. 'Bar-Ilan Awards' were presented to high achieving Jewish students across the UK. Staff and trustees attended award ceremonies, meeting students, parents and teachers. Similarly, Law students at Bar-Ilan were presented in June with the UK sponsored Tager Award for Outstanding Articles in Jewish Law.

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During Bar-Ilan's Board of Trustees week, staff, trustees and donors joined the university's global network of supporters to meet with researchers, faculty and students, including those working on a new mental health clinic to support those suffering from trauma and loss. Funders for this clinic are now being sought in the UK.

In September, the Charity organised an event in Parliament with Prof. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari briefing MPs and peers on her work to seek justice and recognition for the victims of Hamas' sexual violence. Further UK events with Prof. Halperin-Kaddari are being planned next year.

The Charity also welcomed the news that UK Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis had been appointed to the university's Council of Founders. Composed of fourteen members, half living in Israel and half overseas, the Council's role is to provide spiritual direction to the university. The Chief Rabbi met with the Charity's staff and trustees to learn more about its work in the UK and explore opportunities to help raise awareness.

The Charity's staff and trustees plan to build on the achievements of this year by recruiting new trustees and launching further campaigns to support social justice, medical research and advancing technology and innovation.

Financial Review

Incoming resources of the charity for the year totalled £986,750 (2023: £708,831). Total resources expended for the year totalled £1,016,142 (2023: £761,910), including donations transferred to the University of £899,260 (2023: £600,360).

Annual budgets are approved and monitored by trustees with variances highlighted and discussed at Board meetings.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the Charity's assets are sufficient to fulfil the obligations of the Charity.

Reserves Policy Statement

The Charity's policy is that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six months' expenditure. The Trustees consider reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities whilst consideration is given to raising additional funds.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual 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 and Wales 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 of the charity 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 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;

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- 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 proper 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 Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



Romie Tager KC
Chairman

Date: 26th February 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
BRITISH FRIENDS OF BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The British Friends of Bar Ilan University for the year ended 30th September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 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 accounting 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 a matter not considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and come across no 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: 26th February 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Voluntary income	2	986,750	708,831
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		986,750	708,831
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds:			
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	(5,759)	(7,399)
Charitable activities	4/5	(899,260)	(600,360)
Support and governance costs	6	(111,123)	(154,151)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		(1,016,142)	(761,910)
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	7	(29,392)	(53,079)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		187,563	240,642
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		158,171	187,563

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	734	979
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank		162,057	193,094
		<u>162,057</u>	<u>193,094</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(4,620)</u>	<u>(6,510)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		157,437	186,584
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>158,171</u>	<u>187,563</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>158,171</u>	<u>187,563</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income funds	10	<u>158,171</u>	<u>187,563</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>158,171</u>	<u>187,563</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26th February 2025



Romie Tager KC
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash used in operating activities	12	(31,037)	(118,597)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-
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CHANGE IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		(31,037)	(118,597)
Cash & cash equivalents brought forward		193,094	311,691
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CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>162,057</u>	<u>193,094</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the notes to the accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, 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 to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)". The charity constitutes a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Funds Structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. Unrestricted funds are funds which are used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Income recognition

Donation income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants paid consist of amounts paid to Bar Ilan University in line with the objects of the charity.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	- 25% on reducing balance
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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations		
Donations received	986,750	708,831
	<u>986,750</u>	<u>708,831</u>

3. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Mailshots and fundraising events	<u>5,759</u>	<u>5,759</u>	<u>7,399</u>

4. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Distributions to Bar Ilan University	899,260	899,260	600,360
	<u>899,260</u>	<u>899,260</u>	<u>600,360</u>

5. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Distributions to Bar Ilan University	899,260	899,260	600,360
	<u>899,260</u>	<u>899,260</u>	<u>600,360</u>

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6. SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<u>Support costs</u>		
Staff costs	86,957	121,233
Premises costs	-	630
Office administrative expenses	18,103	24,684
Sundry support costs	427	570
	<u>105,487</u>	<u>147,117</u>
<u>Governance costs</u>		
Payroll bureau	1,016	2,534
Accountancy fees	2,770	2,700
Independent examiner's fees	1,850	1,800
	<u>5,636</u>	<u>7,034</u>
Total support and governance costs	<u>111,123</u>	<u>154,151</u>

7. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	80,000	112,288
Social security costs	4,976	6,964
Staff pension costs	1,981	1,981
	<u>86,957</u>	<u>121,233</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Number of administrative staff	-	1
Number of management staff	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

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The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£80,000 to £89,999	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
COST	
At 1 October 2023	31,122
Additions	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>31,122</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 October 2023	30,143
Charge for the year	245
At 30 September 2024	<u>30,388</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2024	<u>734</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>979</u>

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Taxation and Social Security	-	-
Other Creditors and Accruals	4,620	6,510
	<u>4,620</u>	<u>6,510</u>

10. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Oct 2023	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30 Sep 2024
	£	£	£
General Funds	187,563	(29,392)	158,171
	<u>187,563</u>	<u>(29,392)</u>	<u>158,171</u>

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11. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying 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 pension schemes was £1,981 (2023: £1,981).

12. CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

	£ 2024	£ 2023
(Deficit) for the year	(29,392)	(53,079)
Add back depreciation charge	245	327
<u>Movements in working capital</u>		
Decrease in debtors	-	154
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,890)	(65,999)
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Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(31,037)	(118,597)