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Registered Charity Number 1117590

THE ASSEMBLY OF MASORTI SYNAGOGUES  
(A Charitable Company Limited By Guarantee)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 28 JULY 2006 TO 31 JANUARY 2007

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**THE ASSEMBLY OF MASORTI SYNAGOGUES  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

<b>Charity Name</b>	The Assembly of Masorti Synagogues (A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)
<b>Charity Registered Number</b>	1117590
<b>Company Registered Number</b>	05890261
<b>Nature of Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association
<b>Council Members / Directors</b>	
Chairman	Michael Burman
Honorary Treasurer	Jeremy Kelly
New North London Synagogue	Nicholas Brill
New London Synagogue	Adrian Marks
St Albans Masorti Synagogue	Nicholas Grant
New Essex Masorti Congregation	Warren Davies
Kol Nefesh Synagogue	Richard Wolfe

The directors of the company are the members of the Council and Charity Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993

**Council Members / Reporting Trustees**

Young Persons' representative Sam Roberts

**Executive Director**

**and Company Secretary**

Michael Gluckman

**Principal Office**

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**Registered Auditors**

Winston Fox & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
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London NW1 7HU

**Solicitors**

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London EC4R 1BE

**Principal Bankers**

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Edgware, Middlesex HA8 7RY

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**THE ASSEMBLY OF MASORTI SYNAGOGUES  
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 28 JULY 2006 TO 31 JANUARY 2007**

The Council, who are the charity trustees within the definition of the Charities Act 1993 and are the directors for purposes of the Companies Act 1985 present their report and accounts for the period from 28 July 2006 to 31 January 2007

The Assembly of Masorti Synagogues ("AMS") is a company incorporated on 28 July 2006 and was registered as a Charity on 16 January 2007 under charity number 1117590, with the intention of taking over the activities conducted by the existing unincorporated association, The Assembly of Masorti Synagogues, charity number 801846 The transfer of activities took place on 1 February 2007 Throughout the period from 28 July 2006 to 31 January 2007, AMS was dormant

**Structure, Governance and Management**

***Governing Document***

AMS was incorporated on 28 July 2006 as a company limited by guarantee, number 05890261 It was registered as a Charity in accordance with the rules of the Charity Commission on 16 January 2007, charity number 1117590, and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association

The directors are the Charity trustees and appointed members of the Council The Council is responsible for managing and carrying out the objectives of AMS in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association

The company has no share capital, but under the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association every member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 in the event that the company is wound up, whilst they are a member or for one year thereafter

***Recruitment and Appointment of Council Members***

The Charity has an open recruitment procedure for new Council members Each Constituent Synagogue is eligible to appoint one individual to serve as Council Member There are no minimum or maximum number of Council members The number of Council members at present are nine

***Council Members Induction and Training***

The Charity has been reviewing policies and procedures for the induction and training of both new and existing Council Members and Officers from 1 February 2007

***Organisational Structure***

The Council meets regularly to manage the affairs of the Charity, review its business plan and decide on its overall direction A full Council meeting is held every two months The day to day running of the organisation is under the control of the executive director, assisted by various staff both paid and unpaid, from 1 February 2007

***Risk Management***

The Council actively assesses the major risks that the Charity faces on an ongoing basis and is of the opinion that maintaining reserves at reasonable levels, combined with regular reviews of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions to enable the Charity to continue its operations The Council also regularly considers other business risks faced by the Charity and continuously endeavours to improve its operating systems in order to reduce these risks The Charity was dormant in the period, and did not have any major risks to review until after 1 February 2007

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**Principal Objectives and Aims**

The Charity's principal objective is to promote the practice and teaching of non-fundamentalist traditional Judaism

The Charity achieves this objective by means of a range of activities and education for different age groups of children, young adults and adults, and by education, training programmes and opportunities for leadership development through the provision of lectures and seminars, discussions and debates, and the running of weekend schools, camps and specific research programmes. There were no significant changes in objectives and aims during the period

**Membership**

The Council may by a two-thirds majority vote at its discretion admit as a member any congregation of Jews which has satisfied the Council that it is properly constituted as a charity and is willing to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of AMS

Following any such admission as a member, the congregation of Jews so admitted shall be counted as a Constituent Synagogue for all purposes of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of AMS

The original Constituent Synagogue members of AMS are as follows -

	<u>Registered Charity Number</u>	<u>Number of Members as at 1 Jan 2007</u>
New North London Synagogue	1094668	1,445
New London Synagogue	238288	396
St Albans Masorti Synagogue	1011446	171
New Essex Masorti Synagogue	297101	135
Koi Nefesh Synagogue	1081444	114
		<u>2,261</u>

Each Constituent Synagogue member will pay a subscription to AMS based on their own membership numbers

The Synagogues and Congregations which are affiliated to AMS are as follows -

	<u>Registered Charity Number</u>	<u>Number of Members as at 1 Jan 2007</u>
Edgware Masorti Synagogue	291010	507
Hatch End Masorti Synagogue	1080951	109
New Whetstone Congregation	1047816	30
Leeds Masorti Congregation	-	-
		<u>646</u>

Hatch End Masorti Synagogue became a Constituent Synagogue of AMS from 11 September 2007  
Leeds Masorti Congregation is also affiliated to AMS, but is not a registered charity

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**Council Members**

The directors are the Charity Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993 and are also members of the Council. Those members of the Council who served as directors during the period and up to the date of the signing of this Report are listed below

Michael Burman	(appointed 28 July 2006)	Chairman
Paul Hoffbrand	(appointed 28 July 2006 and resigned 3 July 2007)	Honorary Treasurer
Jeremy Kelly	(appointed 3 July 2007)	Honorary Treasurer
Gillian Caplin	(appointed 28 July 2006 and resigned 31 January 2007)	New North London Synagogue
Nicholas Brill	(appointed 1 February 2007)	New North London Synagogue
Adrian Marks	(appointed 1 February 2007)	New London Synagogue
Nicholas Grant	(appointed 1 February 2007)	St Albans Masorti Synagogue
Nigel Lawrence	(appointed 1 February 2007 and resigned 3 July 2007)	New Essex Masorti Congregation
Warren Davies	(appointed 3 July 2007)	New Essex Masorti Congregation
Richard Wolfe	(appointed 1 February 2007)	Kol Nefesh Synagogue

The following served as Council members but are not directors

Sam Roberts	(appointed 1 February 2007)	Young persons' representative
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**Councils' Responsibilities**

The directors are the Charity Trustees and members of the Council. The Council is responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year. The accounts are prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), and are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the balance sheet date and of the profit or loss of the company for the period ended on that date. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation

The Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable it to ensure that the accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The Charities SORP 2005. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity, applying them for the purposes set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**THE ASSEMBLY OF MASORTI SYNAGOGUES  
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL  
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**Financial Review, Development and Future Activities**

The Assembly of Masorti Synagogues, a company limited by guarantee ("AMS"), was incorporated on 28 July 2006, and remained dormant until 31 January 2007. The assets, liabilities and operational activities of the unincorporated Charity, The Assembly of Masorti Synagogues, were transferred to AMS with effect from 1 February 2007 and with the approval of the Charities Commission. It is intended that the final accounts of the unincorporated Charity for the year ending 30 April 2007 will be prepared and filed with the Charities Commission in due course, and an application will then be made to the Charities Commission for the unincorporated Charity to be dissolved and removed from the Register of Charities. The next accounts of AMS will be prepared for the 15 month period from 1 February 2007 to 30 April 2008.

The Council considers that a limited company is more appropriate than an<sup>un</sup> incorporated association for the activities of the Charity in view of the business and operational risks faced. The unincorporated Charity ceased activities on 31 January 2007.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds at levels which are adequate to meet ongoing management, administration and support costs. The level of free reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Council to meet ongoing costs for each period.

The policy of the Charity is to maintain the restricted funds at levels to enable the Charity to meet its full obligations under the terms of their establishment by the donors.

The Charity was dormant during the period and did not have any free reserves at the period end.

**Investment Policy**

The Charity has the power under its Memorandum and Articles of Association to make such investments that the Council sees fit. The Council considers that the most appropriate policy for investing funds is to aim to generate both income and capital growth. The charity was dormant during the period, and did not have any funds for investments at the period end.

**Cooperation with other Charitable Organisations**

AMS may receive donations and grants from other charitable organisations for the furtherance of its objects. The Council may also request assistance and support from other charitable organisations when considered desirable and in accordance with its objectives.

**Small Company Special Provisions**

The report of the Council has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the board on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007



Michael Gluckman  
Secretary

**THE ASSEMBLY OF MASORTI SYNAGOGUES  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 28 JULY 2006 TO 31 JANUARY 2007**

The company did not trade during the period. The company did not receive any income and did not incur any expenditure, and therefore made neither a surplus nor a deficit. Certain expenditure was incurred by the unincorporated Charity on behalf of the company.



**THE ASSEMBLY OF MASORTI SYNAGOGUES  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 JANUARY 2007**

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<b>Net current assets</b>	-
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>
<b>Unrestricted and Restricted Funds</b>	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>-</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption under Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 249B(2) of the Act

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part VII of the Companies Act 1985



Michael Burman  
Chairman

Approved by the Council on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**THE ASSEMBLY OF MASORTI SYNAGOGUES  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 28 JULY 2006 TO 31 JANUARY 2007**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007) and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities The Charities SORP 2005

The company was dormant throughout the period and did not have any incoming and outgoing resources or any unrestricted and restricted funds Therefore, no particular accounting policies were adopted for the period

**2 Limited liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, each member having undertaken to contribute such amounts not exceeding one pound as may be required in the event of the company being wound up whilst still a member or within one year thereafter