

Charity No: 1148088

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2015
for
Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation

Company Number 08091243

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL INFORMATION

HON. LIFE PRESIDENT:

Mr. L. Firth

PRESIDENT:

Miss. S. Tax

VICE PRESIDENT:

Mrs. E. Ballan

TREASURER:

Mr. A. Cantor

WARDEN:

Miss. R. Tax

CUSTODIAL TRUSTEES:

Mr. A. Cantor
Mrs. E. Ballan
Mr. M. Block

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. S. Cohen	Miss. M. Perkins
Mrs. G. Cantor	Mrs. A. Mannino
Mrs. S. Douglas	Mrs. E. Tax
Mr. J. Douglas	Mrs. A. Peake

ADMINISTRATOR:

Ms. S. Cohen

ADDRESS:

The Synagogue
40 Raikes Parade
Blackpool
FY1 4EX

BANKERS:

H.S.B.C.
Oxford Square
1 Newhouse Road
Blackpool

AUDITORS:

David Williamson Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Unit 12B Darwin Court
Hawking Place
Blackpool
FY2 0JN

HON. SOLICITOR:

Martin D Block
Homestead
21 Blackburn Road
Rishton
Lancashire
BB1 4EU

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

We have audited the attached Financial Statements in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Congregation's affairs at 31st December 2015.

David Williamson Ltd

Unit 12B Darwin Court
Hawking Place
BLACKPOOL FY2 0JN

David Williamson Limited
CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS

Trustees' Report for the year ending 31 December 2015

This is the report on the activities of the Congregation in 2015 of the Trustees of this Congregation, who are the members of its Council, which includes the Executive Officers and Custodial Trustees. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission, which is illustrated in this report.

At the 2015 Annual General Meeting, Sandra Cohen was elected a Trustee member, as well as continuing her role as Administrator and Angela Peake was also elected a Trustee. Both were welcomed in their new roles. At this AGM, Ilayne Jones decided not to stand for re-election; she was thanked for her service as Trustee over many years.

We were saddened by the death of two members during 2015. On 8 April Mike Neiman passed away. Mike had served on the Congregation's Council for many years. Among other things, he assisted a High Holy Day Services by providing organ accompaniment. On 17 November, Gerald Stoll passed away. Gerry had also served on the Council after many years' service, including four years as President, having also held the position of Vice President and Warden. We offer our condolences to both their families. Also during 2015, the Congregation was pleased to welcome Maurice Landsman as a new member.

During 2015, Rabbi Zalud continued to take several of our Friday evening and Saturday services, generally at least monthly or twice monthly. Rabbi Zalud continues to visit the sick and those in prison and to be available to take special services such as those for Bar Mitzvahs, Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and funerals. The Congregation is always very appreciative of the lay readers from its membership, who continue to take all other services, by far the major number. All services are open to non-members both Jewish and non-Jewish, who may wish to attend.

The Congregation regularly hosts parties of school children from local schools and local scout groups to learn about the Jewish religion and its traditions; and members of the Congregation visit schools to talk on various aspects of Judaism. There were many of both types of visit during 2015.

In 2015, the Congregation continued to contribute to cross communal activities and inter-faith forums, being a member of the Blackpool Heritage Forum and the Blackpool Faith Forum, through the latter sharing views on matters such as youth and adult education, security and emergency assistance. Early in 2015, the Congregation invited members of Blackpool Faith Forum to join members of our Congregation for a Friday evening service and, afterwards, to a supper. In early September the Synagogue took part in Blackpool's heritage weekend, when we hosted non-Jewish visitors.

Members of the Congregation give pastoral support to other members. On the financial side, the Congregation aims to keep its membership contributions as low as possible. Such contributions are generally payable in advance; where this presents difficulties for a member, it will allow payment monthly without penalty and, where that too presents problems, it will allow a significantly reduced contribution. The Congregation encourages members to be charitable towards it and other charitable causes.

Members of the Congregation come primarily from the local area of Blackpool and the Fylde and to an extent from other parts of Lancashire but there is no geographical restriction on membership and some members reside elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

February 2016

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Congregation has adopted the following Accounting Policies which should be read in conjunction with the attached Accounts and which have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention.

INCOME

Income represents the monies receivable in the year from Subscriptions, Donations, Rental Income and Fund Raising activities of the Congregation.

FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Fixed Assets are stated at Cost or Valuation, less Depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off Fixed Assets over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:

Freehold Land and Buildings	Nil
Chairs	5% of written down value
Holy Scrolls and Silverware	Nil
Fixture and Fittings	10% of written down value

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st December 2015

INCOME

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
6291	Subscriptions	7644
1180	General Donations	1031
93	Board of Deputies of British Jews	122
799	Yom Kippur Appeal	727
392	Memorial Donations	315
116	Interest Received	174
272	Leo Baeck College/MRJ	292
78	Sale of Prayer Books, Judaica etc.	150
315	Migdal Advertising	251
1600	Income Tax Reclaimable	2153
5707	Maisonette Rent	5720
834	Maisonette Electric & Water	862
46	Commission	-
311	Social Events - Blackpool & Fylde Light Opera Event	-
580	- Northern Communities Day	-
202	- Purim Social	-
	- Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	604
	Kate Capper Legacy	10000
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18816		30045
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st December 2015

EXPENDITURE

<u>2014</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2015</u>
2500	Fees and Expenses of Teachers and visiting Ministers	2452
270	Charitable Donations	910
501	Purchase of Prayer Books, Judaica etc.	222
93	Board of Deputies of British Jews	96
462	Leo Baeck College/MRJ	582
410	Water	245
2724	Light & Heating	3063
1673	Insurance	1756
105	Telephone	110
1779	Caretaking & Cleaning Costs	1438
672	Accountancy Charges	678
171	Printing, Stationery, Postage and Duplication	448
251	Sundry Expenses	284
6248	Repairs & Renewals	2995
151	Depreciation	144
243	Wine	-
170	Migdal Expenses	117
-	Jewish Education	300
10	Social Events	572
1190	Maisonette Expenses	920
30	Professional Fees	-
398	Northern Communities Day	-
-	Bank Charges	4
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20051		17336
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SUMMARY

18816	Total Income	30045
20051	Total Expenditure	17336
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-1235	SURPLUS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	12709
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SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 2015

BURIAL ACCOUNT

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
1490	Subscriptions, Initial Fees & Contributions	12248
67	LESS: Burial Expenses	8089
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1423	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	4159

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2015

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
70941	Synagogue, Raikes Parade, Blackpool	70941
	Additions for the Year	
70941		70941
5685	Furniture and Fittings at Cost	5685
5685	LESS: Depreciation to date	5685
-		-
3709	Chairs	3709
836	LESS: Depreciation to date	980
2873		2729
10000	Three Holy Scrolls (two donated) as valued by the Trustees	10000
300	Two megillot and silverware (donated) as valued by the Trustees	300
84114		83970

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CURRENT ASSETS

<u>2014</u>		<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2015</u>
100	Premium Bond		-
73	Cash in Hand		56
27852	COIF		46526
3334	H.S.B.C		3509
200	Stock		200
70	Prepayments	2	70
856	Debtors	3	1500
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116599			135831
1751	LESS: Sundry Creditors	4	4215
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114848			131616

Represented by:

<u>2014</u>			<u>2015</u>
	<u>General Reserve Account</u>		
	94660 Balance Brought Forward	94848	
	-1235 Surplus/Deficit for the year	12709	
	- Write off Premium Bond	-100	
	-Revaluation of Holy Scrolls	-	
	1423 Transfer from Burial Account	-	
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94848			107457
	<u>Burial Account</u>		
	20000 Balance Brought Forward	20000	
	1423 ADD: Surplus for the year	4159	
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	1423 LESS: Transfer to General Reserve	-	
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20000			24159
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114848			131616

PRESIDENT _____

TREASURER _____

NOTES

1 Repairs & Renewals consist of:

Alarm maintenance	110
Service extinguishers	226
Remedial Work	2545
Misc repairs	114
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	2995

2 Prepayments

Lottery Licence	20
Maisonette Commission	50
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	70

3 Debtors

Gift Aid Tax Reclaimable	1236
Subscriptions	264
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	1500

4 Sundry Creditors

These were as follows:

MRJ	57
Charitable Giving	550
Undertakers fees	650
Electric	1200
Leo Baeck College	96
Board of Deputies	122
Subscriptions in advance	499
Maisonette Rent in advance	330
Maisonette Electric in advance	33
Accountancy	678
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	4215