

South Bucks Jewish Community

Annual
Report for
2017





The year in numbers:

6 B'Nei Mitzvot

21 children enrolled in cheder



204 members to date

204

£7215 financial surplus



5% increase in subscription income

5%



£92k general funds and £157k in the building fund.

From the Rabbi

This has been a whirlwind year with the consolidation of new initiatives. An annual report is certainly an excellent way of reporting what has been achieved and documenting the numerous successes we have seen as a community. However, it should also be for us a means to set ourselves targets for the following year.

It is for Toby and council to challenge me to ensure we continue our steady growth of members. However, I would like to also set myself and you a challenge for this year. There are two areas where I would like to see us stretch and expand ourselves. The first is adult education, I would like to see us having as dynamic

and inspiring classes for our adults as we have for our younger students. The second is to increase our volunteering capacity. We are a community that relies on the donation of time from our members. You will see Toby thank so many people and I add my thanks to his.

I particularly want to thank him for his energy, dedication and inspirational leadership. However, we need more people - whether you have an hour a week, an hour a month or even an hour a year to give, please think about donating it to your community.

If we achieve half as much next year as we have this year then we will be busy! But here is hoping it is a very busy year then....

From the chair

A growing membership, an excellent cheder curriculum, uplifting and engaging services, external fundraising and more. We may be small but we certainly punch above our weight.

None of this would be possible without some dedicated people. I would particularly like to thank Gill Parker for her service to the R & P committee. For ten years she has schlepped (with little kvetching!) and we owe her a debt of gratitude.

Thanks too to James Davies who runs our cheder with great passion and care and to Nick Prag and Sarah Bealing who help make cheder fun for all!

To Sally Geneen whose monthly Gan sessions are consistently enjoyable and thoughtful and to Gerard Geneen and Ruth Vardy who look after our KT students.

I would also like to thank our vice-chair David Silverstone, our treasurer Paul Nathan and our membership secretary Amanda McFeeters whose wisdom and cool heads are always greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Debbie Davies who always goes above and beyond the call of duty and our dedicated council whose hard work and commitment ensures we continue to thrive.

Finally a big thank you to Rabbi Charley whose ideas and dynamism have helped to make this community flourish in 2017. May 2018 bring more simchas, smiles, members and perhaps even a building!





South Bucks Jewish Community

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Final

ACCOUNTS

For the Year Ended 31st August 2017

SBJC is a member of Liberal Judaism (LJ) and a registered charity number 1098078

South Bucks Jewish Community (SBJC)

SBJC BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 2017

<u>Assets</u>	31/08/2016	31/08/2017	Notes
BANK ACCOUNTS	Prior Year	Year-End	
<u>General Fund</u>			
Current Account - TSB Including Adj	£ 3,456	£ 4,235	
Current Account - HSBC	£ 10,907	£ 16,964	
Deposit Account - TSB	£ 477	£ 478	
Skipton	£ 63,917	£ 64,537	
	<u>£ 78,757</u>	<u>£ 86,215</u>	
<u>Building Fund</u>			
Santander	£ 8,529	£ 11,053	
Virgin Bank	£ 69,767	£ 70,196	
Nat West Building fund	£ 243	£ -	1
Bath Building Society	£ 75,000	£ 75,933	
	<u>£ 153,539</u>	<u>£ 157,182</u>	
<u>Other Assets</u>			
Religious Regalia	£ 6,553	£ 6,553	
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 238,849	£ 249,950	
Represented by			
Payable General to Building		-£ 243	2
Receivable Building from General		£ 243	
General Fund	£ 85,310	£ 92,525	
Building Fund	£ 153,539	£ 157,424	
TOTAL FUNDS	£ 238,849	£ 249,950	

Notes:

- 1 On NatWest account closure, balance was transferred to HSBC current account.
- 2 Post- year end adjustment required to transfer NatWest proceeds from General to Building fund.

South Bucks Jewish Community (SBJC)
Income and Expenditure Summary
Year to 31 August 2017

	2015/2016	2016/2017
Income		
Subscriptions	£ 42,474	£ 44,473
Donation / Other Income	£ 25,652	£ 23,949
Total Income	£ 68,126	£ 68,422
Expense		
Rabbi Office	£ 25,983	£ 31,371
Other Expenses	£ 28,514	£ 29,836
Total Expenditure	£ 54,497	£ 61,207
Surplus / (Deficit)	£ 13,629	£ 7,215
General Fund Brought Forward	£ 71,880	£ 85,310
General Fund Carried Forward	£ 85,310	£ 92,525

SBJC Income and Expenditure For the Year Ending 31st August 2017

	2015/2016	2016/2017	Notes
INCOME			
Subscriptions	£ 42,474	£ 44,473	1,2
Donation	£ 5,379	£ 2,502	
Kol Nidre	£ 5,010	£ 4,855	
Gift Aid Subs	£ 8,475	£ 6,887	
Gift Aid Others	£ 1,212	£ 1,452	
Cheder fees	£ 2,919	£ 2,636	
HHD Tickets	£ 612	£ 310	
Fund Raising	£ 56	£ 2,479	3
Funeral & Burial fees	£ 681	£ 1,817	4
Calendar	£ 33		
Grant	£ 1,028	£ -	
Miscellaneous Income	£ -	£ 390	
Bank Interest	£ 247	£ 621	
TOTAL INCOME	£ 68,126	£ 68,422	
EXPENDITURE			
Rabbi's Office	£ 25,983	£ 31,371	5
Funeral and Burial Fees	£ 8,145	£ 7,434	
L J Capitation	£ 7,775	£ 7,541	
Cheder Sub-Total	£ 2,905	£ 4,868	6
LJ other	£ 1,040		
Friends House	£ 2,434	£ 2,582	
Other halls	£ 909	£ 983	
Kol Nidre donation	£ 3,000	£ 2,595	
Fund raising costs	£ 830	£ 794	
Insurance	£ 817	£ 820	
Miscellaneous + Admin.	£ 480	£ 1,891	7
Bank charges	£ 65	£ 66	
Pesach/Shavuot/Others	£ 115	£ 262	
TOTAL Expenditure	£ 54,497	£ 61,207	
Surplus / (Deficit)	£ 13,629	£ 7,215	

Notes:

- 1 Subscriptions includes £3,107 pre-payments for 2017-18
- 2 Subscriptions includes £7,073 burial scheme charges (prior year £7,772), not eligible for Gift Aid or CAF
- 3 Funds raised includes Acer Corner event and Kosher Comedy (receipts to offset costs of event (including £800 of prior year costs) with surplus allocated to Building Fund)
- 4 Includes Overage payments overdue from prior years
- 5 Increase in costs due to full year of Rabbinic support
- 6 Five terms of Ley Hill costs included (one prior year outstanding, one pre-payment)
- 7 Administration now includes software costs plus recharge from NPLS for admin support

South Bucks Jewish Community (SBJC)
Building Fund Accounts
Summary As At 31 August 2017

	2015/2016	2016/17	Notes
Income			
Donations & Fundraising	£ 675	£ 2,268	1
Bank Interest	£ 1,725	£ 1,392	
Gift Aid	£ 180	£ 226	
Total Income	£ 2,580	£ 3,886	
Expenses			
Bank Fees / Others	£ -	£ -	
Total Expenditure	£ -	£ -	
Surplus / (Deficit)	£ 2,580	£ 3,886	
Building Fund Brought Forward	£ 150,896	£ 153,539	
Building Fund Carried Forward	£ 153,539	£ 157,425	

Notes:

- 1 Building fundraising comprises £660 donations plus £1608 profit on Kosher Comedy Night



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity Name	SOUTH BUCKS JEWISH COMMUNITY	
On accounts for the year ended	3 1 0 8 1 7	Charity no (if any)	1 0 9 8 0 7 8
Set out on pages	1 - 5	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees ^{treasurer is} are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, • to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and • to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. 		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below)</p> <p>(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or <p>(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
Signed	N. D. Baker	Date	27 DEC. 2017
Name			
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)	F.C.A. FIIA		
Address	17 WALNUT WAY HYDE HEATH BUCKS. HP6 5SB		

Section B		Disclosure	
		Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems	
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose	<p>NONE NOTED</p>		