

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

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INTRODUCTION

When I look back to 2024, I mainly think of the new JGSGB website, as it was a project I took personal charge of in February 2024, and which was delivered in the middle of December 2024. We had been working on it for about 3 years, and many were responsible for what I feel is a huge leap forward from the tired, old website it replaced. We got there in the nick of time too, as the old website was designed to self-destruct in January of 2025.

Some of the new features we have introduced are searching inside back issues of our journal, *Shemot*; finding our recordings of past meetings more easily using a graphical interface; searching for unique Jewish genealogical data by name and place and booking into JGSGB meetings via the website.

We also have a New Webmaster in Phil Reed, so a big welcome to Phil and a big thank you to Michael Kaye who steps down after many years of being webmaster of the old JGSGB website.

In the Summer, a good contingent of JGSGB members made it to the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) conference in Philadelphia including our friends from the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston (the lesser JGSGB). It was great to meet some of our American members too, some for the first time. Congratulations to all those who were selected to give a talk, such as Michael Tobias OBE, Jeanette Rosenberg OBE, Kathryn Michael and Daniel Morgan-Thomas amongst others, which did not include me! Although I did give a JewishGen "UK-SIG" update which was a News Update from the JGSGB (Great Britain) and JCR-UK (Jewish Communities & Records UK), our joint venture with JewishGen Inc. Next year it will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana; join us!

One of the jewels in the JGSGB crown is our genealogical library of several thousand books and journals. We have been at Kent House, Knightsbridge for all of 2024, where Westminster Synagogue is located, on the same floor as the Czech Torah Scrolls museum. Please come and visit!

As usual we had a vibrant programme of events throughout the year, mostly on Zoom, including a virtual Manchester conference, but with workshops, Library sessions and some regional meetings being held in-person. My thanks go to all of our volunteers, especially the Programme & Library Committees and the SIG & RG convenors for organising these meetings, along with our global speakers and attendees for supporting us.

As I look forward to 2025, my main hope is for a lasting peace in the Middle East, the return of all remaining hostages and a reduction in the resultant antisemitism experienced in this country so that we can feel safe enough to return to some in-person meetings in the London area.

As ever, I am your chair@jgs.gb.org.uk.

Leigh Dworkin

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OBJECTS

To promote and encourage the study of and research into Jewish Genealogy.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Society (commonly known as JGSGB) is a national and global authority on the genealogy of the United Kingdom's Jewish community. It aims to assist the general public, including its own members, to improve their knowledge of Jewish genealogy by providing a wide range of facilities and activities. These include:

- maintaining a nationally important reference library and preserving genealogical records;
- publishing genealogical guidebooks, a journal (Shemot), and a members' newsletter;
- providing email and social media discussion forums;
- organising a programme of meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops;
- promoting distance learning;
- providing a general enquiries service.

The activities in 2024 are described in detail below.

The Society operates for public benefit in accordance with Charity Commission guidance. Its activities and facilities are open to the general public, though fees may apply, and it is possible to gain enhanced access by paying a subscription and joining as a member.

JGSGB is an entirely secular organisation – a society for Jewish genealogy, rather than a Jewish society for genealogy.

HISTORY AND CONSTITUTION

The inaugural meeting of JGSGB was held on 15 March 1992 and it was formally established at a meeting on 17 May 1992, when the inaugural members adopted its Constitution as an unincorporated association.

As its objects were entirely charitable, JGSGB was obliged to register with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Registration was approved on 17 June 1993, the Registered Charity number being 1022738.

The present Constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 20 May 2012, and has had some minor amendments at subsequent AGMs. JGSGB's Council adopted a set of Bye-Laws on 1 May 2013, which were amended in May 2022.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

<u>Type of member</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Joint*</u>	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning of 2024	382	42	12	436
New members	47	6	3	56
Leaving	116	14	2	133
End of 2024	327	74	13	414

* Joint members are two individual members living at the same address. They share a single delivery of services but each has a vote at AGMs. (All numbers shown as 2 people).

** Most members who leave do not give an explanation. But some have cited health of family members, loss of interest in genealogy, or encountering brick walls. The figures shown are based on payments made during the year.

COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES

JGSGB's affairs are managed by a Council comprising not more than fourteen members of the Society including four Officers: the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The members of the Council are the Trustees of JGSGB as a Charity.

The Officers are elected annually at each Annual General Meeting. The other members of Council are also elected at the AGM but serve until the next AGM but one. The Officers and other Council members are eligible for re-election at the end of their terms. Council has the power to appoint or co-opt Officers and additional Council members at any time in order to fill vacancies, the terms of office of such appointees/co-optees running until the following AGM.

The members of JGSGB who served as members of the Society's Council and as Trustees during 2024 were:

Officers

Elected at the AGM on Sunday 21 July 2023 to serve until the 2025 AGM:

Chair:	Leigh Dworkin	First elected 2014 and Chair since 2015
Vice-Chair	Sharon Hintze	First elected 2022
Secretary:	Jane Segal	Co-opted 2023 and since elected
Treasurer:	Peter Heilbrunn	First elected 2018 and since reelected

Other members of Council, with portfolio responsibility in 2024 shown where appropriate:

Elected at the AGM on Sunday 2 July 2023 to serve until the 2025 AGM:

Laurence Harris	First elected 2019	Strategy
Marie-Anne Knight	First elected 2019	Membership Secretary
Anne Marcus	First elected 2019	Preservation of Records
Jessica Feinstein	First elected 2015	Publications
Nigel Siederer	Co-opted 2020 and since elected	

Elected at the AGM on Sunday 21 July 2024 to serve until the 2026 AGM:

Lydia Collins	First elected 2008	Library
Anthony Rosenthal	Co-opted 2015 and since elected	Manchester
Jill Whitehead	First elected 2022	Surveys
David Mendoza	First elected 2024	

Individual Council members take on other duties as described above. Other members of the Society, though not members of Council, act as lead on various matters. These include the convenors of regional and special interest groups, with Jessica Feinstein acting as liaison with Council. until the AGM. A full list of RG and SIG meetings appears below.

It should be stressed that JGSGB has no salaried staff, so all activities and services are undertaken through the unpaid voluntary efforts of members including those who serve as Officers and on Council.

At each of its meetings, Council receives full reports from Officers, portfolio holders, and several sub-committees. It met six times during 2024. During the year, all meetings were held electronically under the powers created in 2020.

Alongside its general duty to manage the Society, Council has formal obligations under the Charities Act 2011 to keep accounting records and to prepare annual accounts (which are independently examined) and an annual report. The report and accounts are transmitted to the Charity Commission, which puts them on public record.

HONORARY OFFICERS

President and Vice-Presidents

The Society elects with the consent of Council a President and up to two Vice-Presidents. These Honorary Officers are neither members of Council nor Trustees. The President normally chairs the AGM.

Each Honorary Officer holds office for three years. The President is eligible for re-election but the Vice-Presidents were previously only eligible for re-election after a gap of three years. During 2021, the Constitution was changed to remove the requirement for this gap in the Vice-Presidents' terms, thus aligning their periods of office with that of the President.

The office of President is held by Michael Tobias OBE, who was elected at the 2022 AGM. The Vice-Presidents elected at the 2022 AGM were Arlene Beare and Errol Gross. The President and Vice-Presidents thus elected will now serve until the 2025 AGM. David Jacobs was made President Emeritus at the 2024 AGM.

Patron

Robert Voss, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, and the only Jewish Lord Lieutenant since Lord Rothschild in the 19th century, has been Patron of the Society since 2018.

ACTIVITIES IN 2024

PREMISES

Following the closure of Jewish Museum London at the end of August 2023, we entered into an agreement with Westminster Synagogue for part of Kent House, Knightsbridge, where the synagogue is housed. We were delighted to move into a larger space for the library that may also be used for small in-person meetings in the future.

LIBRARY

JGSGB's Library is a major resource for Jewish genealogy in the UK. It contains more than a thousand reference books and other items including journals, manuscripts and family trees. Items are both purchased and donated, with a catalogue on the JGSGB's website and updates published in the quarterly newsletter.

Opening times are normally the first Tuesday and third Thursday of the month. In the course of the year we have received visitors from various parts of the UK and overseas. The library is also open to non-members on payment of a small charge.

Library sessions enable members to meet in-person to discuss their research and be offered guidance. We are very grateful to our team of library volunteers who are always on hand to help visitors and so generously share their time and expertise.

There are smaller Library branches in Manchester and the Chilterns. These can be consulted when that Regional Group's meetings are taking place in-person.

PUBLICATIONS

Guidebooks

JGSGB continues to publish a range of genealogical guidebooks in its Jewish Ancestors series. The series covers the UK, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia (now available exclusively electronically). Other publications include one on reading Hebrew inscriptions and records, and an important bibliography of Yizkor (memorial) books in the UK. JGSGB also resells a variety of Jewish genealogy books from other publishers.

Shemot

JGSGB's journal, Shemot, is published three times per year. The 2024 issues were published in April, August and December.

Edited by Jessica Feinstein, Shemot contains articles and book reviews by Society members and other contributors. Members receive it as part of their subscription, and are able to choose between an online version in colour and a printed version in black and white.

Facsimiles of the colour covers are below

SHEMOT

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF JEWISH STUDIES

APRIL 2024 VOL 32, 1



SHEMOT

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF JEWISH STUDIES

AUGUST 2024 VOL 32, 2



SHEMOT

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF JEWISH STUDIES

DECEMBER 2024 VOL 32, 1



Newsletter

The JGSGB Newsletter is published quarterly as an online PDF in colour. The 2024 issues were published in January, April, July, and October. The Newsletter offers members the latest genealogical news items together with reports and announcements of Society events. It is collated and copy-edited by Jessica Feinstein. It is printed for the JGSGB Library and sent to a few members who do not have Internet access and so cannot access the online copy.

COMMUNICATIONS

Website

JGSGB's website at www.jgs.gb.org.uk has provided a front door for the Society, providing basic information about Jewish genealogy and the Society's activities. The site gives members a great deal of unique and specialised genealogical material.

A new website was delivered in the middle of December 2024 after many at the JGSGB were working on it for about 3 years. It is a huge leap forward from the tired, old website it replaced.

Some of the new features that were introduced are:

- The ability to search inside our *Shemot* journal back issues for articles that you never knew existed. For example, if a member's people are from a particular shtetl, town or city they can search for it!
- A glorious graphical way of finding all past meeting recording videos, conference videos, partner videos and educational webinar videos
- Member-only Jewish Genealogical Data available to search through by name and/or place
- Booking into JGSGB meetings via the website, where non-members are charged £5 and logged-in JGSGB members get in for free
- Automatic advertising of JGSGB meetings – saving the Chair from having to do it manually
- Automatic creation of Zoom meetings and sending of Zoom link reminders to attendees

We also hope that the new membership system will be less work for our Membership Secretary that was the case on the old website and that communicating with members and prospects will be more reliable.

Beachshore Design Ltd were responsible for the redesign of the site, using their own content management system.

JGSGB-Discuss

JGSGB-Discuss is a members-only email discussion forum for genealogical questions and announcements, hosted on the Groups.io platform as a sub-group of the JewishGen Discussion Group. It has 165 subscribers.

JCR-UK

The Jewish Communities and Records - United Kingdom website (known as JCR-UK) is a joint project of JGSGB and JewishGen, of which JGSGB's David Shulman is Webmaster and principal researcher. The objective of JCR-UK is to record details of all Jewish communities and congregations that have ever existed in the British Isles, in order to preserve the information for posterity and to make such information freely available via the Internet. The majority of JGSGB's

searchable databases are available on JCR-UK, which now includes over 480,000 records in its All-UK Database and related databases on JewishGen, in addition to over 110,000 records in hosted (primarily burial) databases. Apart from the databases, JCR-UK contains over 9,500 pages and over 3,600 images covering more than 1,180 Jewish congregations and former congregations, in London and in more than 250 other cities and towns.

Additions to JCR-UK in 2024 included: a new database covering Jewish marriages at Merthyr Tydfil Synagogue from 1893 to 1950 (130 records); updating the databases for the Jewish cemeteries in Leeds (nearly 22,000 records); introducing a new search function covering the whole website; the creation of new sections relating to synagogue architects, synagogues at public institutions and online publications (making available a number of books on British Jewish communities); the redesign, reformatting and significant enhancement of the webpages for an additional ninety congregations; the expansion of the communal leaders database to include the ministers and lay officers who served these congregations; the expansion of JCR-UK's rabbinic profiles section to include over 2,000 ministers; and the general addition and updating of information, data and material relating to the communities and congregations covered by the website..

Facebook

A Facebook group operates on behalf of the Society, providing a significant outreach into the wider community for those researching their Jewish ancestors. At the start of 2024, the Group had 2496 members which had increased to 2676 by the end of the year. Many of the Group's members do not yet belong to JGSGB itself but are encouraged to join by the Group's membership lead.

X (formerly Twitter)

JGSGB's outreach is also boosted by our X handle @JewishGreat, established by Daniel Morgan-Thomas. At the end of 2024, it had 274 followers.

MEETING PROGRAMME

JGSGB has continued to hold an active meeting programme, with most gatherings being held electronically rather than in person. The Programme Committee is chaired by Daniel Morgan-Thomas, with Gina Marks collating an ongoing calendar of events.

Zoom became our normal meeting format, with Chair Leigh Dworkin providing much technical support. Zoom's facility for recordings has enabled audio-visual records of almost all meetings to be made available on JGSGB's website, an excellent catch-up facility for members unable to attend the events when they actually take place.

Here is a list of all meetings held by JGSGB in 2024:

National meetings

JGSGB's Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom on 21 July 2024. The AGM re-elected the Officers and other members of Council whose terms had expired. A full list of Council members appears on pages 3 and 4. The meeting was followed by a talk given by Daniel Horowitz on 'AI Innovations from MyHeritage'.

London Conference

There was no London Conference this year.

General sessions and workshops (held on Sundays)

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Leader</i>
JGSGB Library	Anne Marcus
Using Powerpoint for Genealogy	Leigh Dworkin
Genealogy Records in Israel 2024	Garri Regev
Seven Things You May Not Know About FamilySearch	Sharon Hintze
Documenting the Jewish refugee Experience in Scotland	Harvey Kaplan
Brick Walls and Brush Up Workshop	JGSGB Mentors
Reclaiming the Brest-Litovsk Jewish Cemetery in Belarus	Debra Brunner

Regional Groups

JGSGB's members meet in regional groups where the membership numbers are sufficient and a voluntary convenor is available. As with other meetings, expert speakers give talks and meetings are often followed by workshops. Some groups meet in person.

This is the full list of Regional Group meetings and speakers in 2024:

Chilterns

Convenor: Hazel Atlass

Meeting topic

Speaker

An Introduction to Family Tree Maker

Mark Olsen

Mapping Ilyutovich: Through Time, Place and Name

Michael Shade

Illegitimacy in the Jewish Communities of Galicia

Janette Silverman

A Disused Jewish Cemetery, Putting Flesh on the Bones:

Georgian Kings Lynn

Marsha Parker

Hertfordshire

Convenors: Gina Marks and Kathryn Michael

Meeting Topic

Speaker

An in-person workshop was held in January

The Pilot, The Psychiatrist, The Socialite and Her Lover

Daniel Morgan-Thomas.

The Extraordinary Adventures of Miss Dorothy Levitt

Tony

Allen.

Manchester

Convenor: Anthony Rosenthal

A conference was held via Zoom in June. The speakers were:

Conference Topic

Speaker

JRI Poland

Michael Tobias OBE

Preservation

Errol Gross

Torah Binders

Lois Roman

South & South-West London

Convenor: Jenny Osorio

This very small group held three in-person meetings in 2024, as follows

<i>Meeting topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Brick Walls and new websites.	Jeanette Rosenberg
Debunking the Myths - the stories of Jewish Migration to the UK.	Jill Whitehead
Jewish Genealogical Research in Eastern Europe, particularly with reference to Poland, Lithuania and Belarus	Leigh Dworkin

Other Regional Groups exist as follows:

Sussex (Brighton)	Convenor: Michael Shade
Leeds	Convenor: Joanne Lerman
South-East Essex	Convenor: Anne Marcus

Special Interest Groups

JGSGB's Special Interest Groups (SIGs) hold national meetings on specialised themes of common interest to their members. During 2024 all SIGs met on Zoom. Most meetings are followed by workshops at which members discuss their genealogical challenges. As with other meetings, videos of presentations and workshops have been added to JGSGB's website.

Anglo-Jewish	Convenor: David Mendoza
This SIG specialises in Jewish ancestry among families with a history in the UK.	
<i>Meeting topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
My Family Treasures - Gems from Newspapers and Other Sources	Joel Levy
The Anglo-Jewish Seder - Rakusens and Paladins	David Mendoza
Directories as a Source for Anglo-Jewish Genealogy	Dr William Farrell
Musings of a Jewish Heir Hunter	Saul Marks
All meetings were followed by a workshop led by David Mendoza or Leigh Dworkin.	

DNA	Convenor: Arlene Beare
This SIG specialises in themes and technical questions which arise from participants testing their DNA origins for genealogical purposes.	
<i>Meeting topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Help! Part 3 - I got my yDNA and mtDNA Results - What do I do Next	Gil Bardige
No, You Don't Really Have 7,900 4th Cousins - Ashkenazi DNA Basics	Jennifer Mendelsohn
Analysing a NPE (Mon Paternal Event)	Barry Walker
My DNA Success Stories	Ric Cooper
Strategies for Analysing Endogamous DNA	Alec Ferretti
Most meetings were followed by a workshop led by Arlene Beare	

Dutch and Sephardi	Convenor: Bernard Miller
This SIG has two themes: families with a history in the Netherlands (both Ashkenazi and Sephardi) and those with a Sephardic history irrespective of geographical origin.	

<i>Meeting topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Bevis Marks by All Accounts: S&P Meets AI -Meet Our Nacao	
Hebraica Ancestors	Bernard Miller
Geo Sefarad - Mapping the Routes of our Sephardic Roots	Dr Jose GL Valencia
Each meeting was followed by a workshop led by Bernard Miller.	

Eastern European Convenors: Leigh Dworkin & Daniel Morgan-Thomas

<i>Meeting topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Meeting my Missing Manchester Mishpocha	Daniel Morgan-Thomas
Lost in the Pale of Settlement - The Search for Kovasgow	Leigh Dworkin
Reconstructing Jewish families from a Small Polish Shtetl	Joy Kestenbaum
Where Did They Run to? Conscription in the Russian Empire	David Brill

German Convenor: Jeanette Rosenberg OBE

<i>Meeting topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Researching Family Histories Using the ITS Archive	Ian Rich
There were also 4 meetings led by Jeanette on German Jewish News and Updates.	

DISTANCE LEARNING

Eleven online education webinars were delivered during the year, at approximately monthly intervals by Jeanette Rosenberg OBE. Use of Zoom enabled Society members from around the world to attend as well as those in the UK.

An average number of 35 people registered for each of these webinars and were sent handouts. The number attending may in practice have been much higher because video recordings of the Zoom webinars have been made available on JGSGB's website.

The topics covered were:

- Holocaust Research
- Getting the Most out of Using JewishGen
- Family Tree Programmes and Recording Data
- Making the Most of Visiting Archives
- Using UK Newspapers
- USA Jewish Genealogy
- Getting the Most out of Family Search
- Eastern Europe - Where are the Records?
- Genealogy in Western Europe
- Using Maps and Directories for Genealogy
- Paid for Websites, Networking Lists & Forums, Blogs, Webinars

MENTORING

JGSGB operates a mentoring service, through which experienced members guide novices. There have been 6 new requests during the year (and there is currently no waiting list for mentors. The service is administered by Jeanette Rosenberg OBE.

OUTREACH AND COOPERATION

Apart from its online presence, JGSGB has provided speakers to external organisations, including synagogue groups, Jewish communal organisations, and local and national groups with genealogical interests. Virtual stands were established at the Online Family History Show in February and provided an in-person presence at the Family History Show in October. Talks were given to several synagogues and other UK and US family history societies.

A beginners' workshop was also held at Willesden Cemetery at their House of Life Visitors Centre. Two workshops were also held at Westminster Synagogue.

The lead in this external presence has been generously provided by Jeanette Rosenberg OBE and Mark Nicholls. In 2024, meetings were a mix of in-person and virtual. Meetings were also recorded and video recordings were published on JGSGB's website.

JGSGB is a member of the Family History Federation and is affiliated to the international organisation FamilyTreeDNA.

Internationally, JGSGB is affiliated to the **International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies** (IAJGS), which provides support and advice to over 70 other similar societies.

GENEALOGICAL ENQUIRIES

JGSGB receives many enquiries from members of the public (and a few from people who are already members) seeking help with their genealogical work. These are generously and expertly handled by Geoff Munitz with holiday cover provided by Jessica Feinstein. The number of enquiries reported to Council for the year 2024 was 142 (down on last year's total of 162). The range of topics was very wide, including for example how to find records of Jewish servicemen (in several wars), finding marriage authorisations, the records of synagogues, and interpreting DNA results. Two enquirers joined JGSGB as a result of their enquiries and one enquirer sent a donation of £25, though no charge is made for the service). Several sought copies of JGSGB's list of professional researchers, which has been updated.

AWARDS

GSGB is able to present three annual awards. In each case, nominations for potential recipients are reviewed by a Committee of experts. These were the awards presented at the 2024 AGM:

The Rabbi Dr Bernard Susser Award for an outstanding publication by a member of the Society during the year was not awarded, there being no eligible entrants this year.

The Susser Award Committee was chaired by Geoff Munitz.

The Ronny Brickman Award for the most interesting article written by a member in Shemot during the year was presented to Derek Stavrou for his article entitled "The house on Dekerta Street" -Vol 31,1 p13.

The Brickman Award Committee was also chaired by Geoff Munitz

The David Hyman Prize was established in 2021, by a bequest from the late Dr David Hyman, to acknowledge Jewish genealogy in UK communities outside London. There were no nominations for the David Hyman Prize in 2024.

The Hyman Award Committee is chaired by Michael Tobias OBE.

ADMISSIONS TO THE JGSGB ROLL OF HONOUR

The following were admitted to the JGSGB Roll of Honour:

- **Hazel Atlass** in recognition of her activities organising Member events and her work on the Programme Committee over many years, Chairmanship of the Chilterns Regional Group, outstanding service as former Membership Secretary and Member of Council, and as an outreach speaker for the Society.
- **Michael Kaye** in recognition of his outstanding service as Webmaster for our Society, including the provision of invaluable technology advice and support, over many years.

The Roll of Honour Committee is chaired by Laurence Harris.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE – JGSGB’S STRATEGY

JGSGB has a strategy for its structure and activities for the period 2021 to 2025. This strategy is organised under three ‘pillars’: Enduring Identity, Improving Access, and Expanding Content. The Strategy document was adopted in 2021 and was described in detail in the annual report of that year. An strategy review and update is in progress, and it is planned to that this will be completed in 2025.

The JGSGB Strategy sub-committee is chaired by Laurence Harris.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Council has confirmed that its members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of all relevant financial information and that they have provided Goldwins Limited with all such information.

Goldwins Limited have examined the 2024 accounts and their report is given below. They have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

The key factors affecting the Society’s 2024 results are:

- *The increase in interest rates allowed the Society to take advantage of fixed term Lloyds bank deposits. Interest earned in the year amounted to £1,970.*
- *The Honigwachs Library, valued at £1,719, was donated free of charge to the Wiener Library.*
- *The new website went live in mid-December and has been working well. The total cost of £10,200 will be depreciated over 5 years at 20% pa. The fees paid to our website designer Beachshore amounted to £6,000. The balance of £4,200 was paid to Dworkin Consulting who undertook the project management role in the autumn of 2024. Dworkin Consulting is a “connected party” to Leigh Dworkin who is a trustee of JGSGB..*
- *There being no suitable recipient, payment of the £1,000 Hyman prize was deferred to the following year.*

- *Membership fees received have fallen by £2,766 during the year. Timing differences because of our policy of Rolling Renewals has reduced this fall to £1,717. Council decided not to increase fees. However, an annual charge is being made for Shemot postage for those members who require a physical copy.*

In terms of Income surplus for unrestricted funds, the year came to £1,970, Against 2023, we recorded a fall in Income surplus of £1,598.

Together with this year's surplus, our total unrestricted funds are £91,173.

The David Hyman bequest stands at £8,000. No payment was made in 2024.

The material factors relating to unrestricted funds are as follows:

Material Factors	More income/ Less costs	More costs/ Less income
Higher Donations	£355	
Lower Subscriptions		£1,717
Disposal of Honigwachs Library to Wiener Library		£1,719
Higher postage and Stationery		£244
Higher Lloyds bank Fixed term deposit interest	£510	
Lower bank and credit card charges	£180	
No moving costs in 2024	£2,206	
Higher rental at Kent House		£1,023
Increased Examiner fee as per agreement		£240
Increased printing and distribution costs for Shemot		£146
Sum of other items	£240	
TOTALS	£3,491	£5,089

Council recommends that no change be made in the annual Subscription fee. There are however material expenditures indicated in the medium term for which reserves may be appropriate.

Council has reviewed the change in membership numbers shown on Page 3 of the Annual Report. It regards some loss of membership as inevitable in a Society whose membership is ageing.

It sees the desirability of there being more Council members to share the responsibility of being Trustees of the Society but sees no other uncertainties of concern.

APPROVAL

This Report was approved by the Council of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain on *31st July 2025*, the Council being the Society's Trustees, and is signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Leiza Dushkin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chair and Trustee

31st July. 2025



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the 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.

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5 August 2025

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
Statement of financial activities

(incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Note						
Income from:							
Charitable activities	2	19,027	-	19,027	20,648	-	20,648
Invstment income	3	1,907	-	1,907	1,047	-	1,047
Total income		20,934	-	20,934	21,695	-	21,695
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities:	4	18,964	-	18,964	18,127	-	18,127
Total expenditure		18,964	-	18,964	18,127	-	18,127
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year	5	1,970	-	1,970	3,568	-	3,568
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		1,970	-	1,970	3,568	-	3,568
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,970	-	1,970	3,568	-	3,568
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		89,203	8,000	97,203	85,635	8,000	93,635
Total funds carried forward		91,173	8,000	99,173	89,203	8,000	97,203

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

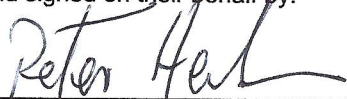
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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	8		<u>32,431</u>		<u>25,294</u>
			32,431		25,294
Current assets:					
Debtors	9	2,747		1,622	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>75,953</u>		<u>79,505</u>	
		78,700		81,127	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(11,958)</u>		<u>(9,218)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>66,742</u>		<u>71,909</u>
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			-		-
Total net assets			<u>99,173</u>		<u>97,203</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	12	8,000		8,000	
Unrestricted funds		<u>91,173</u>		<u>89,203</u>	
Total funds			<u>99,173</u>		<u>97,203</u>

Approved by the trustees on 31-7-2025
and signed on their behalf by:


Peter Heilbrunn

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the JGSGB'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) (effective 1 January 2019)". The JGSGB is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The JGSGB has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the JGSGB. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain assets at a valuation. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the JGSGB has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the JGSGB has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Assets for distribution are recognised only when distributed. Assets given for use by the JGSGB are recognised when receivable. Stocks of undistributed donated goods are not valued for balance sheet purposes.

Members subscriptions are brought in as income in the year to which they relate and only to the extent that they are received.

d) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds. Charitable activities include both direct and support costs relating to these activities. The charity is not registered for VAT so all expenses shown in the SOFA and notes to the accounts are shown gross (inclusive of VAT).

e) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

General library no depreciation	no depreciation
Honigwachs library	no depreciation
Equipment	33.3% SL
Website	20% SL

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the JGSGB reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

g) Debtors

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

h) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash 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.

i) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) 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.

k) Critical accounting estimates and judgement

In the application of the JGSGB's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the view of the Trustees, there are no significant accounting estimates and judgements applied.

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2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Members' subscriptions	14,645	-	14,645	16,363	-	16,363
Activities	568	-	568	842	-	842
Donations	988	-	988	633	-	633
Gift Aid	2,356	-	2,356	2,257	-	2,257
Other income	470	-	470	553	-	553
Total income from charitable activities	19,027	-	19,027	20,648	-	20,648

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest received	1,907	-	1,907	1,047	-	1,047
Total investment income	1,907	-	1,907	1,047	-	1,047

4 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	1,803	-	1,803	-	-	-
Administration and sundry expenses	898	-	898	903	-	903
Activities	1,125	-	1,125	1,101	-	1,101
Rent and book purchases	4,018	-	4,018	2,977	-	2,977
Bank and credit card costs	296	-	296	407	-	407
Shemot	6,090	-	6,090	5,944	-	5,944
Exhibitions	165	-	165	173	-	173
Newsletter	189	-	189	208	-	208
Moving costs	-	-	-	2,015	-	2,015
Insurances	943	-	943	870	-	870
Affiliation fees	677	-	677	445	-	445
DNA tests	84	-	84	-	-	-
Website and computer costs	996	-	996	1,092	-	1,092
Publicity	-	-	-	552	-	552
Independent examination	1,680	-	1,680	1,440	-	1,440
Total expenditure	18,964	-	18,964	18,127	-	18,127

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5 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation	-	-
Independent examiner's remuneration	1,400	1,200

6 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses.

During the year £4,200 was paid to Dworkin Consulting, who undertook the project management role of the website in the autumn of 2024. Dworkin Consulting is a "connected party" to Leigh Dworkin, who is a trustee of JGSGB. None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the JGSGB in 2023.

During the year £1,953 was reimbursed to 6 trustees (2023: £2,867 to 3 trustees) in respect of expenses incurred for the Charitable activities on behalf of the JGSGB.

7 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2023: None).

8 Tangible fixed assets

	General library £	Honigwachs library £	New Website £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At the start of the year	22,315	1,719	1,260	5,094	30,388
Additions in year	-	-	8,940	-	8,940
Disposals in year	-	-	-	-	-
At the end of the year	22,315	1,719	10,200	5,094	39,328
Depreciation					
At the start of the year	-	-	-	5,094	5,094
Charge for the year	-	1,719	84	-	1,803
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	-
At the end of the year	-	1,719	84	5,094	6,897
Net book value					
At the end of the year	22,315	-	10,116	-	32,431
At the start of the year	22,315	1,719	-	-	25,294

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	2,747	1,622
	2,747	1,622

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income	6,155	7,745
Other creditors	3,943	33
Accruals	1,860	1,440
	11,958	9,218

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Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at the beginning of the year	7,745	8,288
Amount released to income in the year	(7,745)	(8,288)
Amount deferred in the year	6,155	7,745
Balance at the end of the year	<u>6,155</u>	<u>7,745</u>

Deferred income is recognised when members subscription income received in the current year relates to subsequent financial years. This is in order to match as far as possible the incoming resources with the relevant expenditure.

11 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the JGSGB. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the JGSGB and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

In 2019, the trustees decided that the Endowment reserve be transferred to unrestricted funds as the purpose for which the Endowment was given has now been fully realised.

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	32,431	-	32,431
Net current assets	58,742	8,000	66,742
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>91,173</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>99,173</u>

12a Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year).

	General unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	25,294	-	25,294
Net current assets	63,909	8,000	71,909
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>89,203</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>97,203</u>

13 Movements in funds

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
David Hyman bequest	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Total restricted funds	<u>8,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	89,203	20,934	(18,964)	-	91,173
Total unrestricted funds	<u>89,203</u>	<u>20,934</u>	<u>(18,964)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,173</u>

13a Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
David Hyman bequest	9,000	-	(1,000)	-	8,000
Total restricted funds	<u>9,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	85,635	21,695	(18,127)	-	89,203
Total unrestricted funds	<u>85,635</u>	<u>21,695</u>	<u>(18,127)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,203</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

The David Hyman bequest will be used to fund an annual prize of £1,000 for best genealogical contribution on one of the provincial Jewish communities of the UK between 1750 and 1900.

14 Related party transactions

Aggregate membership payments and donations received from related parties without conditions amounted to £Nil (2023:£Nil) for the year.