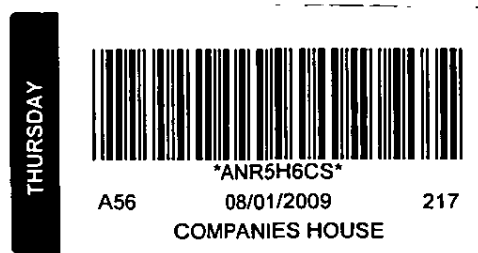


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OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 JULY 2008



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OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

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PRESIDENT

Dr David Ariel

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OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

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OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2008

The Governors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2008.

Objective of the Charity

The principal activity of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies ('the Centre') is the advancement of research and education in the field of Hebrew and Jewish Studies. The Centre is sometimes referred to as "the Charity" in the accounts. A full review of the Centre's activities setting out the achievements of the Centre in meeting its objectives is contained in the separately published academic report for the academic year ending 30 September 2008.

Organisational and decision-making structure

All major decisions of the Centre are authorised by its Board of Governors which meets not less than 3 times each year. Other main decision making committees, which all report to the Board of Governors, are the Academic Advisory, Finance, Fund Raising and Library Committees.

Charitable status and associated charity

The Centre is a registered charity (no. 309720) and has no liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities. The Centre is administered under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Centre is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Each member undertakes to subscribe £1 in the event of a winding up of the company. The income and property of the Centre must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Centre. The Yarnton Trust is an associated trust governed under a separate trust deed and is a registered charity (no. 278877). The Centre and The Yarnton Trust are together referred to as "the Group". However, following the approval on 22 May 2008 by the Charity Commission of a Uniting Direction, The Yarnton Trust will no longer produce separate accounts after 31 July 2008.

Operating locations

Most of the full-time fellows teach and carry out research at the Hebrew and Jewish Studies Unit of the University of Oxford ('the Unit'). The Unit's premises are located in the Oriental Institute building in the centre of Oxford. At the Yarnton Manor campus, 4 miles from the centre of Oxford, accommodation, a major research library, teaching and administrative support are provided for the Centre's fellows and other teachers, visiting scholars and students. Numerous related academic activities occur during the year at both locations, including seminars, lectures and conferences. The Looted Art Research Unit is located in London.

Investment powers

Under paragraph 10 of the Memorandum of Association, the Centre has the power to invest money, not immediately required for its purposes, in or upon such investments, securities or property as the Governors think fit. The Yarnton Trust has the power to invest money under its trust deed as the Trustees think fit.

Financial Review

Statements of financial activities ('SOFAs') for the year have been produced on pages 6 and 7 showing movements on unrestricted, designated, restricted and endowment funds. The consolidated Group deficit, on page 8, for the year was £942,927 (2007: £386,604). Group funds at the end of the year were £9,838,616 (2007: £10,368,227), a decrease of £529,611 in the year.

Funds and reserves policy

In accordance with the relevant SORP, the Centre's funds are shown in the SOFA and at the balance sheet date the Governors are of the opinion that the funds are adequate to fulfill the current obligations of the Centre and during the 12 months from the date of this report. The Centre aims to build up its endowment reserves in order to produce more certain regular income for its activities.

Since the financial year end, the severe fall in Global equities has had a severe impact upon the value of the Centre's investments and future endowment income will become reduced and less certain.

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2008 (Continued)

At 31 July 2008, the Centre had a deficit on unrestricted reserves of £335,398 despite having net reserves of £9,838,616. The Governors are aware of this deficit and plan to remedy this position through the following measures:

- 1) a new President has been appointed with effect from 1 October 2008, Dr David Ariel, from the United States of America, with a specific remit to raise funds;
- 2) the awarding in late September of a Grant from a major foundation of £235,500 per annum for two years;
- 3) further reorganisation of the administration department which will lead to additional cost savings of £40,000 per annum;
- 4) the Governors will apply to the Charity Commission for agreement to borrow £800,000 held within the Expendable Endowment Fund to allow us to implement the recovery plan.

Fund-raising activities

The Centre received donations of £1,480,192 (2007: £1,279,419) during the year. Furthermore, total endowment donations of £1,757,000 were received in the year (2007: £20,278). The vast majority of this related to the receipt of 650,000 ordinary shares in Hansard Global Plc, then valued at £1,755,000 and currently paying a dividend of £72,000 per annum. The Centre has agreements with two individuals to raise funds on behalf of the Charity. Payment of commission on funds raised (excluding Hansard Global shares) in accordance with these agreements amounted to £16,856 (2007: £11,850).

Under the various related agreements with the University and Colleges, it is intended that these grants will continue for the foreseeable future.

Risk review

The Centre carries out an annual assessment of major risks which are reviewed periodically by a committee of Governors. In the view of the Governors, risk management and internal controls are appropriate for the Centre's activities.

Strategic objectives

The Governors aim to:

- build on the achievements of the Centre and to continue to meet the highest standards of academic excellence;
- maintain and highlight the strong position of Oxford University in Jewish studies. The Centre made contributions to the University of Oxford towards the running costs of the Oriental Institute, for remuneration of Centre fellows who are also members of the Unit and for student fees relating to the Master of Studies degree "MSt" programme and various Oxford Colleges for fee arrangements relating to the MSt degree programme.
- enhance further the role of the Leopold Muller Memorial Library as a major source of research material, particularly in modern Jewish history.
- continue to expand the Centre's endowment capital, especially for the purpose of funding fellowships and graduate student scholarships.
- develop further the facilities of the Yarnton Manor estate and to increase its role as an academic study and conference centre.
- develop co-operation with other institutions engaged in postgraduate teaching and research in the Centre's fields of endeavour.

Future Plans

The Centre will continue its programme of academic activities. During 2009-2011 the Centre will host a major visiting fellows program.

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2008 (Continued)

Governors' responsibilities

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Centre and of the surplus or deficit of the Centre for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Centre will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Centre. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Centre and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with company law, as the Centre's Governors we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Centre's auditors are unaware; and
- as the Governors of the Centre we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Investment funds

The Group's investments comprise cash, securities and property. Barclays Wealth (previously Gerrard Investment Management Ltd.) has continued to manage the Group's securities.

At 31 July 2008, the total value of all the Centre's investment funds was £6,868,921 (2007: £7,086,624). In addition, the Centre has invested £1,215,000 in properties on the Yarnton Estate.

The Permanent Endowment Fund of the Centre

The investment objective of the fund is to maximise income but with retention of capital values in real terms over the longer term. The total value of the fund as at 31 July 2008 was £1,416,502 (2007: £1,482,281) showing a decrease of £65,779 which represents a depreciation of 4%. The value of the funds held by Barclays Wealth is £743,533, a cash holding of £22,969, and £650,000 is investment in development of Manor Farm accommodation. During the year the fund produced a gross income of £63,614.

The Expendable Endowment Fund of the Centre

The investment objective of the fund is to obtain the maximum total return considered prudent but with a preference for income. At 31 July 2008 the value of the fund held by Barclays Wealth was £3,840,072, a further £565,000 of the fund was invested in a residential property and a cash holding of £7,749 making the total value of the fund £4,412,820 (2007: £5,083,323), a decrease of £670,497 which represents a depreciation of 13.2%. During the year, the fund produced a gross income of £174,110.

The Permanent Endowment Fund of The Yarnton Trust

The investment objective of the fund is to maximise income but with retention of capital values in real terms over the longer term. The total value of the fund as at 31 July 2008 was £438,021 (2007: £529,779) showing a decrease of £91,758 which represents a depreciation of 17.3%. During the year, the fund produced a gross income of £23,410.

The Expendable Endowment Fund of The Yarnton Trust

The investment objective of the fund is to obtain the maximum total return considered prudent but with a preference for income. The total value of the fund as at 31 July 2008 was £961,195 (2007: £1,127,265) a decrease of £166,073 which represents a depreciation of 14.7%. During the year, the fund produced a gross income of £37,293.

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2008 (Continued)

Directors and Governors

The Governors (who are also directors of the charitable company) set out below have held office for the whole of the period from 1 August 2007 to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr Martin Blackman, The Lord Marks of Broughton, Mr Michael Garston, Dr John Muddiman, HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal and The Lord Weidenfeld resign and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Mr Stanley Fink (Co-Chairman)
Mr George Pinto (Co-Chairman)
Professor Hugh Williamson (Vice-Chairman)
Professor Shlomo Ben-Ami
Mr Martin Blackman
Professor Baruch Blumberg
Mrs Elizabeth Corob (resigned 19 December 2007)
Mr Michael Garston
Sir Richard Greenbury
The Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank
Professor Martin Goodman
Dr Alfred Gottschalk
Professor Alan Jones
Mr David Joseph QC (appointed 19 December 2007)
Dr Paul Joyce
Mr David Lewis
The Lord Marks of Broughton
Dr John Muddiman

Mr Peter Oppenheimer (resigned 1 October 2008)
Mr Martin Paisner
Mr Dan Patterson
Mr Daniel Peltz
HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal
Sir Bernard Rix
Mr Stuart Roden (appointed 24 June 2008)
Mr Charles Sebag-Montefiore
Dr David Taylor
Mr Dennis Trevelyan (resigned 9 June 2008)
Dr Diana Walford (resigned 19 December 2007)
Mr Roger Wingate
The Lord Weidenfeld

Appointment of University Board Governors

The following bodies have the power to appoint members of the Board of Governors in accordance with the Articles of Association.

The Humanities Board of the University of Oxford (two members). The current appointees are Dr Paul Joyce and Professor Hugh Williamson.

The Oriental Studies Board of the University of Oxford (two members). The current appointees are Professor Martin Goodman and Dr David Taylor.

Governor Appointments, Induction and Training

Governors are also Trustees of the charity. Appointments are made by the Board giving proper regard to the range of skills and experience needed to govern the charity. On appointment, Governors are provided with copies of the Centre's governing documents, annual reports and other current relevant material. Ongoing legal, investment and other advice is thereafter provided to Governors as appropriate.

Auditors

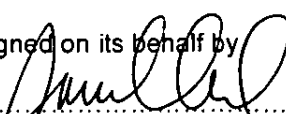
Wenn Townsend have signified their willingness to continue in office as the Centre's auditors and a resolution proposing their reappointment will be put forward at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Board of Governors.

Post Balance Event

Other than the note on page 2 concerning the Centre's funds and reserves policy, there were no significant events to report.

Approved by the Board of Governors on 16 December 2008.

Signed on its behalf by


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Dr David Ariel, President

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

We have audited the financial statements of Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies ('the Centre') for the year ended 31 July 2008 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the Centre's Governors, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Centre's Governors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Centre and the Centre's Governors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of governors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Governors' Responsibilities, the Governors (who are also the directors of the Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the Governors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Governors' Annual Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Centre has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding Governors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Governors' Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Governors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Centre's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Group and Centre's affairs as at 31 July 2008, and of the Group and Centre's incoming resources and application of resources, including the Group's income and expenditure in the year then ended; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.
- the information given in the Governors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

Wenn Townsend

Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Oxford

16 December 2008

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHARITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2008**

Charity	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
Income							
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>							
Voluntary income		244,459	3,440	1,232,143	150	1,480,192	1,279,419
Less: deferred income	13	-	-	(561,570)	-	(561,570)	(577,096)
		244,459	3,440	670,573	150	918,622	702,323
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2	64,611	4,860	-	-	69,471	84,793
<i>Investment income</i>	2.1	-	-	516	284,151	284,667	245,689
Grant from The Yarnton Trust		-	-	-	61,293	61,293	67,440
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	2.2	96,468	52,299	349,035	-	497,802	421,036
<i>Other incoming resources</i>		-	-	2,000	1,755,000	1,757,000	20,278
Total incoming resources		405,538	60,599	1,022,124	2,100,594	3,588,855	1,541,559
Resources expended							
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3	146,067	-	26,890	12,573	185,530	249,589
<i>Charitable activities</i>	4	758,005	49,977	1,049,003	-	1,856,985	1,587,984
<i>Governance costs</i>	5	110,011	13	5	-	110,029	69,352
Total resources expended		1,014,083	49,990	1,075,898	12,573	2,152,544	1,906,925
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(608,545)	10,609	(53,774)	2,088,021	1,436,311	(365,366)
Net transfers between funds	18	156,638	10,300	124,279	(291,217)	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before revaluations and investment asset disposals		(451,907)	20,909	70,505	1,796,804	1,436,311	(365,366)
Gains and losses on revaluations and disposals of investment assets							
Investment property	10	-	-	-	-	-	10,500
Fixed asset investments realised losses	11	-	-	-	(157,370)	(157,370)	43,999
Fixed asset investments unrealised losses		-	-	-	(1,550,721)	(1,550,721)	260,087
Net movement in funds for the year		(451,907)	20,909	70,505	88,713	(271,780)	(50,780)
Fund balances at 1 August 2007		116,509	20,866	117,106	8,456,699	8,711,180	8,761,960
Fund balances at 31 July 2008		(335,398)	41,775	187,611	8,545,412	8,439,400	8,711,180

The notes on pages 10 to 23 form part of these accounts.

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2008**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
Income							
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>							
Voluntary income		244,459	3,440	1,232,143	150	1,480,192	1,279,419
Less: deferred income	13	-	-	(561,570)	-	(561,570)	(577,096)
		<u>244,459</u>	<u>3,440</u>	<u>670,573</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>918,622</u>	<u>702,323</u>
Activities for generating funds	2	64,611	4,860	-	-	69,471	84,793
Investment income	2.1	-	-	516	344,854	345,370	326,622
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2.2	96,468	52,299	349,035	-	497,802	421,036
Other incoming resources		-	-	2,000	1,755,000	1,757,000	20,278
Total incoming resources		<u>405,538</u>	<u>60,599</u>	<u>1,022,124</u>	<u>2,100,004</u>	<u>3,588,265</u>	<u>1,555,052</u>
Resources expended							
Cost of generating funds	3	146,067	-	26,890	16,913	189,870	256,438
Charitable activities	4	758,005	49,977	1,049,003	-	1,856,985	1,587,984
Governance costs	5	110,011	13	5	-	110,029	69,352
Total resources expended		<u>1,014,083</u>	<u>49,990</u>	<u>1,075,898</u>	<u>16,913</u>	<u>2,156,884</u>	<u>1,913,774</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(608,545)	10,609	(53,774)	2,083,091	1,431,381	(358,722)
Net transfers between funds	18	156,638	10,300	124,279	(291,217)	-	-
Net incoming resources before revaluations and investment assets disposals		<u>(451,907)</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>70,505</u>	<u>1,791,874</u>	<u>1,431,381</u>	<u>(358,722)</u>
Gains and losses on revaluations and disposals of investment assets							
Investment property	10	-	-	-	-	-	10,500
Fixed asset investments realised losses	11	-	-	-	(194,440)	(194,440)	53,808
Fixed asset investments unrealised losses		-	-	-	(1,766,552)	(1,766,552)	328,932
Net movement in funds for the year		<u>(451,907)</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>70,505</u>	<u>(169,118)</u>	<u>(529,611)</u>	<u>34,518</u>
Fund balances at 1 August 2007		116,509	20,866	117,106	10,113,746	10,368,227	10,333,709
Fund balances at 31 July 2008		<u>(335,398)</u>	<u>41,775</u>	<u>187,611</u>	<u>9,944,628</u>	<u>9,838,616</u>	<u>10,368,227</u>

Consolidated figures represent the Group, which combines the Centre and The Yarnton Trust.

The notes on page 10 to 23 form part of these accounts.

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

**CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2008**

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Gross income from continuing operations – unrestricted, restricted and designated funds	2	1,488,261	1,218,048
Transfer from endowment funds		(291,217)	281,457
Total expenditure of continuing operations		(2,139,971)	(1,886,109)
Total net expenditure for the year		<u><u>(942,927)</u></u>	<u><u>(386,604)</u></u>

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2008**

	2008 £	2007 £
Net expenditure from income and expenditure account (as above)	(942,927)	(386,604)
Capital increases in endowment funds	1,791,873	27,883
Net realised (losses)/gains on endowment fund investment	(194,440)	53,808
Net realised gains on sale of investment properties	-	723,953
Total realised net gains/(losses) for the year	<u><u>654,506</u></u>	<u><u>(304,913)</u></u>
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on endowment fund investments	(1,766,552)	328,932
Total recognised net (losses)/gains for the year	<u><u>(1,112,046)</u></u>	<u><u>24,019</u></u>

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OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2008

	Note	2008 £	Group 2007 £	2008 £	Charity 2007 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	9	2,606,732	2,590,647	2,606,732	2,590,647
Investment property	10	1,215,000	1,175,000	1,215,000	1,175,000
Investments	11	6,868,921	7,086,624	5,475,409	5,440,823
		<u>10,690,653</u>	<u>10,852,271</u>	<u>9,297,142</u>	<u>9,206,470</u>
Current assets					
Debtors – falling due within one year	12	80,414	41,068	74,713	28,555
Bank deposit – general		860,786	295,715	860,782	295,712
		<u>941,200</u>	<u>336,783</u>	<u>935,495</u>	<u>324,267</u>
Current liabilities					
Creditors – falling due within one year	13	(792,331)	(820,827)	(792,331)	(819,557)
Bank overdraft	13	(1,000,906)	-	(1,000,906)	-
		<u>(852,037)</u>	<u>(484,044)</u>	<u>(857,742)</u>	<u>(495,290)</u>
Net current assets					
		<u>(852,037)</u>	<u>(484,044)</u>	<u>(857,742)</u>	<u>(495,290)</u>
Net assets		<u>9,838,616</u>	<u>10,368,227</u>	<u>8,439,400</u>	<u>8,711,180</u>
Capital funds					
Endowments	14	9,944,628	10,113,746	8,545,412	8,456,699
Income funds					
Unrestricted	15	(335,398)	116,509	(335,398)	116,509
Designated	16	41,775	20,866	41,775	20,866
Restricted	17	187,611	117,106	187,611	117,106
		<u>9,838,616</u>	<u>10,368,227</u>	<u>8,439,400</u>	<u>8,711,180</u>

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The notes on pages 10 to 23 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board of Governors and signed on its behalf on 16 December 2008


Dr David Ariel – President

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2008

1 **Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting Standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 1985.

(a) **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments and investment property.

(b) **Income**

Income has been credited to the Income and Expenditure account on the following basis:

- Donations and dividends are recognised on a receivable basis, and include any income tax recoverable;
- Unrestricted income allocated for a specific purpose by the Centre is treated as a designated fund;
- Donations received for specific purposes, restricted on a time basis, are carried forward as deferred income and matched with related expenditure;
- Interest on an accruals basis;
- Rents on an accruals basis.

(c) **Fixed Assets**

Freehold land and buildings are capitalised in the financial statements, but are not depreciated as the buildings are maintained to such a standard that their estimated residual value is not less than their carrying value. An annual impairment review is carried out by the Governors to ensure that this continues to be the case.

All other assets are written off to the income and expenditure account in the year of acquisition.

(d) **Investment Properties**

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value based on periodical valuations. This accounting policy is in accordance with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice (SSAP 19), Accounting for Investment Properties. However, this is a departure from the general requirement of the Companies Act 1985 for all tangible assets to be depreciated. It is the opinion of the Governors that compliance with the Standard (SSAP 19) is necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view.

(e) **Investments**

Listed investments are stated at open market value. Net realised and unrealised gains and losses on investment assets are accounted for as part of the related funds when they occur, the calculation having been based on open market value.

(f) **Taxation**

The Centre is a charitable institution with exemption from taxation on its charitable activities under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(g) **Foreign currencies**

Donations received in currencies other than sterling have been included at the rates obtained on conversion.

(h) **Operating leases**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account over the term of the lease.

(i) **Pension costs**

The Centre accounts for pensions contributions as if payments were being made to defined contribution pension schemes. As a result, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

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(j) Allocation of costs to Resources Expended

Specific items of expenses are attributed to the appropriate category of:

- cost of Generating Funds are the costs associated with generating incoming resources from all sources other than undertaking charitable activities;
- charitable activities are the resources applied by the Centre in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives;
- governance costs are costs that relate to the general running of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements;
- support costs have been allocated to activity cost categories on a consistent basis, e.g. staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(k) Basis of allocation of costs between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds

Costs are specifically recognised as being unrestricted or restricted and are allocated appropriately.

(l) Basis of Consolidation

The financial statements for the Centre and The Yarnton Trust, which donates funds to the Centre, are consolidated as the Centre has control over The Yarnton Trust. The Centre's Governors appoint the Trustees of The Yarnton Trust.

(m) Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are:

- unrestricted general funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Governors;
- designated funds which are funds set aside by the Governors out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects;
- restricted funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity as specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes;
- endowment funds which are capital funds where, apart from expendable endowments, there is normally no power to spend the capital as if it was unrestricted income.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of the funds is included, where practicable, in the notes to the financial statements.

(n) Gifts in kind

Properties, investments and other fixed assets donated to the charity are included as donation income at market value at the time of receipt.

2. Income

The results for the year are attributable to the principal activity, the advancement of education and research in the field of Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

Other incoming resources include hire of premises and accommodation, charges for minibus usage, photocopying and other office costs.

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2.1 Investment income

Investment income comprises

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
Dividends and interest	-	-	516	288,317	288,833	300,222
Income from investment properties	-	-	-	56,537	56,537	26,400
	-	-	516	344,854	345,370	326,622

2.2 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
Conferences, student fees accommodation and library funding	96,468	6,851	218,830	-	322,149	278,519
Looted Art Research Unit	-	-	130,205	-	130,205	102,023
Journal of Jewish Studies	-	45,448	-	-	45,448	40,494
	96,468	52,299	349,035	-	497,802	421,036

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
3 Costs of generating funds						
Advertising and fundraising	66,457	-	-	-	66,457	70,502
Postage and stationery	8,489	-	-	-	8,489	8,350
Printing	6,172	-	-	-	6,172	52,509
Support costs	64,949	-	26,890	-	91,839	97,413
	146,067	-	26,890	-	172,957	228,774
Investment management						
Investment management fees	-	-	-	16,913	16,913	27,664
	146,067	-	26,890	16,913	189,870	256,438

Commission payments to fundraisers were made during the year, Dr S Brichto £8,428 (2007: £5,925) and Mr A Byrne £8,428 (2007: £5,925). Mrs C Brichto of CB Event Production received fees in respect of the annual fundraising dinner amounting to £15,000 (2007: £15,000). Mrs Brichto also received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £967 (2007: £239).

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
4 Charitable activities						
Academic	251,043	42,005	536,315	-	829,363	581,131
Yarnton Manor Estate facilities	417,462	4,401	40,836	-	462,699	487,970
Master of Jewish Studies degree	-	-	257,868	-	257,868	220,760
Library	89,500	3,571	82,629	-	175,700	172,688
Looted Art Research Unit	-	-	108,093	-	108,093	102,023
Hebrew and Jewish Studies Unit	-	-	23,262	-	23,262	23,412
	758,005	49,977	1,049,003	-	1,856,985	1,587,984

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	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
5 Governance costs						
Finance charges	11,346	13	5	-	11,364	6,898
Professional charges	20,993	-	-	-	20,993	19,872
	<u>32,339</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,357</u>	<u>26,770</u>
Internal governance costs	77,672	-	-	-	77,672	42,583
	<u>110,011</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,029</u>	<u>69,352</u>

Professional charges include audit fees of £9,000 (2007: £8,526).

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
6 Further analysis of total resources expended, between staff and other costs				
Costs of generating funds	78,804	111,066	189,870	256,438
Charitable activities				
Academic	464,861	364,528	829,389	581,131
Yarnton Manor Estate Facilities	261,739	200,934	462,673	487,970
Master of Jewish Studies Degree	133,936	123,932	257,868	220,760
Library	126,922	48,778	175,700	172,688
Looted Art Research Unit	58,277	49,816	108,093	102,023
Hebrew and Jewish Studies Unit	4,935	18,327	23,262	23,412
	<u>1,050,669</u>	<u>806,316</u>	<u>1,856,985</u>	<u>1,587,984</u>
Governance costs				
Finance and professional charges	-	32,357	32,357	26,770
Internal governance costs	50,948	26,724	77,672	42,582
	<u>50,948</u>	<u>59,081</u>	<u>110,029</u>	<u>69,352</u>
	<u>1,180,421</u>	<u>976,463</u>	<u>2,156,884</u>	<u>1,913,774</u>

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7 Governors' Remuneration

The President

	2008 £	2007 £
Salary (excluding employers' national insurance)	48,679	65,013
Pension contributions	6,815	9,102
Other benefits – private health care	-	-
	<u>55,494</u>	<u>74,115</u>

The President retired from his pensionable post on 17 April 2008 and undertook consultancy services for the period 1 May to 31 July 2008 for which he was paid £11,000 in fees.

Expenses of £1,110 (2007: £2,083) were reimbursed to or paid on behalf of the President.

Professor M Goodman is a Fellow and Governor. He received a teaching stipend from the Centre of £2,000 (2007: £2,000) and was reimbursed £443 (2007: £549) for expenses incurred on behalf of the Centre.

No other Governor received remuneration or expenses during the year.

The cost of Professional Indemnity, Governors' and Officers' Liability and Fidelity Guarantee insurance for the year is included in the total premium for the Fidelity Guarantee Policy, which also includes all staff, and is £1,917 (2007: £1,826).

8 Staff costs

	2008 £	2007 £
Wages and salaries	994,800	883,478
Social security costs	78,415	69,315
Other pension contributions	107,206	100,471
	<u>1,180,421</u>	<u>1,053,264</u>

The above amounts include Governors' remuneration.

There were no other employees earning over £50,000 per annum.

Research stipends of £9,549 (2007: £7,611) were paid to visiting academics.

Salary grants of £206,049 (2007: £142,196) were paid to the University of Oxford which remunerated 6 of the Centre's Fellows, (none of whom were Governors during the period).

The average number of persons, including Governors, employed by the Centre during the year, including those working part-time on a long-term basis, were as follows:

	2008		2007	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Academic	12	3	10	2
Library	3	3	2	3
Administration	6	6	10	5
Domestic and maintenance	6	7	5	6
	<u>27</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>16</u>

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Group and Charity 2008	2007
	£	£
Freehold Land and Buildings		
Manor Farm - land	485,000	485,000
Manor Farm - buildings	751,731	735,646
	<u>1,236,731</u>	<u>1,220,646</u>
Yarnton Manor Estate		
- Yarnton Manor	1,000,000	1,000,000
- Ricardo House	370,000	370,000
	<u>1,370,000</u>	<u>1,370,000</u>
Books and equipment		
Library collections	1	1
	<u>2,606,732</u>	<u>2,590,647</u>

The assets are all used for the furtherance of the charity's objects in the advancement of education in the field of Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

Yarnton Manor Estate

Yarnton Manor was purchased during the year ended 31 July 1992 at a cost of £1 million from the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust. The Governors are of the opinion that the price paid was substantially below open market value then and at 31 July 2008. The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust has the right of first refusal if at any time in the period of 50 years ending on 7 May 2042 the Governors of the Centre decide to sell Yarnton Manor. The price to be paid by the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust would be £1 million plus the cost of any additional capital expenditure. Such additional capital expenditure was incurred in the building of Ricardo House.

In the event that Yarnton Manor is sold in the 50 year period and the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust exercises its right under the above agreement, that trust entered into a commitment, which is expressed not to be legally binding, to make a donation to the Centre of one half of any selling price received by the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust in excess of the re-purchase price paid to the Centre by the Trustees.

Library

The Library Collections have been written down to £1 with all subsequent expenditure written off as incurred. The Governors consider that any revaluation of these assets or any attempt to quantify their value would be misleading.

Equipment

In accordance with the accounting policies of the Centre, fixed assets purchased in the period were written down to zero.

Impairment review

In the opinion of the Governors, there have not been any events or changes in market value to indicate that the value of fixed assets have suffered impairment during the year.

Insured value

The total insured value of the assets of the Group, which are used to promote the objectives of the charity, at 31 July 2008, is £23,612,604 (2007: £22,283,273).

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10 Investment property

	Group and Charity	
	2008	2007
	£	£
Perry Orchard	565,000	565,000
Manor Farm, Phase 2	650,000	610,000
	<u>1,215,000</u>	<u>1,175,000</u>

Perry Orchard was purchased in July 2004. The Governors are of the opinion that there is no significant difference between the value shown in the accounts and the market value of Perry Orchard at 31st July 2008. Manor farm, Phase 2 was completed in the year. Again, the Governors are of the opinion that there is no significant difference between the value shown in the accounts and the market value of the property at 31st July 2008.

11 Movement in fixed asset investments

	Group 2008 £	Charity 2008 £
Market value at 1 August 2007	7,086,624	5,440,823
Disposals	(1,434,656)	(1,095,085)
Additions	2,997,205	2,710,185
Change in cash held by investment managers	116,091	62,928
Realised losses	(194,440)	(157,370)
Unrealised losses	(1,766,552)	(1,550,721)
Market value at 31 July 2008	<u>6,804,272</u>	<u>5,410,760</u>
Cash investment	64,649	64,649
	<u>6,868,921</u>	<u>5,475,409</u>

Included above are the following investment assets:

	Group	Charity
Investment assets in the United Kingdom	5,792,193	4,617,119
Investment assets outside the United Kingdom	1,076,728	858,290
	<u>6,868,921</u>	<u>5,475,409</u>

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**12 Debtors
Due within one year**

	Group		Charity	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Debtors	11,826	18,261	6,125	5,748
Prepayments and accrued income	68,588	22,807	68,588	22,807
	<u>80,414</u>	<u>41,068</u>	<u>74,713</u>	<u>28,555</u>

**13 Creditors
Due within one year:**

	Group		Charity	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Creditors - suppliers	14,650	14,943	14,650	14,943
Other creditors – taxation and social security	12,313	35,677	12,313	35,677
Accruals and income in advance	203,798	193,111	203,798	191,841
Deferred income	561,570	577,096	561,570	577,096
Bank overdraft	1,000,906	-	1,000,906	-
	<u>1,793,237</u>	<u>820,827</u>	<u>1,793,237</u>	<u>819,557</u>

Deferred income funds – movement in year

	Fellowships	Conferences/ Lectures	Scholarships	Total
	£	£	£	£
Opening balance at 1 August 2007	336,579	17,305	223,212	577,096
Income during the year	150,000	-	175,817	325,817
Released during the year	(186,682)	(7,305)	(147,356)	(341,343)
Closing balance at 31 July 2008	<u>299,897</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>251,673</u>	<u>561,570</u>

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14 Endowment Funds

	Balance 31 July 2007	New Investment & cash transfers	Net Incoming Resources	Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Unrestricted</i>	Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Restricted</i>	Net Realised Gains/Losses for the year	Net Unrealised Gains/Losses for the year	Balance 31 July 2008
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
CHARITY								
Expendable Endowments								
Applied for the purchase of property								
Stifung Benevolus	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
Anonymous	370,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	370,000
	<u>1,370,000</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>1,370,000</u>
Gift of land – Manor Farm	485,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	485,000
Expendable endowments								
MCA Fund – Barclays W. investments	4,510,892	-	149,592	(147,092)	(2,500)	(158,514)	(512,307)	3,840,071
MCA Fund – property investments	565,000	-	24,200	(24,200)	-	-	-	565,000
MCA Fund – cash investment	7,431	-	318	-	-	-	-	7,749
	<u>5,083,323</u>	-	<u>174,110</u>	<u>(171,292)</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>(158,514)</u>	<u>(512,307)</u>	<u>4,412,820</u>
The Polonsky Foundation, equities	-	1,755,000	32,500	-	(32,500)	-	(927,875)	827,125
David Patterson Lecture Series, Charifund Units sold	36,095	(33,065)	1,033	-	(1,033)	(3,030)	-	-
David Patterson Lecture Series, cash investment	-	33,065	900	-	-	-	-	33,965
Total Expendable Endowment Fund	<u>6,974,418</u>	<u>1,755,000</u>	<u>208,543</u>	<u>(171,292)</u>	<u>(36,033)</u>	<u>(161,544)</u>	<u>(1,440,182)</u>	<u>7,128,910</u>
Permanent Endowments								
Library								
Catherine Lewis & Simon Davis Library Fund	114,078	-	4,119	-	(4,119)	580	(14,837)	99,801
HRO Library Fund	19,980	-	721	-	(721)	98	(2,599)	17,479
Isaiah Berlin Library Fund	14,355	-	518	-	(518)	71	(1,867)	12,559
Fellowships/scholarships, Barclays W. investments								
David Patterson Fellowship in Jewish Law	358,871	-	12,959	-	(12,959)	1,783	(46,875)	313,959
Jacobs Fellowship	117,764	-	4,252	-	(4,252)	578	(15,317)	103,025
Mason Lectureship	113,398	-	4,095	-	(4,095)	557	(14,749)	99,206
Goldman Lecture fund	14,616	-	528	-	(528)	72	(1,901)	12,787
Dov Biegun Scholarship fund, part transferred to property	96,836	-	3,497	-	(3,497)	476	(12,595)	84,717
	<u>849,898</u>	-	<u>30,889</u>	-	<u>(30,889)</u>	<u>4,175</u>	<u>(110,540)</u>	<u>743,533</u>
Manor Farm, phase 2, property investment								
Miscellaneous Fund	421,124	-	20,951	(20,951)	-	-	-	421,124
Dov Biegun Scholarship Fund	188,876	40,000	11,386	-	(11,386)	-	-	228,876
	<u>610,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>32,337</u>	<u>(20,951)</u>	<u>(11,386)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,000</u>
David Patterson Memorial Scholarship, cash on deposit	22,383	-	586	-	-	-	-	22,969
Total Permanent Endowment Fund	<u>1,482,281</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>63,614</u>	<u>(20,951)</u>	<u>(40,075)</u>	<u>4,175</u>	<u>(110,540)</u>	<u>1,416,502</u>
Total Charity	<u>8,456,699</u>	<u>1,795,000</u>	<u>272,155</u>	<u>(192,243)</u>	<u>(78,108)</u>	<u>(157,369)</u>	<u>(1,550,722)</u>	<u>8,545,412</u>

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	Balance 31 July 2007	New Investment & cash transfers	Net Incoming Resources	Reallocated to Income & Expenditure Unrestricted	Reallocated to Income & Expenditure Restricted	Net Realised Gains/Losses for the year	Net Unrealised Gains/Losses for the year	Balance 31 July 2008
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Yarnton Trust								
Expendable Endowment								
Leopold Muller Memorial Library Fund	1,127,268	-	37,293	-	(36,884)	(39,628)	(126,854)	961,195
Permanent Endowments								
Kennedy Leigh Charitable Trust Fund	115,246	-	5,093	(6,254)	-	557	(19,355)	95,286
Leslie Paisner Memorial Fund	40,491	-	1,789	(2,197)	-	195	(6,800)	33,478
David Hyman Fellowship	106,869	-	4,722	-	(5,799)	516	(17,949)	88,359
Frank Green Fellowship	106,869	-	4,722	-	(5,799)	516	(17,949)	88,359
Jacob & Shoshana Schreiber Fellowship	160,304	-	7,084	-	(8,700)	774	(26,924)	132,538
	529,779	-	23,410	(8,451)	(20,298)	2,558	(88,977)	438,021
Total Yarnton Trust	1,657,047	-	60,703	(8,451)	(57,182)	(37,070)	(215,831)	1,399,216
Total Group	10,113,746	1,795,000	332,858	(200,694)	(135,290)	(194,439)	(1,766,553)	9,944,628

The MCA Endowment Fund is a separate fund for the purposes of advancing education in Hebrew and Jewish Studies. The donor of the original grant of £3,000,000 specified that the capital, which is to be invested on professional advice in order to obtain the maximum long-term total return (net of any tax) which is regarded from time to time as a prudent target for the Fund, may be spent provided that:

- (1) the total of income, realised and unrealised gains spent in any full financial year of the Centre does not exceed 8% of the original grant as increased by the percentage increase in the UK Retail Prices Index from 30 June 2001 to the beginning of such financial year, but so that any unspent part of such 8% may be carried forward and spent in subsequent financial years in addition to such 8% limit each such financial year and
- (2) the market value of the capital of the Fund (after deducting any losses and liabilities, whether actual, accrued or contingent) not more than 30 days prior to the date on which the Governors resolve to spend the gains is not less than the original grant (increased as specified in proviso (1) above) after excluding the gains resolved to be spent.

Provisos (1) and (2) are also applied to the additional grants of £1,062,350, from their respective dates of receipt. There were no additional grants during the year ended 31 July 2008 (2007: £nil). At 31 July 2008 the total grants, increased by the UK Retail Price Index for the relevant periods, amounted to £4,789,541 (2007: £4,586,423) so that the market value of £4,412,820 gave rise to a deficit of £(376,721) (2007: £496,900). Under the conditions of the MCA fund no funds can be drawn down. The unspent parts of 8% per annum aggregate to £1,261,092 (2007: £1,027,521).

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15 Unrestricted funds

	31 July 2007 £	Net Incoming Resources £	Unrealised and Realised Gains £	Transfers £	31 July 2008 £
The Charity and Group	116,509	(451,907)	-	-	(335,398)

16 Designated Funds

	31 July 2007 £	Net incoming resources £	Income received in advance £	Transfers £	Outgoing resources £	31 July 2008 £
Seminars	375	11,711	-	(5,620)	(6,466)	-
Library	-	3,440	-	131	(3,571)	-
Journal of Jewish Studies	20,491	45,448	-	15,789	(39,953)	41,775
The Charity and Group	20,866	60,599	-	10,300	(49,990)	41,775

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17 Restricted Funds

	31 July 2007 £	Incoming Resources £	Income received in advance £	Reallocation £	Transfers £	Outgoing Resources £	31 July 2008 £
The Charity and Group							
Accommodation	-	7,323	-	2,115	-	(9,438)	-
Conferences and lectures	11,173	54,177	-	(10,753)	-	(48,326)	6,270
Fellowships, visiting	16,181	13,027	-	(8,729)	-	(9,549)	10,930
Fellowships, permanent	-	463,931	-	10,171	-	(474,102)	-
Israel lecture series	5,052	17,200	-	-	-	(8,569)	13,683
Library fund	-	110,145	-	-	-	(83,662)	26,483
Looted Art Research Unit	54,850	130,205	-	-	-	(108,093)	76,962
Master of Jewish Studies degree	24,095	323,799	-	-	-	(304,179)	43,715
Other, bank interest	-	516	-	-	-	(516)	-
L Paisner Fund	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
Secretarial salary	5,755	-	-	(100)	-	(360)	5,295
Salary, project	-	36,990	-	(2,600)	-	(32,116)	2,274
	117,106	1,159,312	-	(9,897)	-	(1,078,911)	187,611

Master of Jewish Studies degree – scholarships

This fund represents scholarships received for students studying for the Master of Jewish Studies. Expenses allocated to this fund are those related to the programme.

Fellowships

The money received represents donations to pay for the employment of Centre fellows.

Library Fund

This fund represents money donated directly to the Centre for the library and the money paid by The Yarnton Trust from the Leopold Muller Memorial Library Fund.

Looted Art Research Unit

The donations received for this fund are used to support the work of a Central Registry of Information on Looted Cultural Property 1933 – 1945.

18 Transfers

Transfers between unrestricted, designated, restricted or endowment funds during the year are as disclosed elsewhere in the accounts.

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19 Analysis of Group Assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31st July 2008 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	751,731	-	-	1,855,001	2,606,732
Investment property	-	-	-	1,215,000	1,215,000
Investments	-	-	-	6,868,921	6,868,921
Current assets	38,258	41,775	855,461	5,706	941,200
Current liabilities	(1,125,387)	-	(667,850)	-	(1,793,237)
	(335,398)	41,775	187,611	9,944,628	9,838,616

20 The Yarnton Trust

The Centre's Governors appoint the Trustees of The Yarnton Trust and so exercise control.

The principal activity of The Yarnton Trust is to invest its endowment funds in order to maximise donations to the Centre.

On 22 May 2008 the Charity Commission granted a Uniting Direction under s.96(5) of the Charities Act 1993. From 1 August 2008 a separate report and accounts will not be prepared for The Yarnton Trust.

The income and expenditure for The Yarnton Trust consolidated with the Centre is as follows:

	2008 £	2007 £
Incoming resources	60,703	76,812
Donations to the Centre	(61,293)	(63,319)
Portfolio management fees	(4,340)	(6,849)
	(4,930)	6,644
Net realised losses	(37,070)	9,809
Net unrealised losses	(215,831)	68,845
	(257,831)	85,298
Fund balances at 1 August 2007	1,657,044	1,571,746
Fund balances at 31 July 2008	1,399,213	1,657,044

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21 Pension Commitments

The Centre participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme ("USS"), a defined benefit scheme which is externally funded and contracted out of the State Second Pension for academic staff; to the University of Oxford Staff Scheme ("OSPS") for administrative and support staff; to individual policies for one individual; and makes unfunded pension payments to two individuals. The assets of the USS and OSPS are held in a separate trustee administered fund. The Centre is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the schemes on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 "retirement benefits", accounts for the schemes as if they were defined contribution schemes. As a result, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period.

The latest actuarial valuation of the USS was at 31 March 2005. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the result of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments (i.e. the valuation rate of interest) and the rates of increase in salary, pensions and changes in longevity projections. In relation to the past service liabilities the financial assumptions were derived from market yields prevailing at the valuation date. It was assumed that the valuation rate of interest would be 4.5% per annum, salary increases would be 3.9% per annum (plus an additional allowance for increases in salaries due to age and promotion in line with recent experience) and pensions would increase by 2.9% per annum. In relation to the future service liabilities it was assumed that the valuation rate of interest would be 6.2% per annum, including an additional investment return assumption of 1.7% per annum, salary increases would be 3.9% per annum (also plus an allowance for increases in salaries due to age and promotion) and pensions would increase by 2.9% per annum. The valuation was carried out using the projected unit method.

At the valuation date, the value of the assets of the scheme was £21,740 million and the value of the past service liabilities was £28,308 million indicating a deficit of £6,568 million. The assets therefore were sufficient to cover 77% of the benefits which had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings.

Using the Minimum Funding Requirement prescribed assumptions introduced by the Pensions Act 1995, the scheme was 126% funded at the valuation date and under the Pension Protection Fund regulations introduced by the Pensions Act 2004 it was 110% funded.

The Centre's contribution rate required for future service benefits alone at the date of the valuation was 14.3% of pensionable salaries but the trustee company, on the advice of the actuary, decided to maintain the Centre contribution rate at 14% of pensionable salaries.

Surpluses or deficits which arise at future valuations may impact on the Centre's future contribution commitment. An additional factor which could impact the funding level of the scheme is that with effect from 16 March 2006, USS positioned itself as a "last man standing" scheme so that in the event of the insolvency of any of the participating employers in USS, the amount of any pension funding shortfall (which cannot otherwise be recovered) in respect of that employer will be spread across the remaining participant employers and reflected in the next actuarial valuation of the scheme.

The next formal triennial actuarial valuation is due as at 31 March 2008. This has not yet been received by the Centre. The contribution rate will be reviewed as part of each valuation.

There is no actuarial valuation available for the OSPS.

The total pension cost for the Centre was £107,206 (2007: £100,471). The amount payable to the USS scheme was £53,549 and the amount payable to OSPS was £49,021. The contribution rates payable by the Centre were 14% of pensionable salaries for USS and 17.5% of pensionable salaries for the OSPS. From 1 August 2008 the OSPS rate increases to 21.5% of pensionable salaries.