Company No: 1488690

Charity No: 280389

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -31 March 1997

BLICK ROTHENBERG

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

126 Albert Street London NW1 7NE

AUDITORS

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Blick Rothenberg Chartered Accountants 12 York Gate Regent's Park NW1 4QS

SOLICITORS

Paisner & Co Bouverie House 154 Fleet Street London EC4A 2DQ

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

Midland Bank plc Kings Cross Branch 31 Euston Road London NW1 2ST

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

The officers present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997. The attached financial statements disclose the state of the company's affairs. A separate annual report of the council has been prepared for the members.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company continues to be to advance the education of the art, literature, music, history, religion, philosophy and culture of the Jewish people. The society is a registered charity.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The officers of the Council were:

Mr L. Michaels

Mrs A. Schwab

Mrs L. Peltz & Mr L. Goodman

Mr R. Bernstein & Mr D. Shaw

Mr D. Kut

Chairman

Vice-President

Vice-Chairman

Hon. Treasurer

Hon. Secretary

The following officers ceased to hold office during the year:

Mr S. Levinson - resigned 28 November 1996 Mr W. Schwab - deceased 31 August 1996

The following officers were appointed during the year:

Mr R. Bernstein - appointed 28 November 1996 Mr D. Shaw - appointed 28 November 1996 Mr L. Goodman - appointed 28 November 1996

AUDITORS

The auditors, Blick Rothenberg, are willing to be reappointed in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

SMALL COMPANY DISCLOSURE

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies on the grounds that the company is small.

Registered Office 126 Albert Street London NW1 7NE

Date: 14 October 1997

By Order of the Board

L. Michaels
Chairman

STATEMENT OF OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the officers to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the officers are rquired to:

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

The officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BEN URI ART SOCIETY LIMITED (BY GUARANTEE)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of the officers and auditors

As described on page 2 the officers are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on the financial statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted out audit in accordance with Auditing Standards 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 judgements made by the officers in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company'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 as to whether 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 of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 March 1997 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BLICK ROTHENBERG

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Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

23 October 1997

12 York Gate Regent's Park London

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1997

r	lotes	1997 £	1996 £
INCOME		39,770	46,074
Administrative expenses		(64,541)	(54,294)
OPERATING DEFICIT	2	(24,771)	(8,220)
Sale of leasehold interest Interest receivable		245,226 9,215	119
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		229,670	(8,101)
Endowment Fund Transfer	7	8,149	14,261
NET ADDITION TO INCOME AND EXPER	NDITURE ACCOUNT	237,819	6,160

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

		1997		1996
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Fund		
Note	es £	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations, gifts and events	57,393	_	57,393	62,872
Disposal of leasehold interest	245,226	-	245,226	,
Investment income	9,215	8,149	17,364	8,380
Realised gain on disposal of investments	-	-	-	185
Unrealised gain on investments	-	3,151	3,151	1,209
	311,834	11,300	323,134	72,646
Resources Expended	(47,600)		(47.000)	(40.700)
Direct charitable expenditure Management, administration and	(17,623)	-	(17,623)	(16,798)
indirect charitable expenditure	(64,541)		(64,541)	(54,294)
	(82,164)	-	(82,164)	(71,092)
Net income for year	229,670	11,300	240,970	1,554
Transfer between funds 7	8,149	(8,149)	-	-
Net movement on funds	237,819	3,151	240,970	1,554
Total funds brought forward	10,065	106,346	116,411	114,857
Total funds carried forward 7 &	8 247,884	109,497	357,381	116,411

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 March 1997

		1997	7	199	6
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets Investments	3 4		109,497		5,300 106,346
			109,497		111,646
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	5	51,883 199,502		475 7,939	
		251,385		8,414	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	e 6	(3,501)		(3,649)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			247,884		4,765
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			357,381		116,411
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Endowment Fund Income and Expenditure account	7 t 8		109,497 247,884		106,346 10,065
			357,381		116,411

In preparing these financial statements, the officers have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies on the grounds that the company is small.

The financial statements were approved

by the Council of Management on 14 October 1997 and

signed on its behalf by

L. Michaels - Chairman

R. Bernstein - Hon. Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 INCOME

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Income represents subscriptions and donations received and the net income received from the holding of exhibtions, picture fairs and concerts.

1.3 DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:-

Furniture and equipment

25% Reducing balance

1.4 WORKS OF ART

Works of art kept in the permanent art collection which have been donated to the company are not included in these financial statements. No valuation has been made for the purpose of the financial statements.

2.	OPERATING DEFICIT	1997 £	1996 £
	The operating deficit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation Auditors' remuneration	1,401 1,116	1,822 1,169

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1997

3. TANGIBLE ASSE

TANGIBLE ASSETS	Office equipment etc. £
Cost	
At 1 April 1996 Additions Disposals	14,583 304 (14,887)
At 31 March 1997	
Depreciation	
At 1 April 1996 Charge for year On disposals	9,283 1,401 (10,684)
At 31 March 1997	
Net book value at 31 March 1997	_
Net book value at 31 March 1996	5,300

4. INVESTMENTS

Valuation	Beginning Cl of year ma		End ue of year
	£	£	£
Unlisted	106,346	3,151	109,497
	106,346	3,151	109,497
Net book value	106,346		109,497

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1997

5.	DEBTORS	1997 £	1996 £
	Others	51,883	475
		51,883	475
6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	1997 £	1996 £
	Bank overdrafts	663	- 1,650
	Building fund reserve Accruals	2,838	1,999
		3,501	3,649
7.	ENDOWMENT FUND	1997 £	1996 £
	Value of fund at 1 April 1996	106,346	110,952
	Income: Dividends received	8,149	8,261
		114,495	119,213
	Transfer to income and expenditure account	8,149	14,261
		106,346	104,952
	Increase in market value of shares Realised on disposal Unrealised	3,151	185 1,209
	Value of fund at 31 March 1997	109,497	106,346
8.	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	1997 £	1996 £
	Surplus at 1 April 1996 Surplus for the year	10,065 237,819	3,905 6,160
	Surplus at 31 March 1997	247,884	10,065

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 1997

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1997

	199		1996	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME Artists' exhibition and catalogues less expenses		4,850		8,136
Donations Music concerts, lectures		8,954		11,774
and sundry income Picture fair less expenses		2,463 16,306		4,078 11,828
Subscriptions Ben Uri permanent catalogues		6,409		8,535
less expenses		788		1,723
		39,770		46,074
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		(64,541)		(54,294)
OPERATING DEFICIT		(24,771)		(8,220)
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES				
Sale of leasehold interest	245,226			
Total and the second se		245,226		-
Interest receivable: Bank deposit interest Charities deposit fund interest	602 8,613		119 -	
		9,215		119
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		229,670		(8,101)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1997

	1997 £	1996 £
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries Rent and rates Insurance and security Light and heat Repairs and maintenance Framing and restoration Printing, postage and stationery Advertising Telephone Legal and professional Audit and accountancy Bank charges Sundry expenses Depreciation Loss on disposal of fixed assets	34,492 1,844 3,525 974 1,008 1,087 8,784 409 1,294 2,515 1,116 68 1,821 1,401 4,203	28,327 2,163 3,876 888 1,352 3,610 7,957 892 1,245 - 1,169 261 732 1,822
	64,541	54,294