Company No: 1488690

Charity No: 280389

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -31 March 1996



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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AUDITORS

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SOLICITORS

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REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

The officers present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1996. 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	Chairman
Mr W. Schwab(deceased)	Vice-President
Mrs A. Schwab	Vice-President
Mrs L. Peltz	Vice-Chairman
Mr S. Levinson	Hon. Treasurer
Mr D. Kut	Hon. Secretary

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

4th Floor 21 Dean Street London W1V 6NE

Date: 28 October 1996

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 in note 1 to the financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of the officers and auditors

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

Basis of opinion

We conducted our 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 significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the 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 of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 1996 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

BLICK ROTHENBERG

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 12 York Gate Regent's Park London NW1 4QS

Date:

25 November 1996

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1996

	Notes	1996 £	1995 £
TURNOVER		46,074	44,273
Administrative expenses		(54,294)	(59,233)
OPERATING DEFICIT	2	(8,220)	(14,960)
Interest receivable Interest payable		119 _	271 (42)
DEFICIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(8,101)	(14,731)
Endowment Fund Transfer	7	14,261	15,473
NET ADDITION TO INCOME AND EXPE	INDITURE ACCOUNT	6,160	742

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

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the income and expenditure account.

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 March 1996

		1996	;	199	5
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets Investments	3 4		5,300 106,346		5,145 110,952
			111,646		116,097
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	5	475 7,939		350 1,864	
		8,414		2,214	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	e 6	(3,649)		(3,454)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITY	ES)		4,765		(1,240)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			116,411		114,857
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Endowment Fund Income and Expenditure accoun	7 t 8		106,346 10,065		110,952 3,905
			116,411		114,857

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The financial statements were approved by the Council of Management on 28 Ostober 1996 and signed on its behalf by

L. Michaels - Chairman

S. Levinson - Hon. Treasurer

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1996

ACCOUNTING POLICIES 1.

1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

1.2 TURNOVER

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

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 these financial statements.

1.5 INCOME

Income represents the net income received from the holding of exhibitions, picture fairs, concerts, subscriptios and donations. Income arises from the activity of the company in the United Kingdom.

2.	OPERATING DEFICIT	1996 £	1995 £
	The operating deficit is stated after charging:-		
	Depreciation Auditors' remuneration	1,822 1,169	1,714 1,028
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1996

3.	TANGIBLE ASSETS				Plant and nachinery etc. £
	Cost				
	At 1 April 1995 Additions				12,606 1,977
	At 31 March 1996				14,583
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 1995 Charge for year				7,461 1,822
	At 31 March 1996				9,283
	Net book value at 31 March 1996				5,300
	Net book value at 31 March 1995				5,145
4.	INVESTMENTS				
	Valuation	Beginning of year ma	Change in arket value £	Disposals £	End of year £
	Unlisted	110,952	1,394	(6,000)	106,346
		110,952	1,394	(6,000)	106,346
	Net book value	110,952			106,346

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1996

5.	DEBTORS		1996 £	1995 £
	Others		475	350
		_	475	350
6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNIS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		1996 £	1995 £
	Building fund reserve Accruals		1,650 1,999	1,650 1,804
			3,649	3,454
7.	ENDOWMENT FUND	1996 £		1995 £
	Value of fund at 1 April 1995	110,952		123,771
	Income: Dividends received	8,261		9,473
		119,213		133,244
	Transfer to Income and Expenditure account	(14,261)	(15,473)
		104,952		117,771
	Increase in market value of shares Realised on disposal 185 Unrealised 1,209		(437) (6,382)	
		1,394		(6,819)
	Value of fund at 31 March 1996	106,346		110,952

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1996

8.	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	1996 £	1995 £
	Surplus at 1 April 1995 Surplus for the year	3,905 6,160	3,163 742
	Surplus at 31 March 1996	10,065	3,905

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 1996

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1996

	1996		1995	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME Artists' exhibition and catalogues less expenses Donations Music concerts, lectures and sundry income Picture fair less expenses Subscriptions Ben Uri permanent catalogues less expenses		8,136 11,774 4,078 11,828 8,535 1,723 46,074		7,466 9,110 1,561 12,903 6,193 7,040
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		(54,294)		(59,233)
OPERATING DEFICIT		(8,220)		(14,960)
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES				
Interest receivable: Bank deposit interest	119	_	271	
Interest parables		119		271
Interest payable: Bank interest	_		42	
				(42)
NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(8,101)		(14,731)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 1996

	1996 £	19 9 5 £
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	28,327	30,809
Rent and rates	2,163	2,155
Insurance and security	3,876	3 , 767
Light and heat	888	636
Repairs and maintenance	1,352	683
Framing and restoration	3,610	5 , 939
Printing, postage and stationery	7 , 957	8,688
Advertising	892	1,132
Telephone	1,245	893
Legal and professional	_	353
Audit and accountancy	1,169	1,028
Bank charges	261	1 1 5
Sundry expenses	732	1,321
Depreciation	1,822	1,714
	54,294	59,233