REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 FOR THE SPIRO ARK

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The Trustees who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, and is therefore governed by a Memorandum & Articles of Association. The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission.

The Charity's object and its principal activities are:

- (a) To advance the education of the public in the study of and research into the Jewish experience, and especially to encourage the widespread teaching of Jewish and Israeli History, Culture and Languages (website: www.spiroark.org).
- (b) The dissemination of the results of such study and research, both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

There is one full time Director, one part-time Director and one full-time secretary/assistant plus a number of part-time assistants and volunteers, all of whom effectively manage the administration of the Charity. In addition, we have an excellent team of teachers.

The work of the Spiro Ark has considerably expanded and we have worked with the cultural departments of a number of foreign embassies- Poland, Lithuania, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. We should also mention our earlier association with the United States Embassy to celebrate the 85th birthday of Aaron Copland.

In January 2015 the Spiro Ark jointly organised an important concert at the Polish Embassy to commemorate the Holocaust. We have just recently been invited by the Slovak Embassy to have yet another event with them on the next Holocaust day.

The Spiro Ark's programme of activities has likewise considerably expanded and is in much demand by synagogues of different denominations, from Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue and the Central Synagogue off Portland Place to the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St. Johns Wood. The Spiro Ark has also established strong links with a number of Jewish and Israeli bodies such as Harif, the organisation dealing with the history and culture of Jews from Arab lands and Meretz.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Development, activities and achievements:

The Directors and Trustees consider the performance of the Charity during the year to have been the most successful year yet, having started with the Spiro institute in the early 1980's and having them begun to introduce them fresh ideas that have since made such an impact on the Jewish communities both in this country and the USA.

As far as our language teaching is concerned, which comprises Hebrew lessons at all levels, as well as Yiddish, and which continues to attract students from different religions, these have been extremely successful from the outset of our teaching.

Some three years ago we were asked to be responsible for the major language department of JW3. We are pleased to say that this worked extraordinarily well from the outset and greatly helped to put this new Jewish Centre on the communal map, as has been fully acknowledged by the CEO of JW3, Mr Raymond Simonson: "You (Spiro Ark) have made an amazing contribution to JW3's impact and have been a major key success of our (JW3) first two years".

However, due to the merger of this organisation with the former Spiro Institute, now known as the LJCC, we were asked to seek alternative accommodation, despite our clear success at JW3. Mr Simonson writes: "Our partnership with the Spiro Ark has been a really important one to me ever since I sat at a meeting nearly three ago discussing how we wanted to approach teaching Ivrit at JW3. We had a big decision to make at some point between three or four options, of how to take this forward and it was considered that I had to bring the Spiros onto JW3 from the very beginning. I felt confident that we could forge a partnership for the benefit of the community and that it would be a big success. And it has been a tremendous success on many levels. I am thrilled that JW3 will continue to produce and host the annual Spiro Lecture for many years to come in your honour....I would like to express my thanks to you for all your wonderful work at JW3 and wish you luck for your continued teaching in the community."

The resulting unanticipated move of the Spiro Ark has in fact proved surprisingly successful, allowing the Spiro Ark for the first time to widen its activities in many new centres around London. Examples of such activities are musical events by national and foreign musicians addressing topics such as "the Jewish Violin"; Likewise performances, such as "Songs of Ashes" by the renowned composer Julian Dawes, sensitively dealing with the subject of the Holocaust was jointly hosted by the Polish Embassy and the Spiro Ark.

There have also been visits to theatres by large groups of Spiro Ark students and followers, for discussions organised at the end of the play with the Writers, Directors and Cast. In addition, there have been many unique films on Jewish subjects, with discussions following with the Director. We have recently calculated that over the 35 years since the Spiros started their Jewish educational programmes, there have been more than 1,000 well-filled public gatherings on subjects of Jewish interests, all aimed at encouraging Jews to delve into the miracle of their unique continued existence.

Due to all of the above, the principals of the Spiro Ark have been awarded an annual Tribute Lecture in appreciation for radically changing the map of Jewish historical and cultural activities both in this country and overseas.

Public benefit

The Trustees have carefully considered the public benefit requirements and their duty to ensure that they are compliant with them. They feel that the activities as detailed below, more than adequately, satisfy the public benefit requirement.

The Trustees continue to operate within the confines of the charity's objectives namely in respect of the advancement of the education of the public in the study of and research into the Jewish experience, and especially to encourage the widespread teaching of Jewish history, culture and languages.

Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to the very many volunteers who continue to assist the Charity in numerous ways.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net deficit of £34,474 for the year (2017 : surplus of £14,912). As at the year end, our reserves stand at a surplus of £66,858 (2017: £101,332)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the charity to continue its activities and services at a meaningful level, should there be a drop in income. As all income is derived from voluntary donations, the trustees review this position on a regular basis.

In view of this the trustees aim to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet six months basic operating costs.

Having regard to the above the Trustees are of the opinion that the cash reserves held as at the year end would be sufficient to meet six months basic operating costs and, they intend to increase the reserves held in the forthcoming year.

FUTURE PLANS

The Spiro Ark is aiming to continue to develop its work for the benefit of the Jewish community with the help of its excellent and inspiring staff and volunteers. To a great extent however the success and scope of this expansion will depend on increasing the financial assistance we receive from our many small supporters.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of Trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

All Directors of the company are also Trustees of the charity, and there are no other Trustees.

The Board has the power to appoint additional Trustees as it considers fit.

Organisational structure

All Directors of the company are also Trustees of the charity, and there are no other Trustees. All connected with the Spiro Ark continue to be saddened at the death of William Frankel, our late chairman. William's constant support for our work from the early days of the Spiro Institute was of enormous importance and we miss him greatly.

The Board has the power to appoint additional Trustees as it considers fit.

Risk management

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of further adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate any significant risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03613280 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1070926

Registered office

Elscot House Arcadia Avenue Finchley London N3 2JU

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

R M Spiro F.C.A.

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Company Secretary

Centrum Secretaries Limited

Independent examiner

Joseph Kahan Associates LLP Chartered Accountants 923 Finchley Road London NW11 7PE

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

R M Spiro F.C.A. - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPIRO ARK

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Spiro Ark ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice
- 4. for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

Akiva Kahan FCA Joseph Kahan Associates LLP Chartered Accountants 923 Finchley Road London NW11 7PE

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THE SPIRO ARK STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

		ZZZ CI DECEM		2018	2017
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		fund	fund	funds	funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		82,393		82,393	136,580
Total		82,393	-	82,393	136,580
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	2				
Accountancy		2,280	-	2,280	2,280
Finance charges		3,085	-	3,085	1,471
Wages and salaries		1,035	=	1,035	12,264
Educational outreach and cultural activities		45,518	-	45,518	52,153
Premises costs		11,769	-	11,769	6,668
Administrative costs		35,678	-	35,678	30,368
Advertising costs		1,866	-	1,866	1,000
Hire of equipment		9,735	-	9,735	7,425
IT/Computer costs		2,718	-	2,718	1,814
Storage costs		2,808	-	2,808	5,723
Depreciation costs		375		<u>375</u>	501
Total		116,867		116,867	121,667
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(34,474)	-	(34,474)	14,913
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		101,332		101,332	86,419
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		66,858		66,858	101,332

THE SPIRO ARK STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

				2018	2017
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		fund	fund	funds	funds
	Notes	£	£	${f t}$	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	1,126	-	1,126	1,502
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	-	_	_	178
Cash at bank		68,012	-	68,012	109,309
		68,012		68,012	109,487
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,280)	-	(2,280)	(9,657)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		65,732		65,732	99,830
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		66,858	_	66,858	101,332
NET ASSETS		66,858		66,858	101,332
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				66,858	101,332
TOTAL FUNDS				66,858	101,332

THE SPIRO ARK STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - CONTINUED AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
 - preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as
- (b) at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 September 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:

R M Spiro F.C.A.-Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Furniture, fixtures & fittings

- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance Sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Debtors

Basic financial assets, including trade and other debtors, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are represented by cash in hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, and other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, loans from third parties and loans from related parties, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Such instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Support costs	Totals
		(See note 3)	
	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,035	-	1,035
Educational outreach and cultural activities	45,518	-	45,518
Premises costs	11,769	=	11,769
Administrative costs	35,678	-	35,678
Advertising costs	1,866	-	1,866
Hire of equipment	9,735	-	9,735
IT/Computer costs	2,718	-	2,718
Storage costs	2,808	-	2,808
Depreciation costs	375	-	375
Accountancy	-	2,280	2,280
Finance charges	-	3,085	3,085
-	111,502	5,365	116,867

3.	FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBION SUPPORT COSTS	ER 2018		
3.	SUFFORT COSTS			
		Finance	Governance costs	Totals
		£	£	£
	Accountancy Finance charges	3,085	2,280	2,280 3,085
		3,085	2,280	5,365
4.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
			2018	2017
	Depreciation - owned assets		£ 376	£ 500
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5.	TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS			
	There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 ended 31 December 2017.	December 2018	nor for the year	
	Trustees' expenses			
	Reimbursed expenses amounting to £Nil (2017 - £1,800) This relates to the the year, for administration work carried out on behalf of the charity.	use of a trustee's	premises for part of	
6.	STAFF COSTS			
			2018	2017
	Wages and salaries		£ 1,035	£ 12,264
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:			
	The average monthly named of employees during the year was as follows.			
	Administration		2018 1	2017 1
	The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer per	nsion costs) exce	eded £60,000 was:	
	£1 - £10,000		2018 1	2017 1
7.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIV	ITIES		
	J	Jnrestricted	Restricted	Total
		fund	fund	funds

136,580 136,580 136,580 136,580

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM

Donations and legacies

Total

7.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINA	<u>ED 31 DECEMBER 2018</u> ANCIAL ACTIVITIES - contin	ned	
••		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		fund	fund	funds
		£	£	£
	EXPENDITURE ON			
	Charitable activities			
	Accountancy	2,280	_	2,280
	Finance charges	1,471	-	1,471
	Wages and salaries	12,264	-	12,264
	Educational outreach and cultural activities	52,153	-	52,153
	Premises costs	6,668	-	6,668
	Administrative costs	30,368	_	30,368
	Advertising costs	1,000	-	1,000
	Hire of equipment	7,425	-	7,425
	IT/Computer costs	1,814	_	1,814
	Storage costs	5,723	-	5,723
	Depreciation costs	501		501
	Total	121,667	<u> </u>	121,667
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	14,913	_	14,913
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
	Total funds brought forward	86,419	-	86,419
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	101,332		101,332
8.	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	COST			Website development £
	COST At 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 AMORTISATION			5,288
	AMORTISATION At 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 NET BOOK VALUE			5,288
	At 31 December 2018 At 31 December 2017			<u>-</u>

9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
				Furniture, fixtures & fittings £
	COST			
	At 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018			<u>19,687</u>
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1 January 2018			18,185
	Charge for year			376
	At 31 December 2018			18,561
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2018			1,126
	At 31 December 2018 At 31 December 2017			$\frac{1,120}{1,502}$
10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			1,302
			2018	2017
	ъ.		£	£
	Prepayments			<u> 178</u>
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
			2018	2017
			£ 2018	£ 2017
	Social security and other taxes		~ -	(1,035)
	Accruals and deferred income		2,280	10,192
	Accrued expenses		, -	500
	•		2,280	9,657
12.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		_	_	
		-	Net movement	
		At 1.1.18	in funds	At 31.12.18
	Unrestricted funds	£	£	£
	General fund	101,332	(34,474)	66,858
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	TOTAL FUNDS	101,332	(34,474)	66,858
				00,000

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	82,393	(116,867)	(34,474)
TOTAL FUNDS	82,393	(116,867)	(34,474)
Comparatives for movement in funds	At 1.1.17	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.17
Unrestricted Funds General fund	86,419	14,913	101,332
TOTAL FUNDS Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:	86,419	14,913	101,332
	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	136,580	(121,667)	14,913
TOTAL FUNDS	136,580	(121,667)	14,913
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as	follows:		
	At 1.1.17	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.18 £
Unrestricted funds General fund TOTAL FUNDS	86,419 86,419	(19,561) (19,561)	66,858 66,858

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement in
	resources	expended	funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	218,973	(238,534)	(19,561)
TOTAL FUNDS	218,973	(238,534)	(19,561)

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Tuition Fees of £14,440 (2017 -£6,030) were paid to Mrs N Spiro, the wife of the Trustee Mr R Spiro.

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