REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

FOR

THE SPIRO ARK

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

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.

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.

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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 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 £38,310 for the year (2018 : deficit of £34,474). As at the year end, our reserves stand at a surplus of £28,548 (2018: £66,858)

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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 Memorandum & Articles of Association, 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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

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

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Spiro Ark for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3rd September 2020 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 31st December 2019.

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
- 3. 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
- 4. Recommended Practice 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
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London	
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Date:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies		79,808	-	79,808	82,393
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	2				
Accountancy		2,280	-	2,280	2,280
Finance charges		2,488	-	2,488	3,085
Wages and salaries		-	-	-	1,035
Educational outreach and cultural activities		59,399	-	59,399	45,518
Premises costs		4,600	-	4,600	11,769
Administrative costs		37,054	-	37,054	35,678
Advertising costs		511	-	511	1,866
Hire of equipment		6,042	-	6,042	9,735
IT/Computer costs		2,160	-	2,160	2,718
Storage costs		2,808	-	2,808	2,808
Depreciation costs		-	-	-	375
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets		776	-	776	=
Total		118,118	-	118,118	116,867
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(38,310)		(38,310)	(34,474)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		66,858	-	66,858	101,332
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		28,548	<u> </u>	28,548	66,858

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 31ST DECEMBER 2019

FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	Notes 9	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	1,120
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank and in hand		30,828	-	30,828	68,012
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,280)	-	(2,280)	(2,280)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		28,548	<u> </u>	28,548	65,732
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		28,548	-	28,548	66,858
NET ASSETS FUNDS	11	28,548		28,548	66,858
Unrestricted funds TOTAL FUNDS	11			28,548 28,548	66,858 66,858

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 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
- 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued 31ST DECEMBER 2019

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 and authorised for issue on 3rd September 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

R M Spiro F.C.A. - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

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 2019)', 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.

Financial instruments

The Charity 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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

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

		Support	
	Direct	costs (see	
	Costs	note 3)	Totals
	£	£	£
Accountancy	-	2,280	2,280
Finance charges	-	2,488	2,488
Educational outreach and cultural			
activities	59,399	-	59,399
Premises costs	4,600	-	4,600
Administrative costs	37,054	-	37,054
Advertising costs	511	-	511
Hire of equipment	6,042	_	6,042
IT/Computer costs	2,160	-	2,160
Storage costs	2,808	_	2,808
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>776</u>
	113,350	4,768	118,118

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3.	SUPPORT COSTS		C	
		Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	Accountancy Finance charges	£ - 2,488	£ 2,280	£ 2,280 2,488
	Timatee charges	2,488	2,280	4,768
4.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
			2019	2018
	Depreciation - owned assets		£	£ 376
	Deficit on disposal of fixed assets		<u>776</u>	
5.	TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS			
	There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st ended 31st December 2018.	t December 20	019 nor for the year	
	Trustees' expenses			
	There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2019 31st December 2018.	nor for the ye	ear ended	
6.	STAFF COSTS			
			2019 £	2018 £
	Wages and salaries			$\frac{1,035}{1,035}$
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:			
			2019	2018
	Administration			1
	The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer per	ision costs) ex	ceeded £60,000 was:	

£1 - £10,000

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANC	CIAL ACTIVITIES Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	~	~	~
Donations and legacies	82,393	-	82,393
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Accountancy	2,280	-	2,280
Finance charges	3,085	-	3,085
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
Total	116,867		116,867
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(34,474)		(34,474)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	101,332	-	101,332
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	66,858	<u>-</u>	66,858

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

8.	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	
		Website development
		£
	COST	
	At 1st January 2019	5,288
	Disposals	(5,288)
	At 31st December 2019	
	AMORTISATION	
	At 1st January 2019	5,288
	Eliminated on disposal	_(5,288)
	At 31st December 2019	
	NET BOOK VALUE	
	At 31st December 2019	-
	At 31st December 2018	-
9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	
		Furniture,
		fixtures
		& fittings
	COST	£
	At 1st January 2019	19,687
	Disposals	(19,687)
	At 31st December 2019	
	DEPRECIATION	
	At 1st January 2019	18,561
	Eliminated on disposal	(18,561)
	At 31st December 2019	_
	NET BOOK VALUE	
	At 31st December 2019	
	At 31st December 2018	1,126

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2019	2018
			£	2018 £
	Accrued expenses		2,280	2,280
11.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
			Net	
		At 1.1.19	movement in funds	At 31.12.19
		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds	~	~	~
	General fund	66,858	(38,310)	28,548
	TOTAL FUNDS	66,858	(38,310)	28,548
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
		Inagerie	Resources	Movement
		Incoming resources	expended	in funds
		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds	~	<i>*</i>	2
	General fund	79,808	(118,118)	(38,310)
	TOTAL FUNDS	79,808	(118,118)	(38,310)
	Comparatives for movement in funds			
	1			
			Net	
			movement	At
		At 1.1.18	in funds	31,12,18
	Thursday And And Brown In	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds General fund	101,332	(34,474)	66,858
	General fund	101,332	(34,474)	00,636
	TOTAL FUNDS	101,332	(34,474)	66,858
	Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
		Incoming	Resources	Movement
		resources	expended	in funds
		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds			
	General fund	82,393	(116,867)	(34,474)
	TOTAL FUNDS	82,393	(116,867)	(34,474)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

		Net	
	At 1.1.18 £	movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	101,332	(72,784)	28,548
TOTAL FUNDS	101,332	(72,784)	28,548

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

	Incoming resources f	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	162,201	(234,985)	(72,784)
TOTAL FUNDS	162,201	(234,985)	(72,784)

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Tuition Fees of £34,200 (2018 -£14,440) were paid to Mrs N Spiro, the wife of the Trustee Mr R Spiro.

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