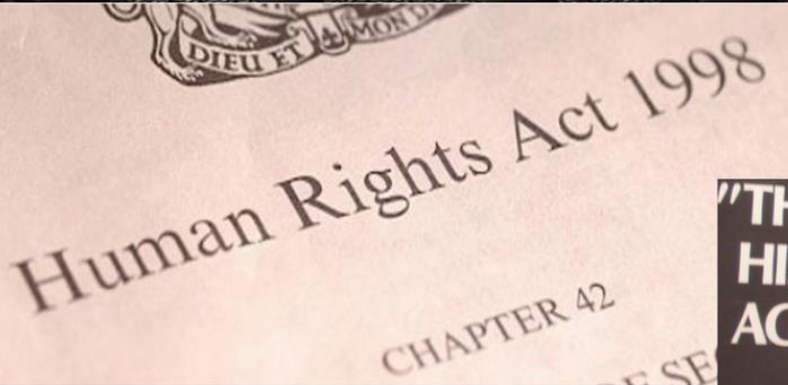


rené cassin

the jewish voice for human rights

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



"THE ONE WHO DOES NOT REMEMBER HISTORY IS BOUND TO LIVE THROUGH IT AGAIN"
GEORGE SANTAYANA



WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Reader

The dreadful events of 7 October and the ensuing war have cast the darkest of shadows over the year. Trying to hold true to the core values of human rights whilst speaking to, and sometimes for, a Jewish community racked by grief, shock and fear has been immensely difficult.

As in so much of our work, our guiding light in these truly awful times has been the wisdom and humanity enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For the charity named after its co-author, how could it be any other way?

Though the Universal Declaration was conceived as a response to the horror of man's inhumanity to man, human rights bear a message of hope – a belief that a better world is possible, and a roadmap to guide the way there.

Of course, we would have hoped for better circumstances in which to celebrate the Universal Declaration's 75th anniversary in December. But it is in dark and difficult times that the Declaration's core message – that human rights are “the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world” – is most apposite and most necessary.

Monsieur René Cassin not only bore witness to horror – he was badly wounded in the First World War and lost 26 members of his family to the Holocaust – he also helped create a global response aimed at preventing its repetition. Atrocity only strengthened his commitment to universal human rights, and we intend to follow his lead.

Danny Silverstone

Chair of Board of Trustees



HUMAN RIGHTS – TELLING A JEWISH STORY

Dear Reader

The emergence of human rights as a dominant doctrine in the second half of the 20th Century is a story with Jewish protagonists at its heart. They were responding to the horrors that Nazism had visited upon humanity as a whole, and their coreligionists in particular.

In an extraordinarily productive period immediately after the Second World War, the international community put into place a human rights framework that relied heavily on the work of Jewish lawyers – Monsieur René Cassin for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Raphael Lemkin for the Genocide Convention and Hersch Lauterpacht for the concept of crimes against humanity.

I see our overarching task as to remind the world of that amazing legacy, where possible to build on it and, where necessary, to warn against attempts to diminish it.

There is no better way of doing that, in my view, than demonstrating the continuing and crucial relevance of the human rights principles those great pioneers articulated to the everyday lives of ordinary people.

That Jewish experience is so interwoven into the story of the development of human rights gives a Jewish voice that much more relevance and authority when it speaks on behalf of other minorities. And, in the year that sees the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration, that has been what we have continued to do. From Uyghur Muslims battling China's genocidal brutality to desperate refugees fleeing repression and conflict, from women and girls subject to violence to families struggling to put food on the table, we have helped amplify voices calling for justice and dignity.

In 1955 Monsieur René Cassin said *“Jews, who too often have been victims of human rights, should be indefatigable among the champions of those rights”*. By using 'Indefatigable', Cassin set a very high bar – but it is one we will continue striving to clear.

Mia Hasenson-Gross

Executive Director



Mia (first left) with campaigners delivering petition against Illegal Migration Act, 10 Downing Street, 18 July 2023

OUR YEAR WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

January – we marked Holocaust Memorial Day with a public information campaign highlighting how international human rights law developed in response to the atrocities of the Second World War

February – on the anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we held an experts' event to discuss how Putin could be held accountable under international law.

March – we celebrated International Women's Day by remembering key Jewish women who have advocated for human rights.

April – we produced a resource for Pesach Seders, encouraging participants to take action in support of refugees.

May – on World Hunger Day, we published *Voices Beyond the Foodbank*, our new resource advocating for a right to food.

June – we participated in Refugee Week with a series of events, resources and actions.

July – we marked the 28th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide on 11 July

August – we brought Jewish solidarity to Roma Holocaust Memorial Day on the 79th anniversary of the liquidation of the 'Gypsy Camp' at Auschwitz

September – we published our 'family tree' of international human rights law highlighting Jewish lawyers' part in its development.

October – we brought Jewish perspective and solidarity to Hate Crime Awareness Week

November – we participated in the '16 Days of Action' against violence against women and girls.

December – we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with an event featuring Baroness Helena Kennedy and Professor Philippe Sands

Why 'René Cassin'?

We are proud to take our name from Nobel Laureate and French-Jewish Jurist Monsieur René Cassin, who was one of the principal drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and served as President of the European Court of Human Rights.

He was a lifelong advocate of international human rights protection and understood that, because of the Holocaust, it was vital that there was a strong and clear Jewish voice for human rights.

"...there is no task of safeguarding human rights more urgent than that of foreseeing such outrages and preventing them."

Monsieur René Cassin, Nobel Lecture, 11 December 1968

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is of a world where:

- **everyone fully enjoys all their human rights** as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- **members of the Jewish community are actively engaged** in promoting and protecting these rights, both within the community and in concert with stakeholders outside of the community

Our **mission** is to promote and protect the universal rights of all people, drawing on Jewish experiences and values.

We will:

- **remake a compelling case** for human rights values
- **campaign for change** in defined human rights areas through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education
- **lead and grow** a group of committed Jewish human rights advocates
- **maximise our capacity** to work effectively

Our **values** – underpinning all the work we do:

- **Solidarity** – human rights belong to us all, so we stand for the rights of everyone, everywhere.
- **Judaism** – we are inspired by Jewish values and experience.
- **Collaboration** – our work is not isolated, but intertwined with the efforts of others, so we nurture and mobilise relationships.
- **Empowerment** – we turn today's Jewish activists into tomorrow's leaders.
- **Legacy** – we are determined to create a legacy worthy of our namesake Monsieur René Cassin

OUR WORK

As ‘the Jewish voice for human rights’ René Cassin works:

- **within the Jewish community – building support for human rights values amongst British Jews**
- **in the wider community – bringing a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.**

We work via advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education, focusing on key issues that strongly resonate with Jewish experience.

Protecting human rights in the UK

We have been successful in extending our framing of the ‘Universal Declaration on Human Rights as a response to the Holocaust’ to the Declaration’s successor instruments, the European Convention on Human Rights and the UK’s Human Rights Act. We have encouraged non-Jewish human rights advocates to use this framing (something they might otherwise be wary of doing) and received very positive feedback.

As the focus of the threat to UK human rights protection has shifted from the Human Rights Act to the European Convention on Human Rights, we have developed a ‘Stay Signed In’ campaign aimed at highlighting the benefits of the Convention and the grave negative implications of withdrawal. This has gained valuable publicity – see, for example, front page article in *Jewish News*, 2 October – [Jewish human rights charity protests about Europe Convention exit threat by Tories](#).

We marked December’s 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with [an event](#) that brought two leading human rights experts – Professor Philippe Sands and Baroness Helena Kennedy – together in conversation.

We also produced an [online ‘family tree’](#) to illustrate the development of international human rights law from the Universal Declaration and the key role Jewish lawyers have played in that process.

“This is such a powerful submission [to Parliament’s Human Rights Committee re Illegal Migration Bill], thank you so much for sharing. You really do such incredible work.”

Helen Flynn, JustFair

Hostile environment

Issues of immigration and asylum have been on the front line of recent tensions between the politics and practicalities of human rights. As with all our work, we have brought our unique Jewish perspective to collaborative campaigning:

- We have convened a [Jewish Anti Detention Network](#) of Jewish stakeholders working to limit immigration detention
- We organised a meeting – [Missing Migrant Children – lessons from the Kindertransport](#) – in response to news stories of migrant children being kidnapped from Home Office commissioned hotels
- We contributed to a [joint briefing](#) on the Second Reading of the Illegal Migration Bill (with Freedom from Torture, Helen Bamber Foundation, Safe Passage, and JustRight Scotland)
- We [gave evidence](#) to Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights' inquiry into the Illegal Migration Bill
- We handed in a joint petition at 10 Downing Street against Illegal Migration Bill (together with Women for Refugee Women, Liberty, Praxis and Rainbow Migration)
- We marked Refugee Week with a [statement](#), [actions](#) and event: [The Erosion of Human Rights Protections in the UK](#) (with the Wiener Holocaust Library)

"Thank you for emailing the recording [of 'Missing Migrant Children']. I just wanted to watch it again and share with some of my colleagues as I found this event extraordinarily moving and profound. Well done for organising this, for your courage and honesty and for radical solidarity in these dark times."

With all best wishes, Dada

"Thanks to you and the team for a really powerful and informative event. The mixture of personal testimony with political analysis worked really well."

Stuart McDonald MP

Right to food

We are working to promote human dignity via the socio-economic rights provisions of the Universal Declaration's Article 25. Chief amongst those is the right to food.

In May, we launched ['Voices Beyond the Foodbank'](#), our unique resource on the experiences of marginalised groups and access to food.

We met with an elected member of Barnet Council, resulting in an invitation to join Barnet Council Food Partnership. This gives us the opportunity to create support for our aim to guide Barnet into becoming a 'Right to Food Borough'.

Women's rights

In March, we marked International Women's Day and Women's History Month by celebrating Jewish women advocating for rights (Jewish women in human rights, our trustees, Biblical Jewish women, Rene Cassin founders and supporters).

We have built on collaborations with key sector organisations, such as the Fawcett Society, Centenary Action Group, Faith & VAWG Coalition, and EVAW.

We contributed the experiences of Jewish women to a toolkit produced by Standing Together on faith and violence against women and girls.

In November, we participated in the UN's '[16 Days of Activism](#) on Violence against Women and Girls'

Discrimination & hate crime

In June, we marked Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) History Month – amplifying actions and messages by drawing parallels with Jewish experience.

As has become customary, we marked Roma Holocaust Memorial Day on 2 August. This date is the anniversary of the liquidation of the 'Gypsy Camp' at Auschwitz in 1944.

Also in August, our Executive Director, Mia Hasenson-Gross spoke at the event *Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Rights – The Green Party's Role in ending systematic discrimination*.

During October's 'Hate Crime Awareness Week' [we highlighted how anti-Semitism and Islamophobia have spiked](#) since the Hamas attack on Israel and subsequent war in Gaza, following this up with a reminder of the contemporary resonances of [Kristallnacht](#) on its 85th anniversary on 9 November.

"The work you are all doing at René Cassin is brilliant."

Best wishes, Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah

Genocide

In February, we marked the anniversary of Russia's invasion with an event – *Ukraine: How the law can hold Putin to account* – on how international criminal law could be developed in response.

On the Uyghur issue, we launched two calls to action on forced labour, signed joint letters to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors and the International Committee on Publishing Ethics (re organ harvesting) and to the Education Secretary (re privacy, security and ethical risks).

We wrote to Michael Gove expressing our concern that the proposed Economic Activities of Public Bodies Bill could jeopardise UK-based activists' efforts to oppose human rights abuses in China.

"It's really remarkable how much you all achieve with such a lean team!"

Funder

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Members of the 2023 cohort of our Ambassadors' Programme have completed personal projects including:

- A [Guide](#) to Culturally and Religiously appropriate food bank donations
- Short [animation video](#) on Uyghur genocide
- A '[Voices Beyond the Foodbank](#)' resource

We published a refugee-themed [2023 Pesach Haggadah accompaniment](#) and distributed a [2023 local elections briefing](#).

We worked with Jewish students to pass motions, at UJS Conference in February, on modern slavery and in solidarity with those held in immigration detention centres.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

René Cassin relies on its supporters for the funds to carry on its vital work.

Please help ensure our voice is heard loudly and clearly by supporting us:

- **Make a donation** – you can make a one-off gift through our website at www.renecassin.org/donate
- Better still, **become a 'Friend of René Cassin'** by making a monthly donation (via the 'I'd like to give regularly' option) www.renecassin.org/donate
- Become an **Individual Patron** or **Corporate Supporter** – email the office for further details info@renecassin.org
- **Get involved in our campaigns** – visit our website for more details
- **Attend our events** – www.renecassin.org/category/events/
- **Volunteer with us** – email info@renecassin.org
- **Sign up for our newsletter** at www.renecassin.org
- **Follow us** on Twitter twitter.com/Rene_Cassin and Instagram www.instagram.com/rene.cassin/ and **like us** on Facebook www.facebook.com/renecassin
- **Tell your friends, family and colleagues about our work**



FINANCE

Revenue and Support 2023

Donations & legacies	159,879
Charitable activities	3,000
Investment income	126
Total revenue and support	163,005

Expenditure 2023

Charitable activities	163,759
Costs of raising voluntary income	6,684
Total expenditure	170,443

Many thanks to our supporters

Anglo Jewish Association
 Humanitarian Trust
 Judith Trust
 SC & ME Morlands Charitable Trust
 Pears Foundation
 Shoresh Charitable Trust
 Eleanor Rathbone Foundation
 Sigrid Rausing Trust
 Elanor Rathbone Foundation
 The Blue Thread Foundation

And to our individual **Patrons** (who give £1,000 or more annually) and **Friends** (who make regular donations)

OUR PEOPLE

Our Staff

Mia Hasenson-Gross	Executive Director
Rachel Vogler	Campaigns Officer
Esther Raffell	Campaigns Officer (to May 2023)
Debora Singer	Human Rights Act Campaign Lead (volunteer)
Lucja Jastrzebska	Campaigns & Communications Officer
Sam Watson	Development Manager

Our Trustees

Daniel Silverstone	Chair
Jeff Highfield	Treasurer
Justin Abbott Chalew	
Lauren Keiles	
Danielle Mason	
Jonathan Metzger	
Abigail Morris	
Rachel Zaltzman	

Honorary Ambassadors

Dr Annette Lawson OBE
Elliot Levey

Our Advisory Council

Sylvie Bacquet	Dr. Kishan Manocha
Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE	Rabbi David Mason
Rabbi Dr. Naftali Brawer	Vicki Prais
Professor Geraldine van Bueren KC	Rabbi Danny Rich
Caroline Cassin	Rabbi David Rosen CBE
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Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner	Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg
Dr. Keith Kahn-Harris	Dr. Reuven Ziegler
Daniel Kingsley	
Professor Francesca Klug OBE	
Professor Noam Lubell	

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

René Cassin is a UK charity registered on 5 January 2007 (number 1117472 as CCJO ReneCassin) and governed by a constitution amended 9 September 2013.

The charity is governed by the board of trustees listed on the previous page. Our constitution stipulates that there must be a minimum of three trustees at any time. There is no maximum limit to the number of trustees.

René Cassin complies with all applicable UK law in recruiting and selecting new trustees to join its board. Trustees are normally elected by the members (who are the current trustees) of René Cassin at a general meeting. Trustees are appointed based on specific skills, experience and knowledge that will enable them to contribute to the management of the charity. These skills, experience and knowledge are first identified in the annual skills audit. When there is a specific gap identified, or a trustee with specific skills, experience and knowledge is approaching retirement, then a posting seeking to recruit a new trustee will be placed on a variety of independent voluntary sector websites, print or online publications. During the recruitment and selection process, René Cassin will ensure that prospective new trustees are eligible to act, do not have any conflicts of interest, and understand their responsibilities and René Cassin's work. In particular, René Cassin pays heed to Charity Commission Guidance CC3: *The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know, What You Need to Do*.

René Cassin's board meets every two months to oversee the work of the charity, which the board delegates to its small staff team. All policies, such as risk register and safeguarding, are reviewed regularly and are up to date.

The Jewish
voice for
human rights

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2023**

for

CCJO RENE CASSIN

Melinek Fine LLP
Chartered Accountants
First Floor, Winston House
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that it has complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

Details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by Rene Cassin, as well as Rene Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are grants from charitable foundations.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

Principal address

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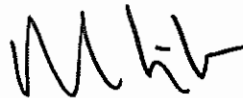
Trustees

D Silverstone Chair
R Zaltzman
S F A Morris
J Highfield
J Metzger
J A Abbott Chalew (resigned 22.5.23)
L Keiles (resigned 18.9.23)
D Mason

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 JUNE and signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
CCJO Rene Cassin**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Mr Daniel Fine, FCA

Melinek Fine LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 25/6/2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	140,879	19,000	159,879	129,012
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	3,000	3,000	5,000
Investment income	3	<u>126</u>	-	<u>126</u>	<u>42</u>
Total		<u>141,005</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>163,005</u>	<u>134,054</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		6,684	-	6,684	813
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>141,759</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>163,759</u>	<u>152,310</u>
Total		<u>148,443</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>170,443</u>	<u>153,123</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,438)	-	(7,438)	(19,069)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>46,650</u>	-	<u>46,650</u>	<u>65,719</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>39,212</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>39,212</u></u>	<u><u>46,650</u></u>

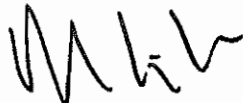
The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		41,184	-	41,184	48,180
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,972)	-	(1,972)	(1,530)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8			<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on19.1.2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

CCJO RENE CASSIN

Notes to the Financial Statements FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	159,227	128,373
Gift aid	<u>652</u>	<u>639</u>
	<u>159,879</u>	<u>129,012</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>126</u>	<u>42</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Employees	3	3
Volunteers	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	99,012	30,000	129,012
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	5,000	5,000
Investment income	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42</u>
Total	<u>99,054</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>134,054</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	813	-	813
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>117,310</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>152,310</u>
Total	<u>118,123</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>153,123</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(19,069)	-	(19,069)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>65,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,719</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>46,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,650</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	953	510
Other creditors	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,020</u>
	<u>1,972</u>	<u>1,530</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,650	(7,438)	39,212
	<u>46,650</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>39,212</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,005	(148,443)	(7,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	(22,000)	-
	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

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	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,719	(19,069)	46,650
	<u>65,719</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>	<u>46,650</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	99,054	(118,123)	(19,069)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	35,000	(35,000)	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,054</u>	<u>(153,123)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	159,227	128,373
Gift aid	<u>652</u>	<u>639</u>
	159,879	129,012
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	126	42
Charitable activities		
Administration fees	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total incoming resources	163,005	134,054
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising	6,684	813
Charitable activities		
Staff costs	114,762	113,927
Campaigns	1,981	1,651
Premises costs	-	3,526
Consultancy	35,058	21,398
Office and administration	7,200	7,229
Education and training	1,457	1,357
Organisation Development	<u>1,489</u>	<u>1,400</u>
	161,947	150,488
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,812</u>	<u>1,822</u>
Total resources expended	<u>170,443</u>	<u>153,123</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2023**

for

CCJO RENE CASSIN

Melinek Fine LLP
Chartered Accountants
First Floor, Winston House
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that it has complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

Details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are grants from charitable foundations.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

Principal address

First Floor Winston House
349 Regents Park Road
London
N3 1DH

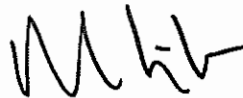
Trustees

D Silverstone Chair
R Zaltzman
S F A Morris
J Highfield
J Metzger
J A Abbott Chalew (resigned 22.5.23)
L Keiles (resigned 18.9.23)
D Mason

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
Melinek Fine LLP
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 JUNE and signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
CCJO Rene Cassin**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Mr Daniel Fine, FCA

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Date: 25/6/2024

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	140,879	19,000	159,879	129,012
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	3,000	3,000	5,000
Investment income	3	<u>126</u>	-	<u>126</u>	<u>42</u>
Total		<u>141,005</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>163,005</u>	<u>134,054</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		6,684	-	6,684	813
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>141,759</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>163,759</u>	<u>152,310</u>
Total		<u>148,443</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>170,443</u>	<u>153,123</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,438)	-	(7,438)	(19,069)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>46,650</u>	-	<u>46,650</u>	<u>65,719</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>39,212</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>39,212</u></u>	<u><u>46,650</u></u>

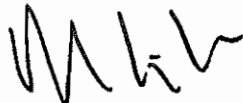
The notes form part of these financial statements

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Balance Sheet
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		41,184	-	41,184	48,180
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,972)	-	(1,972)	(1,530)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on19.1.2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

CCJO RENE CASSIN

Notes to the Financial Statements FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	159,227	128,373
Gift aid	<u>652</u>	<u>639</u>
	<u>159,879</u>	<u>129,012</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>126</u>	<u>42</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Employees	3	3
Volunteers	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	99,012	30,000	129,012
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	5,000	5,000
Investment income	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42</u>
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Comparatives for movement in funds

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,054</u>	<u>(153,123)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.