



A NAÇÃO HEBRAICA

EXPLORING THE PORTUGUESE HEBREW NATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name

A Nação Hebraica (SCIO)

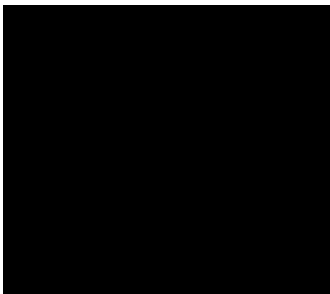
Charity no

SC052226

Address

33 Brighton Place, Edinburgh EH15 1LL

Current Trustees



Convener

Treasurer

Secretary

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 5 January 2023. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the sole members of the charity.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting which is held in January. There must be a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) trustees. Charity Trusteeship is open to any person aged 16 or over; and/or any individual who has been nominated for membership by an unincorporated organisation; and/or any corporate body, who subscribes to the purposes of the organisation and wishes to see them fulfilled.

Charitable purposes

To undertake scholarly research into the history and genealogy of the communities that make up the Western Sephardic diaspora in the Atlantic world; and to identify and make available original source documents, materials and research, and to publish these in databases or physical publications, in order to inform and educate a worldwide public. The area within which the organisation shall operate shall be worldwide.

Convener's Report

Achievements and Performance

Following on from the publication of transcriptions of three years' accounts in 2023, in FY2024 we published transcriptions of a further eight manuscript books and are transcribing three further books.

Completed:

- Account Book 5441-5442
- Account Book 5442-5443 (Partial Damaged Book)
- Account Book 5445

- Account Book 5453
- Ascamot 5493-5535
- Minutes: The Elders 5493-5524
- Minutes: The Elders 5525-5543
- Livro dos Pleitos 5481-5531

Transcribing:

- Account Book 5454
- Minutes: The Elders 5545-5555
- Livro dos Pleitos 1772-1784

Other:

- Aboab Manuscript kept at Ets Haim Library, Amsterdam
- Van Rijn index of Portuguese Jews in 18th century notarial archives
- Balance sheet of the Dutch Old West Indian Company
- 30 pages of the "Livro dos Homens" index to the Portuguese Inquisition Processos

We have also carried out a translation and e-book experiment with the first volume of the Livro dos Pleitos. Chat-GPT 4 was successfully used to generate an AI-aided translation of the book, and dummy .pdf and flipbook editions were produced. The results are promising enough to justify scaling up to other transcribed manuscripts, and we are pursuing funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to put in place the technical infrastructure.

2024 Communications

- Contacted by [REDACTED], Oxford historian researching the Mendes da Costa family 2024-05-07. Provided with transcribed material that could help in his research
- [REDACTED] completed an M.A. in history at The Open University 2024-01, beginning PhD research at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 2025-02.
- [REDACTED] presented to Jewish Historical Society of England (JHSE) – New Generation Group (NGG) of early career historians 2024-04-07

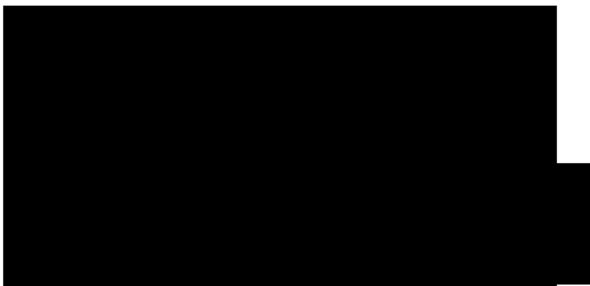
- [REDACTED] presented to Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain (JGSGB) 2024-04-12
- [REDACTED] presented to International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) Philadelphia 2024-08-19

Decisions of the Board of Thursday 8 August 2024

1. To eliminate future cost of website hosting for anacaohebraica.org, change ISP to **34SP.com** which offers no cost hosting for charities.
2. Approve and adopt the following financial control policy:
 - a. Budgets are approved by the Board annually or when changes are made.
 - b. Spending is approved for budgeted items only.
 - c. Treasurer and Convener are authorized to spend as budgeted.
3. A Nação Hebraica needs to become an institutional member of READ-COOP SCE to access the Transkribus tools needed to fulfill our mission.
4. Prepare a 5-year budget and fundraising plan.

2025 Communication Plans

- Presentation to IGRA 2025-02-17
- Presentation to JTS date tbd
- Presentation to IAJGS 2025-08-



26 February 2025

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Financial review

Our main source of funding is in the form of grants from funding bodies and donations from members of the public and from trustees.

We received £125.88 in donations from trustees in the year to 31 December 2024. We did not initiate any fundraising from members of the public in FY 2024.

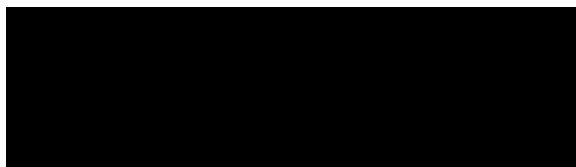
In July 2024 we changed our webhosting provider from 1and1 IONOS Ltd, to which we were paying £12.60 per month in hosting costs, to the Manchester-based hosting provider 34SP.com. As a registered charity, we were able to negotiate free hosting from 34SP.com.

In September 2024 we applied to His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) for recognition as a charity for tax purposes, specifically for registration for the purpose of Gift Aid. The application was accepted, and we were issued the Charity Ref No. ST05901. As a requirement of the HMRC application, we were asked to open a new bank account with a bank that is registered with the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). HMRC would not accept Wise Ltd, as although Wise is authorised as an Electronic Money Institution (EMI) by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), it is not a bank and is not FSCS-registered. We therefore opened an account with Zempler Bank, which fulfills this requirement. Our bank account details as of 31 December 2024 are:

WISE

GBP

Account holder: A Nação Hebraica (SCIO)



Wise's address: 56 Shoreditch High Street

London

E1 6JJ

United Kingdom

EUR

Account holder: A Nação Hebraica (SCIO)



Wise's address: Avenue Louise 54, Room S52

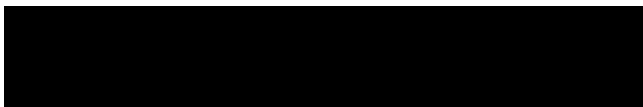
Brussels

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Belgium

USD (for sending and receiving USD in the USA)

Account holder: A Nação Hebraica (SCIO)



Account type: Checking

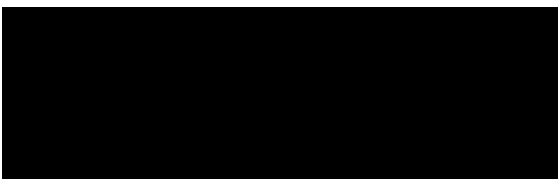
Wise's address: 30 W. 26th Street, Sixth Floor

New York NY 10010

United States

USD (for sending and receiving USD from outside the USA)

Account holder: A Nação Hebraica (SCIO)



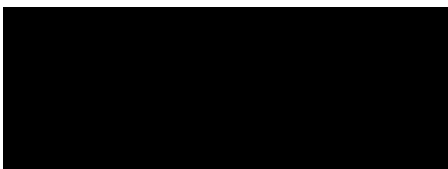
Wise's address: 30 W. 26th Street, Sixth Floor

New York NY 10010

United States

AUD

Account holder: A Nação Hebraica (SCIO)



Wise's address: 36-38 Gipps Street
Collingwood 3066 Australia

PAYPAL

A Nação Hebraica (SCIO)

Link to receive payments:



NB: Does not operate like a bank, so no IBAN or SWIFT codes.

ZEMPLER BANK

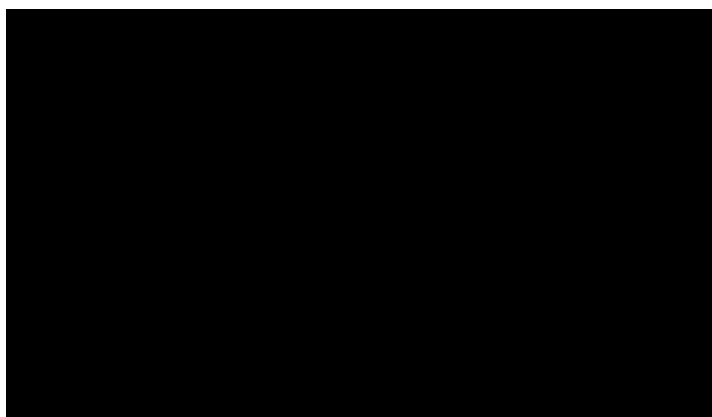
Account Name: A Nacao Hebraica (SCIO)



Currency: GBP

Bank details: Zempler Bank Ltd., Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, London SE1 2QG

At the same time, we registered with the fundraising platforms Donorbox and JustGiving, although we did not set up any campaigns through them in FY2024.



7 February 2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Funds 2024	Funds 2023
Receipts		
Donations	£125.88	£61.41
Grants	£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising	£0.00	£0.00
Bank interest	£0.00	£0.00
Bank verification credit	-	£0.01
Card cashback	£0.06	-
 Total receipts	 £125.94	 £61.42
 Payments		
Cost of charitable activities	£0.00	£0.00
Banking costs	£10.48	£50.70
Website hosting costs	£75.50	-
Governance costs	£0.00	£0.00
 Total payments	 £85.98	 £54.30
 Surplus/(deficit) for the year	 £39.96	 £10.72

Statement of Balances - As at 31 December 2024

	Funds 2024	Funds 2023
Opening cash at bank and in hand	£10.72	£0.00
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	£39.96	£10.72
 Closing cash at bank and in hand	 £50.68	 £10.72

Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2 Nature and purpose of funds

During the year the charity received no direct grants.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year.

4 Donations

The charity received cash donations totalling £125.43 from the trustees to cover costs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has paid the monthly cost of ZOOM meetings for reviewing transcriptions and SCIO business meetings at a cost of US\$ 189.88 for 2024. [REDACTED] indicates that he does not wish to be reimbursed for this expense.

6 Cost of charitable activities

There are no recorded costs of charitable activities.

7 Governance costs

The independent examiner generously waived his fee for examining the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023. The independent examiner's fee for the present accounts (year ending 31 December 2024) will be reflected in the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of A Nação Hebraica (SCIO) for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the financial review and accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 8-10.

1 Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial review and accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

2 Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of transactions mentioned in the review and I am satisfied that the review is accurate and that A Nação Hebraica (SCIO) derives beneficial ownership of the contracts mentioned. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

3 Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.

