



Jewish
Community
Centre
London

Impact Report 2025



Year in Review

“Visiting JW3 gives you a feeling of belonging”



Tickets booked
48k

Events
2292



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At the heart of my vision for Britain is a call for national renewal, for a Britain built for all JW3 exemplifies this vision. The centre offers such a vibrant, inclusive space for everyone to enjoy and experience a variety of arts, learning and community interaction. Jewish culture and achievement remain vital to shaping modern Britain

Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer

Foodbank sessions
186

Visitors
116k



Social media impressions
6.4m

Online video views
14k



Visitors engaging in multiple event types
94%

Visitors feeling more connected to the Jewish community
89%



“I support it because it does a great and unique job in the Jewish and wider community”



Visitor satisfaction
90%

Press mentions
394

“ JW3 continues to nurture connection between generations and to provide a welcoming space where all can explore and celebrate the beauty and depth of Jewish identity... Through times of celebration and times of pain, JW3 has continued to represent the very best of our community [and] remains a beacon of Jewish life in the heart of London.

Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis

Volunteer hours
11k

Volunteers
338



Artist Benzi Brofman's responses to October 7th at the Contemporary Antisemitism Conference

Visitors likely to recommend JW3
85%

Blood donations — up to 1,080 lives saved
360



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JW3 is a completely cross-communal space, where we can all come together to debate, to learn and to enjoy pastimes, whatever part of the community we come from. In an increasingly polarised community, we all need to share what we have in common, and JW3 makes this possible for all of us.

Phillip Rosenberg, President,
Board of Deputies of British Jews

“I think JW3
plays an
important role
in Jewish life”



“A vital part of
London’s diverse
community and
celebration of the
cultural mix we
should all be proud
to support. I love
JW3, it’s a wonderful
inclusive space.”



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Most importantly, at a time when debate and discussion can often be polarised, JW3 provides a home for nuanced, balanced, diverse and respectful conversations...a uniquely safe and trusted space for our Jewish community to think, question and grow together...[and] spaces that bring different people together.

Rabbi Charley Baginsky
& Rabbi Josh Levy,
Co-Leads, Movement for
Progressive Judaism



The Chair's Perspective

It is a real privilege, and a source of deep personal pride, to serve as Chair of JW3 at such an important moment for our community.

2025 was another extraordinarily challenging year. Against the backdrop of ongoing war in the Middle East, record levels of antisemitism in the UK, and rising economic pressures affecting both families and institutions, the need for safe, welcoming Jewish spaces has never felt more urgent. At the same time, organisations like ours have had to navigate sharply rising costs, including the growing burden of security.

That is one of the many reasons I feel so proud of JW3.

This year's impact findings powerfully affirm the unique and vital role that JW3 plays in Jewish life and in wider society. They show an organisation delivering high-quality experiences, strengthening identity and connection, and creating a place where Jewish life is celebrated openly and joyfully.

It is especially encouraging to see that several measures have strengthened again since last year, including the number of visitors who feel that JW3 does an excellent job of celebrating Jewish culture and heritage, and those who experience it as a safe and welcoming space.

What I find especially heartening is the evidence that the more people engage with JW3, the stronger their sense of connection to the Jewish community becomes. That goes to the heart of why JW3 exists. We are not simply delivering excellent programmes and events. We are helping to build belonging and the kind of community that people need, especially at times like these.

I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our staff team, volunteers, fellow trustees and supporters. Their commitment enables JW3 to remain a beacon of pride, resilience and hope.

I am immensely proud of what has been achieved over the past year, and honoured to play a part in helping guide JW3 through such a significant chapter in its story.



MARC NOHR
Chair



The Chief Executive's Perspective



JW3 was created with a bold and ambitious mission: to create open and welcoming Jewish spaces that bring different people together, strengthen

identities, and build community through culture, education and social action.

This year's impact report gives us something invaluable: Clear, independent evidence that this aspirational mission is lived and felt every day.

Many people first come to JW3 for culture, entertainment or learning; for the cinema, a live performance, a talk, a class, or one of our many community events. What this year's findings show is that those visits often become something deeper.

What stands out most powerfully for me is what the data tell us about belonging.

We have long believed that community is built through repeated moments of connection: by returning another class, another Friday night dinner, another conversation over coffee in our café. This year's findings strongly support that belief, showing a clear relationship between frequency of visits and a deeper sense of connection to the Jewish community.

For me, that is one of the most important findings in the entire report.

It tells us that what happens at JW3 is bigger than any individual event. Every encounter helps build confidence, pride

and connection. Over time, those moments accumulate into something deeper: a stronger sense of belonging and a stronger connection to Jewish life.

This helps explain why JW3 matters in the way it does. We are not only offering great events and running valued programmes; we are creating the conditions in which people can feel at home, feel proud, and feel part of something bigger than themselves.

Our response to the challenges of 2025 has been characteristically JW3ish: To continue creating spaces for joy, dialogue, culture, solidarity and community. As I like to say, to dial the Jewish volume up, not down.

I am in awe of my incredible colleagues and our extraordinary volunteers, whose care, creativity and commitment make this impact possible every day. And I am thankful to all of our supporters, whose generosity enables us to make the vital impact that this report demonstrates we make.

Most of all, I am grateful to everyone who continues to make JW3 not simply a venue, but a home; *the* safe home for Jewish culture and conversation.



RAYMOND SIMONSON
CEO



JW3's award-nominated pantomime, Cinderella & The Matzo Ball

Connected Community

Our aim is for JW3 to be a key place where a diverse Jewish community come together, celebrate, and connect with their Jewish heritage and culture.

We support Jewish performers and artists and provide events where people can see their own experiences, and those of others, important and diverse Jewish stories and voices, reflected on the stage and screen.

Our centre is a safe place for the multidimensional, authentic, diverse tapestry of Jewish life, culture and community.

Over the year we hosted 2,292 events across a wide range of topics and experiences. Across this wide array of events that celebrate and connect people to Jewish culture and heritage, we attracted 116,030 visits.

Our visitors last year told us that JW3 is

A place to celebrate Jewish culture and heritage

81%

felt that we do an excellent job of bringing people together to celebrate Jewish culture and heritage

75%

felt that JW3 is home for Jewish culture and conversations

A place to connect to the Jewish Community

89%

of visitors felt that JW3 helped them feel more connected to the Jewish community

34%

of Jewish visitors agreed they had developed stronger connections with the Jewish community through JW3

A place to connect with a diverse Jewish community

41%

of visitors had a conversation with someone from a different background to them

A place to have difficult conversations

35%

of visitors felt able to have challenging conversations at JW3 that they might not have elsewhere

“As a (now 69-year-old) secular Jew brought up in denial of my Jewish identity, first attending a comedy performance at JW3 a few years ago suddenly and unexpectedly gave me the feeling of coming home, of being ‘among my people’, reawakening me to a strong sense of my own Jewish cultural identity”

“A safe anchor to express my Jewish culture and identity amongst kindred spirits”

Families solving a mystery trail at our Party on Purim



Connected Community



Making a difference to Jewish artists

You may have seen comedian Rachel Creeger hosting and performing at JW3's comedy club, or on stages across the UK.

For Rachel, JW3 is very special – it is a place

people come because they want to enjoy and support Jewish artists, and to share in Jewish art and culture. She says, “You’re a Jewish person in a Jewish space. And that is so powerful right now. It’s so lacking in so many other places.”

Rachel’s scheduled show, Ultimate Jewish Mother, was cancelled at last summer’s Edinburgh Fringe Festival shortly before it was due to begin, simply because she is Jewish.

This distressing antisemitic experience, which left her feeling vulnerable and unsafe, highlights the need for JW3 as “an absolutely safe space for Jewish performers”. As she told us, JW3 offers something rare, “somewhere that you know that you’re going to be able to be yourself, sit in your identity, in a room full of people who have come there because they support that identity.” JW3 doesn’t only provide a safe stage for Jewish art and culture, but a place where this is celebrated and enjoyed by our diverse visitors.



“I have found a second home here, making new friends and gaining more understanding of our differences and similarities”



Families at Chanukah Funukah event

JW3 ran many programmes in 2025 that enabled people to celebrate Jewish culture and heritage and connect to community, for example:

JW3 PANTO

Cinderella and the Matzo Ball was our third annual pantomime, firmly establishing it as a new tradition in the British-Jewish calendar. Over 6,400 people of all ages (a 9.5% increase on 2024) enjoyed the 38 performances of this unique expression of joyous Jewish culture, the world’s only professional Jewish pantomime (oh yes it is!).

TAMARADAH

JW3 was thrilled to host Tamar Radah, an extraordinary Ethiopian Jewish folk singer, who escaped civil war and famine in the country of her birth, grew up in Israel, and graduated from its prestigious Rimon School of Music. In her first ever UK concert, Tamar captivated our audience with her unique fusion of world music, Ethiopian folk, and cultural Afro-Caribbean grooves sung in Hebrew and Amharic, and the diverse audience dancing in the aisles!

FAMILY EVENTS

Throughout the year, JW3 programmed vibrant family events around key moments in the Jewish calendar. Packed out events including Party on Purim, Chanukah Funukah and Chanukah Light Ups brought over 1,000 children and their families together from across the broad spectrum of Jewish community to celebrate Jewish identity, heritage and culture across the generations.

RISE

A modern rock musical set in Eastern Europe during the Holocaust, it tells the gripping story of Jewish women resistance fighters who served as spies, smugglers, and underground leaders to organize an uprising against the Nazi regime. This concert performance explored themes of courage, loyalty, sacrifice, and love, inspiring audiences by reinforcing the belief in the triumph of the human spirit over adversity which left our community moved and uplifted, reinforcing our belief in the power of the arts to heal, challenge, and inspire.

COMMUNITY SHIVA

JW3 hosted a moving Community Shiva for Oded Lifschitz z”l, the Israeli journalist and peace activist kidnapped on 7 October, 2023, and later murdered. Hundreds attended, joining his daughter, Dr Sharone Lifschitz, a tireless hostage campaigner who has addressed packed audiences many times at JW3, to pay tribute to his courage and commitment to building bridges. The moving event reinforced JW3’s role as a community home where people gather to find strength and solidarity, and to show love and support for those who need it most.



Deepening Identity

Our programmes and events are designed to celebrate Jewish culture and community, and also explore and deepen understanding about Jewish history, traditions, and culture with the aim of strengthening Jewish identity.

We do this through our programmes and events that provide a platform for a comprehensive range of talks, events, and performances, reflecting an array of topics and attracting a diverse audience. We also hold a broad spectrum of educational classes and courses all year round.



The Knitting Pilgrim (Kirk Dunn) on stage at JW3



“I am not Jewish but the range of lectures, talks, films etc is so wide that it has given me many new ways to understand Jewish history, politics and culture”

In 2025 JW3 delivered:

370

courses

96

talks

927

language classes

18,808

people attended JW3 courses, talks, and language classes.

Our 2025 highlights were:

LOVELOCK HOSTAGE BRIDGE

This interactive, growing installation was taken down on the day the last living hostages were released from captivity, on Monday, October 13th. The installation, designed to raise attention for the humanitarian issue of the hostages, grew from an initial 136 padlocks to over 5,000, filled with messages of love and support, successfully driving media coverage and serving as a site of community reflection. The removed padlocks were transformed into a piece of permanent art, launched at JW3 in early 2026.

CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM CONFERENCE

Planned and run by The London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism (LCSCA) at JW3, this was a landmark three-day event. Recognised as the largest conference on antisemitism in the world, it gathered global academics, leaders, and policy-makers to propose practical strategies to tackle this age-old hatred. We were proud to work with and be the host venue for the conference, and an accompanying exhibition of Jewish artists, that was viewed by over 1,000 people. JW3 ensured a safe space for participants from around the world to gather, develop critical knowledge and tools, and academics to stand together in the face of intolerance.

THE ROAD TO AUSCHWITZ

We were deeply honoured to host the world premiere of a film written and presented by acclaimed historian Sir Simon Schama. This moving and meticulously researched documentary traces the journey towards the Holocaust, drawing on Simon's family's personal story. It was an unforgettable moment when he presented and discussed the work with the film's director at JW3, highlighting the vital role that JW3 plays in shining a light on Jewish history for audiences of all backgrounds.

HIGH QUALITY CONVERSATIONS

Throughout the year, JW3 curated and hosted important conversations featuring global perspectives from key figures including journalists David Patrikarakos and Jake Wallis Simons, former Israeli Ambassador Daniel Taub, and writers such as Rachel Auerbach, Jonathan Freedland, Linda Dangoor and Esther Freud. These events fostered safe spaces for thought-provoking, respectful dialogue on important issues, demonstrating that conversation can be a bridge even when topics are polarised and all are welcome at JW3.



Sir Simon Schama speaking at the sold-out world premiere of his new - BAFTA-winning - documentary, The Road to Auschwitz

“JW3 is a warm and welcoming place. I appreciate the opportunity to freely use its facilities and to learn more about what it is to identify as Jewish.”



Deepening Identity



Tibor's story

Meet Tibor. He was born in Hungary in 1942 and has experienced antisemitism and persecution that left him feeling unsafe most of his life.

As a local resident living near JW3, he began volunteering at JW3 soon after the Covid-19 pandemic. For the first time, Tibor told us, JW3 was a place where he finally felt comfortable expressing his Jewish identity and being himself without anxiety.

He told us, "the most important thing to me about JW3 is that here, you can truly be yourself. No one's going to put you down, no one's going to judge you."

Volunteering, he said, has not only given him a huge amount of personal satisfaction, but also a chance to connect with other Jewish people from a wide range of backgrounds. "Once I found myself in this interesting group of people doing this service, I felt really important and like it mattered to me," he told us.

As a weekly highlight, Tibor enjoys bringing a large batch of bagels from Roni's Bagel Bakery to share with other JW3 volunteers each week.

"a wonderful speaker and managed to create a safe space which allowed participants to open up and share intimate and personal stories"

"It is among a few places I visit that tangibly puts me in touch with my sense of Jewish identity and community"

Students learn Hebrew at one of over 30 weekly language classes at JW3



Our visitors last year told us that JW3 is

A place to experience Jewish culture

72%

said that JW3 provides opportunities to experience Jewish culture that you wouldn't find elsewhere

A place to deepen understanding of Jewish culture and community

56%

agreed that JW3 has increased their appreciation and understanding of Jewish history, culture, or community

A safe home for Jewish life and culture

91%

of Jewish visitors and 95% of non-Jewish visitors felt JW3 provides a safe and welcoming space for Jewish life and culture

A place that strengthens Jewish identity

78%

agreed that JW3 had strengthened their sense of Jewish identity



Battle of the Bands

“these interactions strengthened my sense of Jewish community”
non-Jewish visitor

Building Bridges

Our doors at JW3 are open and we welcome a wide and diverse audience through them. We create spaces where people can meet, events people can attend, and activities that enable people to learn about Jewish culture and history, share stories, connect, and enjoy the company of others, whether they come with them or meet them through JW3.

Our intention is to create opportunities for people to meet and learn from other people, develop empathy and understanding, and tackle challenges such as loneliness and antisemitism through art, culture and connection.

Our visitors last year told us that JW3 is

A safe and welcoming space for our diverse audience/community

89%

of Jewish and non-Jewish visitors felt that JW3 provides a safe and welcoming space for them

A place to connect with a diverse range of Jewish people

29%

of Jewish visitors had a conversation with someone from a different Jewish background or denomination while visiting JW3

53%

of non-Jewish visitors had conversations with someone that was from a different background to them

49%

of non-Jewish visitors felt that JW3 allowed them to have conversations they might not have elsewhere

A place that people from different backgrounds can meet and make deeper connections

50%

of non-Jewish visitors agreed they had developed stronger connections with the Jewish community through JW3

28%

of visitors said they had developed meaningful connections with different people through JW3

77%

of JW3 volunteers have had positive interactions with people from different faiths, cultures, or communities

“fancied something light and fun and a Jewish-ish panto with my non-Jewish friend fitted the bill. We both enjoyed it”



“We are Christian friends who wanted to celebrate Hanukkah because we think it is a wonderful celebration of Light over darkness throughout history and the resilience of the Jewish people”



Ivor Baddiel presents Matt Lucas' 'Big Fat Jewish Quiz'

Building Bridges



David's story

David has been involved with JW3 since it opened, attending Friday night dinners, listening to visiting speakers, enjoying cultural events, and inspired him to start learning Hebrew.

As a non-Jewish person, he has enjoyed meeting

different types of Jewish people, making friends, and developing a deeper understanding of the many facets of the Jewish community at JW3.

His experiences of Jewish life and culture at JW3 is a genuine discovery, "it's a real thing and not just something which you sign up to because biblically you think it's right, or because they share a certain worldview, or you have a certain worldview which is good for the Jewish community, and it's good for Israel."

Furthermore, as a disabled person, David has become attached to JW3, a place he always knows he will get a warm welcome and he will get the support he needs to make his visits both possible and enjoyable. "I would say that JW3 is a place where I've really experienced Chesed (kindness between people)."



Our Freedom Then and Now interactive exhibition

"I have met people from different cultures and backgrounds, and particularly been shown that not everybody is antisemitic or full of hatred"



Secretary of State Lisa Nandy MP exploring the London Jewish Mural



Throughout 2025 we produced diverse programmes and initiatives to help build bridges both within Jewish community, and between the Jewish community and wider society. These included:

OUR FREEDOM THEN AND NOW

JW3 was selected to participate in a national intergenerational arts project exploring the legacy of freedom to local communities, marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of Auschwitz. At JW3, young adults explored the impact of the Holocaust across generations, bringing to life storytelling using photos, audio, documents, and personal objects. The project culminated in a brand-new exhibition and companion podcast series, which was launched at JW3 before a national UK tour during 2026.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The walls of JW3 shook with the noise coming from our inaugural competition for teenage bands, showcasing the extraordinary talent of young musicians from across the Jewish and local community. The atmosphere was electric with friends, families, and supporters cheering them on, which brought in a much wider and more diverse audience from across London.

IN CONVERSATION: AZIZ ABU SARAH AND MAOZ INON

We were honoured to host a special conversation with international peace activists and social entrepreneurs, Palestinian, Aziz Abu Sarah, and Jewish Israeli, Maoz Inon. Tragically, Maoz's parents were killed on 7 October, and Aziz's brother during the first Intifada. One of the most powerful events of the year, they shared their personal stories of loss, and their journeys from grief towards hope, through their pursuit of peace across deep divides. The packed JW3 audience were visibly moved, as they reminded us that even in the darkest times, dialogue and compassion can light a way forward.

VISIT FROM LISA NANDY MP

JW3 welcomed Lisa Nandy MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), for a visit that included experiencing the vibrancy and diversity of Jewish life through a JW3 lens, and a roundtable with senior community leaders on challenges facing the British-Jewish community across the UK. Following the visit, The Secretary of State called JW3 "an essential hub for Jewish life," an uplifting affirmation of our work. We gifted her a poster of JW3's London Jewish Mural, which is now framed and prominently displayed in her DCMS office in Whitehall.

"Keep up the good work – your contribution to London's cultural and community life is extremely significant."
non-Jewish visitor



A Sitch & Kvetch session at JW3's Mitzvah Day, where participants knit, natter and nourish the soul

“Marvellous and inclusive community”

Nurturing Wellbeing

We want our visitors to feel welcome and benefit from our programmes holistically. Whilst our key focus is on JW3 as a place of culture, connection and deepening identity, we also aim to make a difference to people’s lives by improving their wellbeing, reducing isolation and loneliness, and alleviating the impact of food poverty.

At JW3 we provide this through programmes that are directly aimed at tackling issues like food poverty and health by providing a community space for the Foodbank and Blood Bank, but we also recognise that our wider programme of events and opportunities deliver an impact in terms of providing opportunities to meet new people, develop relationships, and create spaces for conversations and fun.

Our feedback has told us that JW3

Helps tackle food poverty

60 volunteers involved in the JW3 Foodbank

6,921 food parcels made and delivered during 186 Foodbank sessions

110,040 meals-worth of food distributed to 231 people through weekly Foodbank volunteering

48% of JW3 Foodbank recipients are on benefits

46% of our Foodbank recipients are registered disabled

Supports wellbeing

44% of visitors felt that JW3 had increased their well-being

Supports people build new connections

62% of visitors, Jewish and non-Jewish, said they had conversations with someone they didn’t know before

Supports volunteers to build relationships

79% of volunteers have built meaningful relationships through JW3

“It lifts my mood when I am down and is a positive influence on my mental well-being.”

“It has deepened my understanding of how loneliness, advanced age and financial need affect so many community members”

Young JW3 workshop



Nurturing Wellbeing



Seideh's Story

This is Seideh. She came to the UK two years ago with her family as asylum seekers and faced significant challenges, including living in accommodation without cooking facilities.

Cooking had always been a source of enjoyment and a way for her to manage stress, but her living situation made this impossible.

Volunteering at JW3 gave her the opportunity to return to the kitchen, cooking meals for the Foodbank.

Seideh said the experience gave her an opportunity to return to something she always loved as well as develop a new skill – cooking for large groups of people. JW3 provided a much-needed space where she and other asylum seekers living in the hostel could cook homemade meals together for their own families.

Seideh says that she “is happy to be here, happy to be part of a group that helps other people and I am happy to make friends here because it gives me an idea that “I exist, I am a human”.



“I think JW3 plays an important role in Jewish life”



Volunteers take part in cooking for JW3's Foodbank

During 2025 we offered a range with of programmes as part of our aim to improve wellbeing, including:

FOODBANK

JW3's Foodbank is a lifeline for households in need in north Camden - our dedicated team of volunteers continue to collect food, sort it, pack it, cook it, and deliver food weekly with up to 160 food packages going to recipients either self-referred or referred through the London Borough of Camden.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

JW3 programmes a wide range of classes and interactive workshops every week, offering opportunities for people to improve their health, fitness and wellbeing. Some of the most popular options include Krav Maga (with courses for children, teens, women only, and mixed-adults), All Ages Movement Class, various dance classes, Yoga, or Pilates, and our in-demand workshops such as our Women's Health Series and Staying Healthy in Your 40s For Men.

YOUNG JW3

This programme aims to be a second home for Jewish young adults in their 20s and 30s. Throughout 2025 we offered a dynamic mix of social, creative and educational events that reflect the diverse interests and backgrounds of our community. Highlights included regular sold-out themed Friday Night Shabbat Dinners (with over 450 attendances), Queer Movie & Pizza Nights bringing together LGBTQ+ participants and their allies, and a wide range of events that connect young people to their Jewish identity, heritage and like-minded peers. Young JW3 provides a safe, inclusive space to be unapologetically Jewish, make new friends and build professional networks. Over 1,030 young adults participated across 38 Young JW3 events in 2025.

VOLUNTEERING

We have volunteers across JW3 from the Foodbank, to cinema ushers, to event support and even in our back office. Volunteers come from all walks of life, from students and young people to retirees, and from many different Jewish and non-Jewish backgrounds. People volunteer at JW3 for a sense of community, to meet new people, for their mental health and well-being, and most of all through a sense of wanting to give something back.

SINFONIA COOKING

In partnership with City of London Sinfonia, performing live music has become part of JW3's Foodbank Kitchen. We are now in the second year of this life-affirming project delivered with professional musicians, JW3 volunteers, and asylum seekers clients from our partner organisations Care4Calais and New Citizens Gateway.

Inspiring Action

At JW3 we also aim to support individuals to learn new skills, develop their confidence, gain experience, and get involved in civic participation projects to improve our joint contribution to communities and British society.

Our feedback tells us that JW3 is



“It is really comforting getting home to see the food so kindly left for me. It makes me feel that I am not alone, still part of the world. It’s also exciting opening the bags and planning the meals for the week. I love that part. It really takes my mind off everything.”

Food parcel recipient

A place where people can make a contribution to wider society

338

volunteers contributing through JW3

10,989

hours of volunteering contributed

50

more than 50 children, teens and adults made a contribution at JW3 during Mitzvah Day

360

volunteer blood donors gave enough blood at JW3 to save up to 1080 lives

76%

of volunteers supported JW3 projects weekly or monthly

81%

of JW3 volunteers found volunteering at JW3 has increased their confidence to contribute positively to their community



One of our popular Families Takeover cooking sessions for the JW3 Foodbank

In 2025 we continued to amplify the scale and impact of our Social Action programme, including:

BLOOD BANK

We partnered with NHS Blood to host three JW3 Blood Donation Days (every four months). Each day was fully booked by blood donors from across the Jewish and local community, including those inspired to give for the first time. In total these sessions generated 360 blood donations, saving up to 1,080 lives.

SOCIAL ACTION INCUBATOR

We piloted our first ever Social Action Incubator, a hackathon-style initiative that brought together people of all ages, from across the Jewish community to generate bold new ideas for tackling social challenges. Over an intense and inspiring day, participants collaborated, innovated, and presented projects with real potential to create change in our community and beyond, some of which received seed funding from JW3’s Social Action Microfund to support pilot experimentation. It was a joy to watch their creativity in action, and to know that JW3 is playing a part in empowering the social action heroes of tomorrow.

CAREER WORKSHOPS

We’ve held two to three Career Workshops a year since 2020 at JW3 with 30-50 people attending and a range of expert panellists.

THE BIKE PROJECT

We partner with the Bike Project social enterprise that takes in second-hand bikes, refurbishes them and donates them to refugees and asylum seekers. JW3 is a drop-off point and 37 bikes were donated here by JW3 members/visitors in 2025 with some of our Foodbank recipients benefiting too.

JUMP

Provides unaccompanied asylum seeking and refugee youth with a safe, supportive space to build confidence and life skills through befriending, community building, and casework/advocacy. As part of this we launched JUMP Film Club for young asylum seekers and their mentors.

FAMILY FOODBANK TAKEOVER

A family-exclusive Foodbank packing session with arts and crafts and PJ Library books with JW3 volunteers supporting facilitation. The sessions sold-out with around 50 people attending and developing awareness around food poverty as this participant shared “I’ve wanted to talk to my child about food poverty but didn’t know how, this has helped us to start those conversations.”

NEW CITIZEN GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP

Provides support to refugees and asylum seekers to empower individuals to integrate into society as valued members, through a compassionate and respectful asylum process. JW3 delivered targeted programmes such as cooking sessions for young refugees and cooking sessions and a Beach and Film Day for women with their children as part of the Women’s Group.

Inspiring Action



Selina and Andrew Gellert's story

Retired GPs Selina and Andrew Gellert volunteer for JW3 by delivering food parcels to people in need. They say that they see their volunteer work as an opportunity to help the wider local community, many of which are not Jewish.

One highlight of the work, they say, was delivering food and gifts from a Jewish community centre to the local Muslim community for Ramadan. Their gradual conversations at the door with food recipients has built trust between them. Selina and Andrew felt this connection and empathy when one woman they had been delivering food to asked whether they had family in Israel after October 7th, and expressed her hope that they were safe.

They have also been able to draw on their medical backgrounds, and signpost recipients to other support services, helping the health and welfare of the local community further.

JW3 has provided Selina and Andrew with a place to enjoy weekly coffees in the cafe and work alongside other JW3 volunteers as well as create a close and supportive network of friends through the wide array of classes, performances and events. JW3 is a place that helps them to give to the community and enjoy their lives at the same time.

“I have developed a stronger understanding of my neighbourhood and the needs of some of its more vulnerable residents.”



Teenage volunteers engaging with one of our year-round Social Action projects

“Great people, great project, learnt new skills - and helped others”

“It has helped me give back to the community and build relationships with people I wouldn't come into contact with otherwise.”

Our feedback tells us that JW3 is

A place to learn something new

4 in 10

visitors learned something new or develop a skill through JW3

48%

of JW3 volunteers have developed their skills or gained new skills

59%

of JW3 volunteers have strengthened their understanding of communities different to their own

A place to grow in confidence

18%

of visitors increased their self confidence

61%

of JW3 volunteers felt that their confidence has increased

54%

of volunteers felt more confident engaging with people from different backgrounds

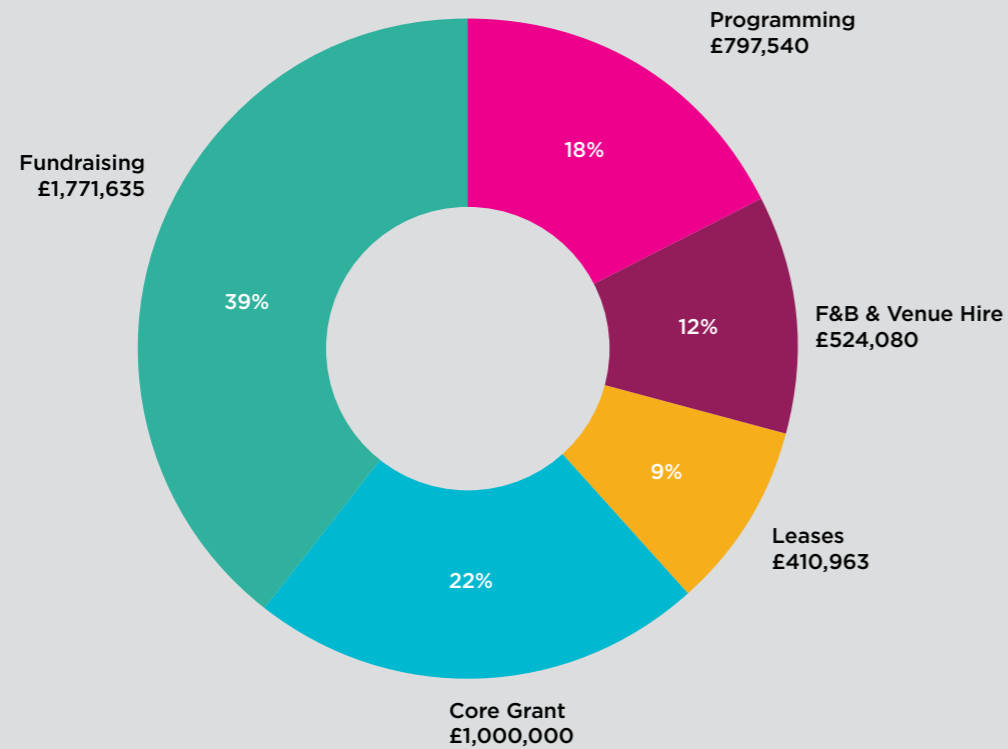


Blood Bank drive at JW3

2025 Finances

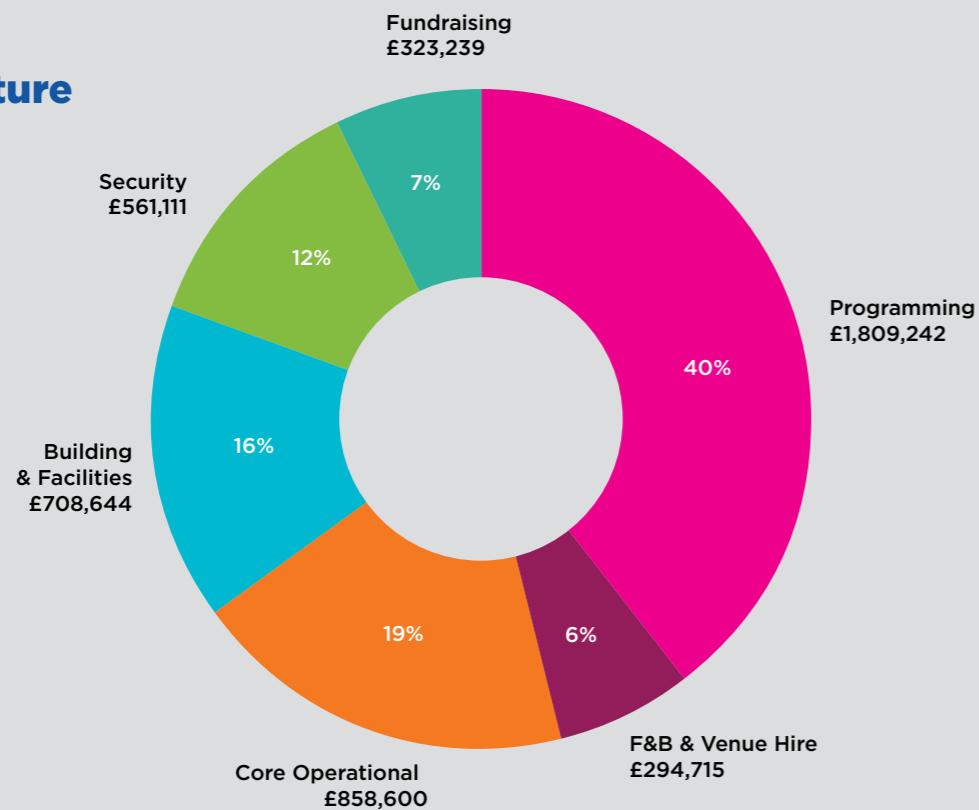
Income

Total
£4,504,218



Expenditure

Total
£4,555,551



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And our many other supporters, some of whom wish to remain anonymous. Collectively, the support of our donors in 2025 helped us to create open, safe, welcoming spaces that bring even more people together across divides, strengthening identities, and building community.

“JW3 is a place that is simultaneously haimishe and heroic – and that has responded to the intimidation of past two years not by running away, but by doubling down on the exuberance and vitality of Jewish culture”

Sir Simon Schama

JW3 Theory of Change

JW3 was created with a clear intention: to be a place where culture, conversation and community come together to strengthen identity, build connection, and create a sense of belonging.

VISION

A vibrant, diverse, unified Jewish community, engaged with Jewish life and actively contributing to wider society

MISSION

To create open and welcoming Jewish spaces that bring different people together, strengthen identities, and build community through arts, culture, education, and social action

Context

- Declining engagement in Jewish life
- Division within Jewish community
- Anti-Jewish racism (antisemitism)
- Social challenges

By bringing people together to explore and celebrate Jewish culture and experience, JW3 builds a connected Jewish community



What we do

- Education and Conversation
- Arts and Culture
- Community Events
- Social Action

- Connecting Jewish Community
- Deepening Jewish Identity and Understanding
- Building Bridges across Communities
- Nurturing Wellbeing
- Inspiring Civic Action

A more cohesive, stronger Jewish community making a greater contribution to British society

Looking ahead

This report shows that this Theory of Change is not just an idea. It is happening. Visitors to JW3

- **feel more connected** to the Jewish community,
- **build relationships** across difference,
- **deepen their understanding** of Jewish life and culture,
- **find a place** where they feel safe, welcome, and able to be themselves, and
- experiences, over time, accumulate into something more lasting: **a stronger sense of belonging.**

At the same time, this independently conducted evaluation by Mobilise Public Ltd has highlighted where our members and visitors want us to do better.

We have heard the desire for even more opportunities to connect. For more culture, more learning, more spaces to meet others. We have heard the need to improve aspects of the visitor experience, from accessibility to food to how we communicate what we do. And we have taken that feedback seriously.

As we look ahead, our focus is clear.

- **We will go further** in creating spaces for meaningful, respectful conversation across difference, within our own community and beyond it.
- **We will invest more** in strengthening relationships with other communities, including deeper engagement between Jewish and Muslim audiences.
- **We will expand** our support for Jewish artists, performers and creatives, ensuring that JW3 continues to be a safe place where Jewish culture is not only presented, but made, shared and developed.
- **We will continue to build on what matters most.** Being a place where people feel at home and included. Where they can show up as themselves. Where they can find connection, confidence and community.

None of this happens by accident. It is made possible by the people who bring JW3 to life every day. By our professional team, our volunteers, our partners, and our supporters. By everyone who walks through our doors and chooses to be part of the JW3 community. And critically, by everyone who helps to fund our work, especially with rising running and security costs to ensure we deliver our impact safely and effectively.

As it says in our Jewish sources:

“A community is too heavy to carry alone”

Midrash Rabbah 1:10

We are grateful to everyone who plays a part in carrying this work with us. **Thank you.**

There is still more to do. The direction is clear. And the need for JW3 has never been greater.

Raymond Simonson
Chief Executive, JW3

“A vital part of London’s diverse community and celebration of the cultural mix we should all be proud to support. I love JW3, it’s a wonderful inclusive space.”



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