

2024 ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

CHARITY NUMBER: 1147599

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ABOUT KOL BONAICH



We Believe in One's Potential

Kol Bonaich has a strong belief in one's own capabilities, skills, and judgement. We look at everyone as an "uncut diamond" with hidden brilliance.



We focus in Creating a Brighter Future

Kol Bonaich empowers children to have faith in themselves and turn their dreams into reality, even during challenging times.



We Make Sure to Include Everyone

Kol Bonaich will make sure that no one is left behind.



We Focus on Empowerment

Kol Bonaich focuses on empowering children and teenagers who are in distress, facing risks, and affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).



We Provide Comprehensive Support

Kol Bonaich's mission extends beyond addressing immediate needs, striving to guarantee that no one confronts their challenges alone.



We Are a Steadfast Companion

Kol Bonaich provides professional support to vulnerable and NEET young people affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).



KOL BONAICH'S GOAL



Our Mission

We aim to empower those facing difficulties by offering comprehensive support and nurturing their inner strength to create a brighter future. We seek to be a catalyst for change rather than just a safety net, guiding individuals toward a hopeful and fulfilling life.



Kol Bonaich extends heartfelt gratitude to its supporters for their generosity, which has uplifted disadvantaged youth in London. Your contributions have delivered vital services and sparked hope, empowering these young individuals to dream big and work toward a brighter future.



MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

At Kol Bonaich, we are committed to being a lifeline for at-risk NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) youth, offering them a safe, temporary haven where they can find refuge, support, and hope. More than just a place to rest, our informal and welcoming space provides a nurturing community where young people who feel marginalized or excluded can reconnect and feel they belong.

Our relaxed, youth-friendly atmosphere is designed to be both accessible and comforting—meeting basic needs while fostering a sense of warmth and security. True to the spirit of a crash pad, Kol Bonaich offers a crucial pause point where young individuals can regroup, reflect, and receive the encouragement they need to take their next steps forward.

Through our strong mentorship program, we help guide these youth back into education, training, or employment—equipping them with the skills, confidence, and direction needed to build brighter, more stable futures. Our mission is rooted in promoting belonging and resilience, ensuring every young person has the support they need to navigate life's challenges.

With the continued generosity of our donors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the strength of our community partners, we are building a compassionate, empowering environment where youth are not only supported—but truly able to thrive.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of these young people—offering them hope and a pathway to a better future.



THE AT-RISK YOUTH

Kol Bonaich supports young people facing serious challenges: poverty, trauma, exclusion from school, or unstable home lives. Many are affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), leaving them vulnerable and in need of targeted care, guidance, and opportunity.



Adverse Childhood Experiences

A teenager displaying antisocial behavior, like substance abuse or addiction, faces various challenges such as health issues, legal troubles, and reduced social functioning.



Trauma

Teens who have undergone trauma, whether physical, emotional, or psychological, may face a heightened risk of various adverse consequences.



Rejection

Young people who are NEET often face social exclusion and limited access to education or support, which can lead to isolation and increased mental health challenges.



Impoverished and Isolated

Impoverished and socially isolated youth especially those with learning disabilities or conduct disorders are at greater risk of engaging in criminal activity.



Suicidal Ideation

Socially vulnerable teens facing mental health disorders or intense stress may experience suicidal thoughts or behaviors, requiring urgent support and intervention.



Kicked Out

Young people who have been forced to leave their homes or schools, often resulting in homelessness or engagement in high-risk anti-social behaviors.

OUR PROGRAMS

Empowering Vulnerable Youth

Kol Bonaich provides a safe haven and vital support for vulnerable youth in London, especially those affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and who are NEET. We offer free weekday and Shabbos meals, companionship, crisis support, skills training, sports, and therapeutic activities to build resilience, enhance well-being, and support long-term growth.



Meals and Food Support

Nutritious meals that offer comfort and stability.



IT Skills Development

Digital skills for confidence and employability.



Sports Programs

Physical activity that promotes health and routine.



Therapeutic Support

Therapies that support healing and well-being.



Holistic Support

Personalised care for lasting impact.



OUR PROGRAMS

Kol Bonaich Shabbos Campaign



Hosting Shabbos to Disadvantaged Youth



Thousands Served

Providing a Dignified Shabbos Across the UK

For over 25 years, Reb Osher Schapiro has opened his heart and home to create a warm, joyful, and dignified Shabbos experience for children and teens who would otherwise face Shabbos alone—those without a stable home, a supportive family, or a safe place to spend this sacred time.

Week after week, for nearly three decades, Reb Osher and the dedicated team at Kol Boniach have devoted themselves to hosting hundreds—perhaps thousands—of vulnerable children and at-risk youth from Stamford Hill, Golders Green, and across the UK.

At Kol Boniach, every child is embraced with care, respect, and a sense of belonging. For these children, Shabbos is more than a tradition—it is a sanctuary of love, connection, and spiritual nourishment. Many of them cherish Shabbos so deeply, they dread the moment it ends. It gives them strength to face the week ahead and often serves as their only respite from the challenges of their daily lives.

OUR PROGRAMS

Kol Bonaich Shabbos Campaign

This underscores the vital importance of ensuring that every child—no matter their background—can experience a warm, meaningful, and uplifting Shabbos.

However, the cost of sustaining this vital work is significant. The average weekly cost of Shabbos at Kol Boniach is £2,500, amounting to £130,000 annually—not including weekday activities or professional support services that many of these children also rely on.

We turn to you—our friends and supporters—to help ensure that this life-changing work can continue. Please consider giving generously to support Reb Osher Schapiro and the incredible team at Kol Boniach in their holy mission.

Together, we can ensure that no child is left without a loving Shabbos.



Donate today.
Help us bring the light of
Shabbos into every child's life.

IMPACT IN NUMBERS

A Snapshot of the Lives Changed

These figures reflect the reach and impact of Kol Bonaich's work: young people supported, meals served, and progress made through your continued support



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IMPACT IN STORIES

Real Voices, Real Change

These stories share the experiences of young people whose lives have been transformed through the support, care, and guidance of Kol Bonaich.

"When Joe showed signs of alcohol abuse and addiction, it came as no surprise. His life was in shambles, and we as parents along with him felt so helpless and vulnerable.

Then Kol Bonaich stepped in. And so our journey to relief and healing began. Now 2 years later Joe is in the medium of completing an IT course and study. With the help of his dedicated and professional therapists and counsellors he has taken great strides and is completely clear of his alcohol history. Thank you to each one of you at Kol Bonaich and to the organisation on a whole for opening a new path to the journey we took we call home!"

Joe's grateful parents

"Kol Bonaich stepped into my life, just when I thought there is no more life. A total life saver, I owe them my life!"

Alex, age 20

"Working as a therapist for Kol Bonaich is such a rewarding and pleasing experience. The positive atmosphere and care along with the warmth and heart they invest in each individual is no doubt the reason for their excellent success!"

CBT Therapist



OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



Music Therapy

Music therapy can be highly beneficial to youth at risk by offering a safe and creative way to explore emotions, build self-awareness, and develop coping skills. Through listening, playing instruments, singing, or songwriting, young people can express feelings they may struggle to put into words. Music therapy also helps reduce anxiety, improve mood, and enhance communication and social skills. It provides a non-judgmental space where youth can build trust with a therapist and connect with others. For those facing trauma or instability, music becomes a healing tool that supports emotional regulation, resilience, and a greater sense of self-worth.



Swimming Activity



Swimming can be especially beneficial to youth at risk by promoting physical health, mental well-being, and personal discipline in a safe, structured environment. It helps reduce stress and anxiety through the calming effects of water, while also building confidence as youth learn and master new skills. Swimming encourages goal-setting, focus, and perseverance, which can positively influence other areas of life. It also fosters a sense of accomplishment and self-reliance, especially for those who may feel a lack of control in their daily lives. As a group activity, swimming can create a supportive community and reduce feelings of isolation, helping at-risk youth stay engaged in positive, life-affirming experiences.



Dance Classes

Dance classes can be highly beneficial to youth at risk by providing a positive outlet for self-expression, emotional release, and stress relief. They help build confidence, discipline, and a sense of accomplishment, while also encouraging teamwork and social connection. Through creative movement and structured routines, young people develop physical health and mental resilience. Additionally, being part of a dance community offers a safe, supportive environment that can deter involvement in negative behaviors and promote a stronger sense of identity and purpose.

OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



Gardening

Gardening can be a powerful tool for supporting youth at risk by offering a calming, hands-on activity that promotes responsibility, patience, and care. It helps reduce stress and anxiety while fostering a connection to nature and a sense of accomplishment through nurturing living things. Gardening also teaches valuable life skills such as planning, problem-solving, and teamwork, especially when done in community or school settings. For at-risk youth, it creates a safe, structured environment where they can build confidence, gain a sense of purpose, and engage in positive, healing experiences that support emotional and mental well-being.



Sports Activity

Sports offer significant benefits to youth at risk by providing structure, discipline, and a healthy outlet for energy and emotions. Participation in sports builds teamwork, leadership skills, and perseverance, while also promoting physical health and mental wellbeing. Being part of a team can create a strong sense of belonging and support, helping youth form positive relationships with peers and mentors. Sports also teach goal-setting and time management, which can translate into academic and personal success. For at-risk youth, sports can be a powerful way to stay engaged, build confidence, and avoid negative influences.



UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Charity Registration No. 1147599

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YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024



KOL BONAICH TRUSTEES REPORT YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees Mr B Blau (Appointed 7th April 2025)

Mr L Y Schapiro

Mrs M Shechter (Resigned 7th April 2025) Mrs P Gluck (Resigned 7th April 2025) Mr I Grunzweig (Appointed 7th April 2025)

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Structure and Objectives

The charity is a Charitable Trust and controlled by its governing document. The trust was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 14 March 2012.

The above trustees served throughout the period. The Board has the power to appoint additional trustees, as it considers fit. None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the charity and did not receive any renumeration. The trustees are involved with in the running of the charity.

The objects of the charity are: -

- To advance in life and help young people in need or at risk so as to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities and improve their conditions of life in order to enable them to gain employment and to participate in society as independent and responsible individuals;
- To provide or assist in the provision of educational, recreational and leisure time facilities and activities for persons who have such need by reason of their youth, age, disability poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view of improving the conditions of life of such persons;
- To provide help, support and counselling for young people who are at risk of addiction or dependency on drug and/or alcohol abuse and to help relieve distress of their families, friends, carers and the wider community.
- The advancement of such other objects as are for the benefit of the public and are charitable according to the laws of England & Wales.

Developments and Activities

The charity was set-up in the interest of helping kids in pain, teens at risk, preparing them with a route to a promising and fulfilling future by providing them with support, services, training and activities. The trustees are pleased to report that the structured activities during the year have been successful and have provided in a more detailed statement in the cover pages of the annual accounts.

The trustees consider that the performance of the charity this period has been most satisfactory. The trustees have identified the risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

KOL BONAICH TRUSTEES REPORT YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission, including public benefit guidance.

During the year, the charity received donations of £318,016 (2023 - £461,619) and expensed £320,510 (2023 - £460,947) through charitable expenditure and support costs.

Reserve

Reserves of £198,095 (2023 - £200,589) represent the available funds at the year end. The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the charity's activities.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare a report and financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year. These must be in accordance with applicable law and regulations and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its surplus or deficit for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charity Law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and activities of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved on 29 July 2025 and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Mr L Y Schapiro

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KOL BONAICH INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KOL BONAICH YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Kol Bonaich for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiners

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

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

Basis of Independent Examiners' report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting record kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matter. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and that report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners' Statement

As your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act, I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination being a fellow member of The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Jacob Jakobovits FMAAT
Independent Examiner
For Kyver & Dale Consultants Ltd
Suite 101, Pride House, Shanklin Road
London N15 4FB

Date: 29 July 2025

KOL BONAICH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted	2024 Restricted		2023
	Notes	Funds	Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income		<u>£</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{t}}$	£	$\bar{\mathbf{t}}$
Donations and grants	3	192,921	125,095	318,016	461,619
Total Income		192,921	125,095	318,016	461,619
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4,5	186,611	133,899	320,510	460,947
Total Expenditure		186,611	133,899	320,510	460,947
Net Income/ expenditure and net					
movement in funds		6,310	(8,804)	(2,494)	672
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		186,470	14,119	200,589	199,917
Total funds carried forward		192,780	5,315	198,095	200,589

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements



KOL BONAICH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 Total Funds <u>£</u>	2023 Total Funds <u>£</u>
Fixed Assets Tangible assets	8	6,604	7,770
Current Assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9	9,485 236,749 246,234	8,342 215,028 223,370
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	10	(35,815)	(1,500)
Net current assets		210,419	221,870
Total assets less current liabilities		217,023	229,640
Creditors Amounts falling after more than one year	11	(18,928)	(29,051)
Net Assets		198,095	200,589
Reconciliation of funds Unrestricted funds Restricted Funds		192,780 5,315	186,470 14,119
Total Funds		198,095	200,589

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 29 July 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr L Y Schapiro

Trustee



KOL BONAICH NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. General Information

Kol Bonaich is a charitable trust governed by its trust deed and is a registered charity in England. The registered office is located at 19 Moundfield Road London N16 6DT.

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act and applicable accounting standards including the SORP (FRS 102) subject to the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the non-provision of depreciation thereon.

The presentation currency is sterling.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming Resources

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.

Resources Expended

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. 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.

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.

Tangible Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over the useful economic life of the asset, as follows:

Fixtures and fittings: 15% on reducing balance Equipment: 15% on reducing balance

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KOL BONAICH NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

3)	Income		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
	Donations and grants		192,921	125,095	318,016
	Donations and grants		Unrestricted Funds £ 333,568	Restricted Funds £ 128,051	Total Funds 2023 £ 461,619
4)	Expenditure on charitable activities by	activity			
,	- 	Activities undertaken	Support costs	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Educational, employment, mentoring,			L	L
	mental health and well-being programs	102,090		102,090	187,036
	Food programs	154,691		154,691	186,773
	After school club and premises costs	59,091	4.620	59,091	72,254
	Support Costs	315,872	4,638	4,638 320,510	14,884 460,947
		313,872	4,036	320,310	400,947
				2024	2023
5)	Analysis of Support Costs			£	£
	Insurance			394	9,738
	Bank Interest			218	841
	Other costs			1,360	1,434
	Depreciation			1,166	1,371
	Governance costs			1,500	1,500
				4,638	14,884

Staff Costs

Staff costs have been included under charitable activities as they represent a direct cost in delivering the charity's objectives. The charity employs staff who are directly engaged in providing services, supporting beneficiaries, and carrying out the core activities that further the charity's aims. In line with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), these costs are included within charitable activities as they contribute directly to the provision of services rather than administrative or fundraising functions. The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	Wages and salaries	2024 £ 7,071	2023 £ 17,355
	The average number of staff during the year was:	1	3
	No employees received benefits in excess of £60,000		
7)	Governance costs Independent Examiners fees	2024 £	2023 £

KOL BONAICH NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

8)	Tangible Assets	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 01 October 2023 At 30 September 2024	7,090 7,090	6,400 6,400	13,490 13,490
	Depreciation At 01 October 2023 Charge for the year At 30 September 2024	3,944 472 4,416	1,776 694 2,470	5,720 1,166 6,886
	Net Book Value At 30 September 2024 At 30 September 2023	2,674 3,146	3,930 4,624	6,604 7,770
9)	Debtors		2024	2023
	Trade debtors		9,485	£ 8,342
10)	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2024	2023
	Trade creditors Accruals		34,315 1,500 35,815	1,500 1,500
11)	Creditors: amounts falling after more than one year		2024	2023
	Bank loans (falling due between two and five years)		£ 18,928	£ 29,051

12) Net movement in funds

It is the policy of the charity to move restricted funds to unrestricted funds once it has been spent unless there are restricting conditions even after the income has been spent.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
At 30 September 2023	186,470	14,119	200,589
Incoming resources	192,921	125,095	318,016
Expended resources	(186,611)	(133,899)	(320,510)
Total funds available for future activities			
At 30 September 2024	192,780	5,315	198,095
Comparatives for movements in funds;			
•	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
At 30 September 2022	199,917	-	199,917
Incoming resources	333,568	128,051	461,619
Expended resources	(347,015)	(113,932)	(460,947)
Total funds available for future activities			
At 30 September 2023	186,470	14,119	200,589

KOL BONAICH NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

13) Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

