

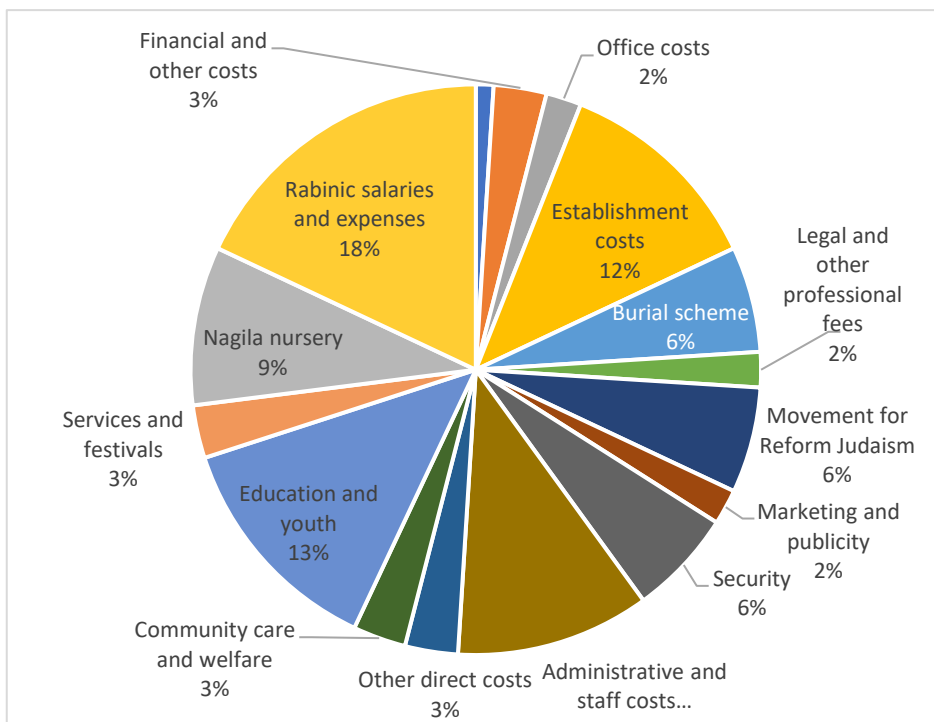
EHRS Money Frequently Asked Questions

EHRS is a synagogue, community and charity that has over 3,000 members and is one of the largest reform synagogues in the country. This frequently asked questions document aims to explain the financial aspect of membership.

Where does the money go?

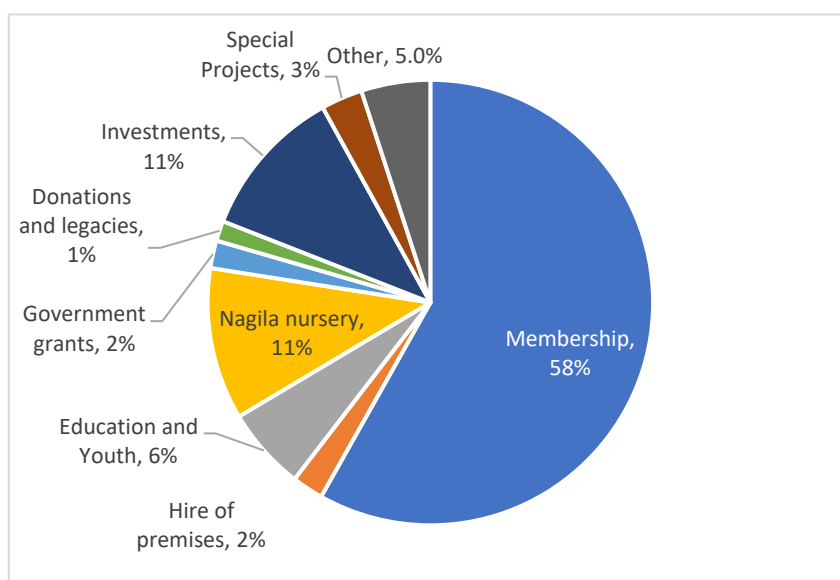
The money is spent on providing the services that members and the wider community rely upon as well as maintaining and improving the facilities.

The chart to the right shows how the funds are distributed and full accounts with the detail are available if required.



Where does the money come from?

As you can see from the chart the majority of the income is from membership fees. We are always looking for other income streams but we fundamentally rely on membership fees.



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How much are the fees?

The standard membership fees for 2025 are detailed below:

Family membership for standard rate taxpayers	£1,196
Family membership for higher rate taxpayers	£1,196
Single membership for standard rate taxpayers	£598
Single membership for higher rate taxpayers	£733.75
Associate membership	£131
Single member Board of Deputies voluntary levy	£17.50
Family member Board of Deputies voluntary levy	£35
Optional EHRS lottery donation	£36

N.B. The difference between standard and higher taxpayer rate is claimed on your tax return

N.B. The EHRS lottery is drawn each month for a chance to win £250

It is free to go to services, why do I have to pay?

Everyone is welcome to Shabbat and other services, however being a member of EHRS is far more than being able to walk into the building. Being a member of EHRS represents membership of the community where your financial contribution supports the vital work that takes place. All of the welfare, education, youth, pastoral, social, charitable and of course religious activities could not take place without a properly funded community and your contribution is vital to that.

What are the fees for Religious Education?

The religious education of member's children is at OROT our Cheder on a Sunday morning and is subsidised by membership income. However, there is an additional contribution, currently £160 to cover materials. There is also a charge of £700 once a child enters into the Bar/Bat Mitzvah programme which includes extra tuition, one to one work with an appointed tutor, a residential trip away and the actual Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service.

Am I entitled to a reduced rate?

We understand that everyone's personal financial situation is different however we recognise that many younger adults in our community are often; starting their careers, settling down, trying to buy a home, raise young children, etc and the full rate of membership may be a stretch too far. Therefore, as standard we provide a sliding scale from £90 at the age of 21 to the full membership rate at 35.

What if I can't afford the membership fees?

As a caring community we understand that for many people the standard fee rate is genuinely too much to afford and therefore we will never make the fees a barrier to joining or remaining with our community. All that we ask is that communication is maintained and as issues arise these are discussed in confidence. Equally we ask that if members pay at a reduced rate and their situation changes so that they can afford more or the full rate, this is communicated.

EHR\$ Money Frequently Asked Questions

Can I pay by direct debit?

EHR\$ welcomes payment by direct debit and take payments over 10 months of the year from February to November. If you want to start paying by direct debit please complete the direct debit mandate form <https://www.ehrs.uk/directdebit/>.

Can I pay in one go?

The fees are due in January and if you would rather not pay by direct debit throughout the year then of course you can pay at one time. Please pay with a credit or debit card either by calling the office (020 8238 1000) or online through your EHR\$ account via <https://www.ehrs.uk/sc/>.

Terms of Membership

Once an application for Membership has been accepted by EHR\$, the Membership is continuous until either the member resigns in writing before the next subscription year, the member passes away or the membership is deleted for non-payment. Non-payment is a period of five months from the beginning of the subscription year automatically invalidates membership and will be considered by the Synagogue Council for deletion. Where a member resigns or otherwise terminates their membership, the subscription is due up until the next subscription date.

Burial

Membership of Edgware & Hendon Reform Synagogue incorporates membership of the Joint Jewish Burial Society for you and any children under the age of 21 whose names are given on the application form. This covers basic funeral costs for both cremation (normally at Golders Green Crematorium) or burial at The Western Cemetery, Bullscroft Ride, Cheshunt, EN7 5PH. Full funeral cover will not apply until you have been a member of the synagogue for six months.

Burial in the Woodland section is available at extra cost.

If you are 50 or over at the time of joining please refer to the table below for the one-off late age entry surcharge fee:

Age on Joining	Surcharge	2025 Surcharge Level - £3,150
50-55	10%	£315
56-60	25%	£787
61-65	40%	£1,260
66-70	55%	£1,732.50
71—75	70%	£2,205
76-80	85%	£2,677.50
81-85	100%	£3,150
86-90	150%	£4,725
91 and over	200%	£6,300