

[Press release: New charity investigation: Chesed Leyisrael Trust](#)

The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales, has opened a statutory inquiry into Chesed Leyisrael Trust, [registered charity number 1141178](#). The inquiry was opened on 25 May 2017.

The charity has objects for the relief of poverty in the Jewish community and more widely. Its objects also include the advancement of Jewish Orthodox education and religion.

The regulator is investigating the charity after it failed to file its accounting information for the financial year ending 31 March 2016 by the deadline despite frequent reminders from the Commission. This failing was exacerbated by the fact the charity was previously included in a class inquiry and failed to submit its annual accounting information for the financial years ending 31 March 2014 and 2015. [That inquiry concluded](#) on 31 January 2017 following compliance by the trustees.

The trustees' continuing non-compliance in failing to submit accounting information so soon after exiting the Commission's class inquiry which covered the same issue, is of serious regulatory concern and warrants investigation by the Commission.

The inquiry will examine:

- the extent to which the trustees are complying with their legal duties in respect of their administration, governance and management of the charity and in particular: their compliance with legal obligations for the preparation and filing of the charity's accounts and other information or returns
- the extent to which the trustees have complied with previously issued regulatory guidance

In addition to obtaining the overdue accounting information the inquiry will seek to ensure that the trustees comply with their legal duties to file future account submissions within the statutory deadlines.

It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. [Reports of previous inquiries](#) by the Commission are available on GOV.UK.

The charity's details can be viewed on the Commission's [online charity search tool](#).

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Notes to editors

1. [The Charity Commission](#) is the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales. To find out more about our work, see our [annual report](#).
2. Search for charities on our [online register](#).
3. Section 46 of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission the power to institute inquiries. The opening of an inquiry gives the Commission access to a range of investigative, protective and remedial legal powers.
4. The Commission's decision to announce the opening of a statutory inquiry is based on whether it is in the public interest to do so and with consideration of our objective to increase public trust and confidence in charities.