

MINUTES OF THE JEWISH STUDIES SUB-COMMITTEE

This Committee was a King David Foundation Committee and was established in June 1974. It consisted of representatives of: the Governors of the High School, the Managers of the Primary School, the King David Foundation and the Zionist Federation Educational Trust. In addition, the Headmasters of the Primary and High Schools, the Head of Modern Hebrew and myself attended the meetings. At a later date, following their request, the Religious Advisory Committee was represented. At a later date still, the Parents of pupils of both schools had representation.

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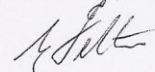
JEWISH STUDIES SUB COMMITTEE

Dear Sir/Madam,

The inaugural meeting of the above Committee will take place on Tuesday, 25th June 1974 at the King David High School at 8.00 p.m.

An invitation is hereby conveyed to you to serve and to please be present. The meeting will discuss the scope of its activities, its association with other Jewish Study units in the city and it is hoped will be able to make a useful contribution to the general education programme within and beyond our schools.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary

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KING DAVID FOUNDATION

25th June 1974.

Jewish Studies Meeting

A G E N D A

1. Apologies:
2. Election of
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Vice-Chairman
 - (c) Hon. Secretary
3. General discussion on the scope of the Committee and to decide on its terms of reference
4. Syllabuses in each School.
 - i) Primary School under direction of Mr. J. Wiener
 - (a) Religious Studies
 - (b) Hebrew as a living language
 - ii) (a) King David High School Religious Studies - Rabbi Dr. C. Simons
 - (b) Hebrew Language - Mrs. C. Capek
 - iii) Question of this Committee examining syllabuses in conjunction with Religious Advisory Committee
5. Staffing - General discussion 1974/5 Academic Year
6. Any other business
7. Date of next meeting

KING DAVID FOUNDATION

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Jewish Studies Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 25th June, 1974.

Present:-

<u>Foundation</u>	<u>FZFET</u>	<u>Governors</u>	<u>Managers</u>
Coun.F. Gaier	Dr. M. Goodman	Mr. B. Goodman	Mrs. A. Compton
Mr. T. Globe	Mr. L. Levy	Mr. H. Lachs	Mr. I. Rabinowitz
Mrs. R. Silverberg	Mrs. F. Woolwich	Dr. E. Rogan	
	Mr. A. Wink		

and Mr. C. Beebe, Mrs. C. Capek, Rabbi C. Simons, Mr. J. Wiener, Mr. A. Hurst.
There was an apology from Mr. A. Lewis (Manager).

1. Election of Officers

Mr. Lachs and Mr. Rabinowitz were elected Chairman and Hon. Secretary respectively. Mr. Lachs took the chair. It was agreed that to ease the burden on Mr. Felton and Mr. Hurst, the Hon. Secretary would write the minutes.

2. Function of the Sub-Committee

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee would be a standing committee to discuss all aspects of Jewish Studies, including both Religious Education and Hebrew, in both schools, and to make recommendations to the Foundation Committee, Governors and Managers.

3. Streaming in 1st year High School

The Chairman said that at present there was no streaming for Jewish Studies in the 1st year in the High School. Representations had been made to him that this was wasteful in that pupils were streamed in the Primary School.

Mr. Wiener pointed out that J4s were only streamed for Hebrew, for RE there was no streaming and there was an element of flexibility in the syllabus so that there was no common year end examination.

Arguments were made for having no streaming in the 1st year, for having none in the 1st term and for immediate streaming. It was agreed that, both because of lack of time and because of uncertainty in this year's streaming, there should be no streaming in the first term, but that pupils would take a common examination at the end of that term. It was felt that there was no reason why streaming for RE and Hebrew should be identical.

4. JS periods in 4th/5th year High School

The Staff Association had rejected the suggestion that for the 4th and 5th years the Assembly periods be assimilated into an extended day by giving staff a free afternoon off in lieu.

It was felt that some move should be made to assimilate some of the periods into the present 40 period week timetable and it was agreed to recommend to the Governors that two of the five be so assimilated giving 5 periods inside the timetable and 3 outside, the periods to come from different option lines in the 4th and 5th years.

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5. RE/Hebrew room in the High School

London representatives of the ZFET had suggested at the recent meeting with the Governors that there was a need for a special room and that they would be willing to pay half of the £6,000 estimated cost. The matter had been raised at the Foundation Committee on the 10th June. Reservations on the need for such a room had been expressed but it had been decided to obtain a firm estimate on the cost.

It was agreed that Mrs. Capek and Rabbi Simons would provide the Hon. Secretary with their ideas for such a room so that a memorandum could be prepared.

6. Seminary stream for High School girls

The Chairman said he felt there was a need for facilities for girls parallel to those provided by the Yeshiva for boys. He felt pessimistic that any other organisation would be able to provide such facilities, and that perhaps it should be recommended to the Foundation that it should agree to support such activities outside the school day.

It was agreed that soundings should be made by Mrs. Capek and Rabbi Simons in the Autumn term about the demand for such facilities.

7. Hebrew speaking stream in J3/J4 Primary School

The Chairman said he would like intensive streams in these years, speaking and having their lessons in Hebrew. He felt that in terms of advertisement for the school it would be worth concentrating admittedly scarce resources on such streams.

Mr. Wiener said that the distribution of children through the present four streams would make the choice for small intensive streams very difficult and such an idea was only possible with an additional stream.

The use of Hebrew speaking assistants was discussed and it was agreed that the use of older women in the community in such a capacity should be explored.

8. Continuity between the Schools

It was felt that discussion of this would only be worthwhile after an examination of the syllabi being used at present. It was agreed that Mrs. Capek, Rabbi Simons and Mr. Wiener would provide copies to be sent to Sub-Committee members before the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting

This would be held at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 5th September, 1974.

28th June, 1974.

Ian Rabinowitz

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the JEWISH STUDIES SUB-COMMITTEE
- held on Thursday, 5th September, 1974.

Present:-

<u>Foundation</u>	<u>FZFET</u>	<u>Governors</u>	<u>Managers</u>
Mr. T. Globe	Mr. B. Goodman	Dr. O. Dover	Mrs. A. Compton
Mrs. R. Silverberg	Dr. M. Goodman	Mr. H. Lachs	Mr. A. Lewis
	Mr. L. Levy	Dr. E. Rogans	Mr. I. Rabinowitz
	Mr. S. Levy		
	Mrs. F. Woolwich		

and Mr. C. Beebe, Mrs. C. Capek, Rabbi C. Simons and Mr. J. Wiener. Mr. Lachs was in the Chair. There were apologies for absence from Coun. F. Gaier (Foundation) and Mr. A. Wink (FZFET).

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were agreed without amendment.

2. Matters arising

a) Hebrew Room

The Hon. Secretary had circulated a short report on the uses to which such a room would be put. The Committee agreed, subject to there being no concomitant cutdown in funds for current activities, to recommend the project to the Foundation. The Committee agreed that the Zionist Federation be asked to confirm their support for the project.

It was reported that the architects and Mr. Beebe had found that the only site available was that near the pupils entrance and backing on to the needle-room store. A layout had been prepared. It was likely that the cost would be less than the £6,000 mentioned. There was a potential contractor. The Committee discussed the layout and visited the site and decided that the accommodation was insufficient. They agreed that the architect be invited to inspect the school for a site which would allow a room up to 50% bigger than that proposed, any proposals and progress to be studied by the Foundation Officers and Mr. Beebe.

b) Streaming in 1st year High School

For the present 1st year, Mrs. Capek and Rabbi Simons were preparing examinations for the end of this term to help in streaming for next term.

Discussion of the lack of streaming for RE and the element of flexibility in the syllabi for J4 classes in the Primary School, both of which delayed streaming on transfer to the High School, was held over until the syllabi were discussed.

c) JS periods in 4th/5th year High School

Following the recommendation to the Governors from the Sub-Committee at the previous meeting, that two of the five assembly periods for each of these years be assimilated into the normal timetable with the periods coming from different option lines in the two years, Mr. Beebe had prepared a memorandum on staff reaction. The recommendation and the memorandum had been discussed by the Governors at their July meeting, and the decision had been taken to continue the present arrangements rather than impose dictata on which secular subjects should lose periods. Concern had also been expressed over possible reduction in academic standards if the number of secular periods was reduced.

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c) JS periods in 4th/5th year High School (continued)

The Committee had received copies of a further memorandum from Rabbi Simons which reiterated his feelings that the assimilation of the assembly periods was a vital necessity which should be put into operation at the earliest possible moment. The Chairman said discussions with staff would continue during the present term.

d) Seminary Stream for High School Girls

It was reported that MATT intended providing such a stream at some time. It was agreed that Mrs. Capek and Rabbi Simons should continue with soundings about the demand for such facilities, in case it were desirable to recommend to the Foundation that it should support such activities outside the school day.

e) Hebrew speaking streaming in J3/J4 Primary School

Mr. Wiener said that the introduction of an additional stream was impracticable due to shortage of staff and accommodation. He reported that he had had to reduce temporarily the number of streams because of the closure of four classrooms.

f) Continuity between the schools

The Committee had received copies of syllabi from Mrs. Capek, Rabbi Simons and Mr. Wiener. It was agreed these would be discussed at a future meeting.

3. External examinations

The 1974 O level results were discussed. Eighteen 4th formers and two 5th formers had taken Modern Hebrew, with good grades amongst the nineteen passes. Nineteen 5th formers had taken Jewish Scripture Knowledge, with all but one of the 15 passes in the lower grades. The poorer showing in SK was not unexpected in view of the experimental nature of the paper.

Mrs. Capek said it was possible there would be up to 35 entrants for Modern Hebrew in 1975.

The Committee discussed the relative merits of SK being taken in the 4th or 5th year and agreed that Rabbi Simons should give consideration to SK being taken in the 4th year within the present allocation of periods.

The Committee discussed catering for O level Classical Hebrew. It was felt that, as agreed some time ago, time would not allow this. It was noted that MATT were providing classes for O level Classical Hebrew. Eight pupils had taken and passed the examination in 1974, with five pupils scheduled to take it in 1975. Enrolment was under way for a new two year class.

Three pupils had passed A level Modern Hebrew this year, one grade A and two grade C. The possibility of seeking the introduction of an A level paper in SK was discussed. It was felt that there would be strong opposition to a paper based on a purely rabbinic approach.

4. Liaison with the Merseyside Amalgamated Talmud Torah

It was agreed to invite Rabbi Mazabow, as Principal of MATT, to join the Committee.

5. 1975 Calendar

The Committee had received a memorandum from Rabbi Simons suggesting a calendar for 1975 in which the school would be closed for Purim and Succot, with the intention that Jewish pupils would attend on Purim and Hoshana Rabba mornings for special activities.

A number of points were raised. It was felt that closure during Succot would mean that some children would not see a Succah and that particularly for the Primary School activities based on the Succah would be reduced. It might be difficult to enforce attendance on Purim and Hoshana Rabba mornings so that children would not have the advantage of even the present admittedly limited activities.

It was agreed the schools should remain open for Purim and Chol Hamoed Succot but that increased time on these days should be set aside for special activities.

6. Next Meeting

Monday, 2nd December

It was decided this would be held at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th September, 1974.

Ian Rabinowitz.

KING DAVID FOUNDATION
JEWISH STUDIES SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting held on Monday, 2nd December, 1974.

Present:-			
Foundation	FZFET	Governors	Managers
Mr. T. Globe	Mr. B. Goodman	Mr. H. Lachs	Mr. A. Lewis
	Dr. M. Goodman	Dr. E. Rogans	Mr. I. Rabinowitz
	Mr. I. Harris		
	Mr. S. Levy		
	Mrs. F. Woolwich		

and Mr. C. Beebe, Mrs. C. Capek, Rabbi Dr. C. Simons, Mr. J. Wiener and Rabbi G. Mazabow (Principal of MATT). Mr. Lachs was in the chair. There were apologies for absence from Counc. F. Galer and Mrs. R. Silverberg (Foundation), Dr. O. Dover (Governors) and Mrs. A. Compton (Managers). The meeting welcomed Rabbi Mazabow to the Sub-Committee.

1. Minutes of 2nd meeting held on 5th September, 1974

After amending, in External Examinations, "35 entrants for Modern Hebrew in 1975" to "35 pupils in the 4th and 5th forms preparing for Modern Hebrew in 1975", the minutes were agreed and signed.

2. Matters arising

a) Hebrew Room in High School

The Science Demonstration Room was to be converted for this. During his visit in November, the ZF Inspector Mr. Levine had confirmed their support for 50% of the cost.

b) Streaming in 1st year High School

Examinations in RE and Hebrew had been taken by the 1st year and there would be streaming next term. Pupils would be told the streaming was preliminary and subject to modification.

c) JS periods in the 4th/5th years High School

At their meeting on 19th September the Governors had decided not to pursue any further the assimilation into the normal timetable of two of the five assembly periods for each of these years.

d) Seminary Stream in High School

In the light of MATT being unable at the present time to provide facilities for girls parallel to those provided for boys by the Yeshiva, it was agreed that Rabbi Simons should investigate the possibility of running such a stream outside school hours for 2nd and 3rd year girls, starting in the Spring Term and meeting twice a week, and open to all girls with the required standard. Rabbi Simons agreed to consider a personal involvement. Mr. Globe said he was sure the Foundation would meet any additional expenditure.

3. Staffing 1975-76

At their meeting on 14th November, at which the ZF Inspector Mr. Levine had been present, the Governors had decided to recommend to the Sub-Committee and to the Foundation that, rather than seek 4 Israeli teachers to commence in September 1975, an attempt should be made to recruit two permanent teachers and to seek only two Israelis. Mr. Wiener and the Managers present agreed with this recommendation, as did Mr. Globe for the Foundation. It was agreed that advertisements should be placed. An early reply date would be included.

It was agreed that the Foundation as the employer had an obligation to see that any future teachers were fully informed in advance of any duties, income and deductions.

4. Syllabuses

The problem of coordinating the syllabuses of the two Schools was discussed and the hope was expressed that the syllabus-makers would liaise together, possibly with Rabbi Mazabow for MATT and Rabbi Rogosnitski for the Yeshiva.

The content of the syllabuses in the Primary School was raised. Mr. Lachs, on his experience in the Yeshiva, felt that boys leaving the Primary School has not fully covered basic needs. Dr. Goodman said the experience in MATT was that pupils from the Primary School were not way ahead of other pupils as might be expected.

5. High School Study Holiday

This was being held in Wales from Sunday 15th to Wednesday 18th December. The mornings would be devoted to Jewish Studies, the afternoons to recreation. The response from girls had been poor, so the party would be 18 boys accompanied by Rabbi Dr. Simons, Mr. Rothband and Mr. Yahalom.

6. Religious Advisory Committee

The Hon. Secretary had received a letter from Rev. Abenson. The RAC had held a meeting at the High School on 27th November and had decided to ask that representatives be invited to attend future meetings of the Sub Committee. It was agreed to invite the RAC to nominate one representative.

7. Next Meeting

This would be held at 8.00p.m. on Monday, 17th February, 1975, in the High School.

Ian Rabinowitz.