

KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL, LIVERPOOL.
JEWISH STUDIES STAFF ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the first meeting of the above association held on Friday 13. 9. 74.

1. Elections

Rabbi Dr. Simons was elected Chairman, and Mr. Rothbard, Secretary.

2. Objects

The object of this association is that it should be a forum for the Jewish Studies Staff collectively, to discuss Jewish matters concerning the school and to pass on any comments and recommendations to the appropriate bodies (e.g. Governors, Jewish Studies Committee, Headmaster etc.).

Needless to say, this association does not conflict with the general Staff Association, who will be notified of any relevant resolutions and decisions.
Meetings will be held monthly.

3. The Association heard a report from Rabbi Simons on the proposals which had been made at the meeting of representatives of the Primary and High Schools held on 12. 9. 74. to discuss Holiday dates, and the following resolution was unanimously passed.

"The Association holds that a Jewish School should build its School Calendar around the Jewish Festival Dates as is the case in other Jewish schools. We therefore utterly reject any proposals which would have School on Tisha b'Av and Erev Yomtov, and we make the following recommendations regarding the School Calendar for 1975.

Purim Tuesday 25 Feb. to be a day of Celebration, and formal school to conclude after period 5. This would be followed by compulsory Mincha for all Jewish pupils.

Summer term to end Wed. 16 July (Erev Tisha b'Av)

Erev Rosh Hashanah Fri. 6 Sept. School closed.

Erev Succot Fri. 19 Sept. School closed.

Erev Shemini Atzeret Fri. 26 Sept. School closed.

Also in view of the fact that there are FOUR consecutive Sundays of Yomtov, we recommend that School is closed on MONDAY 22 Sept. to enable families to travel out of Town for the FIRST DAYS of Succot."

It was unanimously resolved to send a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Governors and to the Headmaster.

4. Great concern was expressed that on Fri. 13 Sept. the Jewish Studies lessons for the 4th and 5th Years was shortened in order to facilitate a Form Period.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes of the first meeting of the Jewish Studies Staff Association.
The members were the Jewish Studies staff of the King David High School.

KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL

JEWISH STUDIES STAFF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held 27th June 1977.

Present RS, Rd, Ka, Tr,.

The minutes of the meeting held 18th April 1977 and the extraordinary meeting held 18th May 1977 were signed as correct.

1. It was reported that not even one parent had asked for an appointment with the JS staff for the fourth form parents' consultation evening held near the beginning of the term.
2. The Association was informed about the case earlier this term of no action being taken against the boys who had missed their detention deliberately. The reason was given that it had been their Bar Mitzvah on the previous Shabbat.
3. The Association deplored the fact that the school secretarial staff were prevented from typing the Observations of the Jewish Studies Staff to the Committee of Enquiry's report. Great concern was expressed at this attempt to muzzle the Jewish Studies Staff from expressing their comments. The Jewish Studies Staff had their observations typed privately, the cost of the typing, the stencils, paper and staples being paid for from the pockets of the Jewish Studies Staff.
4. It was reported that after Synagogue Service on the previous Shabbat, a parent had been most abusive to a member of the Association over an internal school matter.

The meeting was then adjourned.

RELIGIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE KING DAVID SCHOOLS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 14th September, 1976.

1. It was regretted that the points deliberated and communicated by the RAC had not even been acknowledged.
2. The RAC strongly recommended that there should be a reintroduction of a Minister of Religion to serve on the Board of Governors and Managers of the Schools. This has been the practice during a century of the life of the school as follows:-

Rev. David ISAACS	1843-63
Rev. Michael OPPENHEIM	1843- ?
Rev. A. FISCHEL	1852-56
Rev. Herman BAAR	1860-67
Rev. Myer ELKIN	1867-72
Rev. Jacob PRAG	1868- ?
Rev. D.W. STERN	1873-85
Rev. Morris JOSEPH	1874-82
Rev. Joseph POLACK	1881-90
Rev. Harris BURMAN	1883-1914
Rev. Abraham RUTKOVSKY	1886-1910
Rev. Samuel FRIEDEBERG (FRAMPTON)	1891-1943
(Also President 1922-43)	

In addition it is standard practice in denominational schools (Catholic, Church of England, Jewish) for at least one Minister of Religion to serve on the governing body, often as Chairman. (e.g. JFS - The Chief Rabbi; Hasmonian - Rabbi Dr. Schonfeld, and Rabbi Cohn).

3. The RAC was pleased to note that the Headmaster of the Primary School had now added to the application form for new entrants, questions regarding the date and place of marriage of the parents of prospective entrants. It was regretted that this had not yet been done for the High School.

Whilst utterly rejecting the giving of Jewish R.E. to non-Jewish pupils, it was noted that the governing body had also passed that the Headmaster was to speak to the parents of such non-Jewish pupils explaining the problems etc. The RAC would like to know whether this has actually been implemented.

4. The RAC reiterated that it is imperative for Jewish pupils from the fourth year upwards to have religious services, otherwise pupils stop laying Tephillin and davening. (The Christian senior pupils already have services). Even parents had complained about the lack of services. Also the non-holding of such services contravenes section 25 of the 1944 Education Act.
5. The RAC hopes that there will be Chol Hamoed activities for the whole school. They also strongly recommended that after last year's successful trip, a Lubavitch trip to Manchester be again arranged for Chol Hamoed this year.
6. The RAC regretted that although a number of written undertakings have been given regarding the integration of fourth and fifth year assembly periods into the timetable, the matter seems to have been "forgotten". They would like to hear what steps are currently being taken to implement them.

The meeting was then adjourned.

3. Classes for the preparation to O-level Classical Hebrew are at present held under the aegis of the Childwall Classes. There are two classes taken by Mr. S. Kaufman and each meets for one hour during the week. The first of the classes consists of eight fourth-year pupils (age 15) all from the K.D.H.S. who are being prepared for the 1974 examination and the second consists of four third-year pupils (age 14) all from the K.D.H.S. and these are being prepared for the 1975 examination. These classes should also be put within the framework of MATT.
4. A Barmitzvah class is held under the aegis of the Amalgamated Classes and this meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4.30 and 5.45 p.m. (Between 4.30 and 5.15 Rabbi Woolf teaches this class general R.E. and from 5.15 - 5.45 Rev. Malits gives Barmitzvah tuition - the idea being that by giving Barmitzvah tuition, the pupils will also come to the first part of the lesson.) At present there is one pupil in this class (from the K.D.H.S.) although about six months ago there were three. The continuance of this type of class meeting during the week within the framework of MATT could be considered.
5. The number of high school age pupils at present attending the various Hebrew Classes is unfortunately very small. We all know too well that when pupils join a High School (or sometimes even before that time) they cease attending Hebrew Classes, mainly because they think they will receive sufficient R.E. in the High School or the parents think it will overtax the minds of their children who are now doing High School work. It is important to explain to the parents the inadequacy of the R.E. given at the High School and how this needs to be supplemented by additional tuition. (The maximum amount of R.E. tuition given in the K.D.H.S. is in the first year and this consists of only 3½ hours per week. On going up the School, this amount radically decreases)

The number of high school age pupils who regularly attend one of the present Hebrew Classes on a Sunday morning approximate to the following:

	Talmud Torah	Amalg.	Childwall	Total
K.D.H.S.	6	0	0	6
Other high schools	4	5	1	10
Total	10	5	1	16

(The above table does not include pupils who attend the O-level Classical Hebrew Classes or Rabbi Solomon's girls' class).

The various classes of the Talmud Torah in which the high school pupils are in consist of mixtures of K.D.H.S. pupils of various years, primary school pupils and pupils of non-Jewish high schools. In all fairness, however, the numbers are too small to be able to separate out these various groups.

With regard to the feasibility of the integration of the MATT curriculum with that of the K.D.H.S., it would appear at present that even with the amalgamation of the three sets of Hebrew Classes, the number of the K.D.H.S. pupils would be too small and their standards and ages so varied as to make an integration of curricula an impractical proposition at present. This important matter should not of course be discarded and with the hoped for success of MATT, the numbers of K.D.H.S. pupils attending will increase. The integration of curricula should then be carefully planned to present as little overlap as possible.

As a suggestion, at present, there should be two classes in MATT, catering for high school age pupils. Possibly one of these classes could also contain some advanced pupils from the top class of the primary school. However, these points can only be decided after considering the quantity and quality of the pupils involved.

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JEWISH STUDIES SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of 4th Meeting held on Thursday 24th April 1975

Present:

<u>Foundation</u>	<u>FZET</u>	<u>Governors</u>	<u>Managers</u>
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Counc. [redacted]	Mr. [redacted]	Mr. H. Lachs	Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]	Mrs. [redacted]	Dr. [redacted]	
Mrs. [redacted]			

And Mr. [redacted], Mrs. [redacted], Rabbi Dr. C. Simons, Mr. [redacted], Rev. M. Malits (RAC) and Mr. Y. Levine (FZET Inspector). Mr. Lachs was in the chair. There were apologies from Mr. [redacted] (Foundation), Dr. [redacted] (FZET), Dr. [redacted] (Governors), Mrs. [redacted] (Managers) and Dr. [redacted] (Managers).

1. Staffing from September 1975.

A review was made of the requirements after the completion of the Schlichut of the four Israeli teachers. Mr. [redacted] reported that Mrs. Verbov would be taking over from Mrs. Abenson. Representatives of the Managers had met a Miss Nathan and offered an appointment to her. He would require further assistance either full or part-time. Mr. [redacted] said that the High School needed full replacement for its two returning teachers.

The Committee reviewed the possibilities presented to them by the Jewish Agency and Mr. [redacted] who had interviewed potential candidates in Israel. An order of preference was agreed on to be submitted to the Jewish Agency and implemented as expeditiously as possible.

It was pointed out that it was vital to provide candidates well in advance with precise information as to salaries, rents and conditions of service.

2. Matters arising from minutes of 3rd Meeting held on 2nd December 1974

a) Hebrew Room in High School

The Governors had trimmed the project to bring the cost below the £2000 limit on Governors approval.

b) Streaming in 1st year High School

Streaming had followed the exams at the end of the 1st term and had proved satisfactory.

c) J.S. periods in 4th and 5th years

In January Rabbi Simons had made a new proposal for 4th and 5th year assembly periods. Mr. Lachs reported that this proposal involved a drastic reduction in the lunch time break and was not acceptable to the Governors. Mr. Levine strongly urged the need to increase the number of J.S. periods within the normal time-table as previously resolved. Mr. Lachs asked the Headmaster again to look at the School time-table with a view to including two Assembly periods within the normal time-table.

d) Seminary stream in High School

This proposal had not been implemented owing to the lack of available and suitable staff.

e) High School Study Holiday

The holiday in December in Wales had been successful. A further one was planned for May with approximately the same number of boys. Rabbi Simons and Mr. Yahalom would be assisted by someone from outside the school.

f) Religious Advisory Committee

The meeting welcomed Rev. M. Malits who was the nominee of the R.A.C.

3. Inspectors' Report

Mr. Levine said his tour of duty would soon be completed. He would be succeeded by Mr. Chanoch Ron.

Mr. Levine said he had talked to the Israeli Teachers who had indicated their desire to finish their Schlichut in a satisfactory manner. Comments were made on the past performance and attitude of the teachers and hopes expressed that the final period would indeed be satisfactory.

4. Date of next meeting

No date was fixed for the next meeting.