

PaJeS UPDATE - SUMMER TERM 2019



PaJeS Annual Ivrit Conference

On the 5th June, PaJeS held its annual Ivrit Conference for primary and secondary Ivrit teachers. We were pleased to welcome 50 teachers from Jewish schools all over the UK as well as teachers from Gibraltar and Hungary for an inspiring and motivating day. The focus of the day was on enriching Ivrit and making Ivrit teaching and learning engaging and motivating.

Primary Ivrit Spelling Bee Competition

PaJeS was delighted to host the final of the National Modern Hebrew Spelling Bee on Tuesday 25th June with a record 58 pupils from years 5 and 6 from nine Jewish primary schools from all over the country taking part. Students came from Liverpool and Manchester to take part in this prestigious competition hoping for the chance to be crowned a winner and champion Hebrew speller.



Governors Workshop Evening with JVN

On the 3rd June, in partnership with JVN, PaJeS ran an evening for prospective new governors following requests from both Heads and Chairs of Governors looking to fill various positions on their governing body. 40 people came to hear about the role of governors and there were animated discussions about the skills people had and how these might suit the skills required for a governing body to be most effective. We look forward to enabling schools to recruit new governors from this group.



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SUMMER SEMINAR AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Earlier this month, with thanks to the generosity of the Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation and the Avichai Foundation, Rachel Fink, Head of JFS, and Yvonne Barron, Head of Etz Chaim School, both attended the 'Leadership; An Evolving Vision' seminar at Harvard University. It was a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and to learn from the distinguished Faculty of Education at Harvard.

JEWISH LIVES STUDY

For the first time in the history of Jewish schooling in the UK, researchers are following the lives of a cohort of young people who entered one of seven Jewish secondary schools in 2010. More than 1,000 families are participating in this study, including a small comparison group of those who did not attend a Jewish school. The research team has explored the changing Jewish lives of these young people and their families over the seven years spent in secondary school. They will continue to explore how their Jewish lives evolve in the coming years. This study is generously supported by the Pears Foundation.



SEFER TORAH



A small Sefer Torah was commissioned in memory of Lionel and Freda Freedman. Their children gave it to Aish UK, in conjunction with PaJeS, to be used by schools on residential trips. The letter writing ceremony and procession took place on 16 June. We presented a book to accompany the Sefer Torah so that users can chronicle how and where it is used. The family donating the sefer Torah were delighted by the gift and look forward to reading about the Torah's travels.