

LSJS OUR IMPACT 2019/20



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LSJS delivers inspiring education programmes which transmit a love of learning and achieve excellence in teaching to transform the UK Jewish community.

We do this by:

- I Training and developing outstanding teachers for Jewish schools and communities through teacher training qualification programmes, degrees and ongoing development for teachers, rabbis and educators.
- I Delivering a range of innovative, accessible and intellectually rigorous Jewish adult education programmes.
- I Creating a thriving, dynamic hub of Jewish educational excellence at the heart of the UK Jewish community, collaborating with other organisations.

A word from our CEO



The teaching profession has become increasingly valued over the past nine months, especially by anyone who has had to home-school during lockdown.

Now, more than ever, we need to ensure that schools are equipped with not only the most engaging and professionally skilled teachers, but also those with the confidence, agility and resourcefulness to tackle any classroom situation. At LSJS we are training teachers and educators who can continue to inspire and connect with students whether in a classroom, remotely, or both.

Since the start of the Covid crisis, we have been able to ensure that all our trainee teachers across all subjects, as well as our BA and MA students, could seamlessly carry on with their studies and it was a very proud moment in July to watch the 2020 students graduate, albeit online.

Despite recognising the vital importance of teachers as key workers, the UK Government is reducing much needed funds for initial teacher training on the popular School Direct programme. For LSJS to carry on providing a full range of teacher training courses, we now must provide more bursaries as well as securing extra funding for our core teacher training costs.

During these times, our campus has become temporarily quieter. However, we have created a thriving community online for all our students that manages to transmit the same welcoming, inspiring, and intellectual atmosphere. Our adult education programmes have flourished and we are delighted to be welcoming so many new faces from out of London and abroad – moving online definitely has its advantages!

I am proud of the exceptional team who have delivered this and am thankful to them for the incredible range of programmes that provide so many access points to Jewish learning and routes to becoming, or developing, as a teacher, educator or educational leader.

At LSJS, we passionately believe in the future of an engaged, inspired, educated UK Jewish community, nourished by a lifelong love of teaching and learning. By investing in the teachers of tomorrow, supporting today's teachers and providing a range of intellectually stimulating adult education programmes for parents and grandparents, this vision is within our grasp. But all of this is only possible with the valuable help and friendship of our supporters.

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Joanne Greenaway, LSJS Chief Executive
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LSJS Honorary President



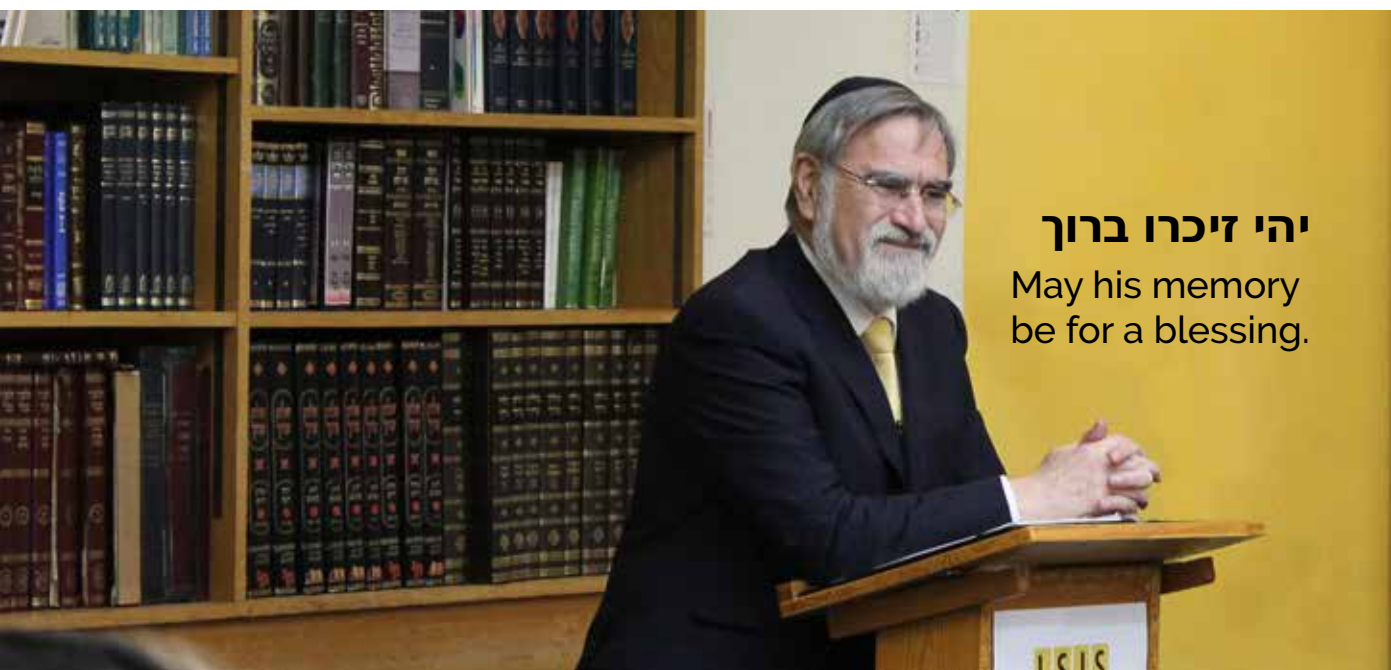
Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l

Rabbi Sacks zt"l has been associated with LSJS for over forty years. He trained to be a rabbi at the college, then became a lecturer and was appointed Principal in 1984. As Chief Rabbi he served as President of LSJS and has always encouraged and supported all those involved. He taught regularly at LSJS and his annual Ellul lecture became a highlight in the communal calendar.

He delivered his last lecture at LSJS just a week before Rosh Hashanah via Zoom to hundreds of households across the globe.

"The world we build tomorrow is born in the stories we tell our children today. Politics move the pieces. Education changes the game."

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l , LSJS Honorary President



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May his memory
be for a blessing.

A word from our President



The combination of special events and courses on the LSJS campus and in our communities continues to create a great environment for lifelong Jewish learning.

This has been a time of unprecedented upheaval for all of our educational institutions which have had to reinvent their approach to learning so that they can continue in a Covid safe manner. At a time when Government bursaries for teacher training have been cut quite dramatically, the commitment that LSJS has nevertheless made to the 'Teach to Lead' programme and other training initiatives is more important than ever. In the long term, it is critical to ensure that we have qualified and inspirational religious leaders in our communities and teachers for our schools. It is they who will have a significant and lasting impact on our children, the future of our community.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the London School of Jewish Studies, for enhancing lifelong Jewish learning for our community.

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, President of LSJS



Initial Teacher Training



Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, LSJS provides a variety of routes to becoming a qualified teacher. Our expert staff are passionate about training high-calibre teachers who will have a transformative impact on the students they teach. Our personalised approach allows trainees to feel supported and to get the most from their course, maximising their potential as a teacher.

Every student was able to continue with their course during lockdown and despite Covid restrictions, 33 students celebrated their graduation online with over 350 friends and family.

We have continued to develop our courses to ensure that we can meet the needs within the community and its schools and to reflect the varied backgrounds of our students.

95%

of graduates are in full time employment

600

school teachers trained since 2002

12,350

children taught in Jewish schools
every day by LSJS teaching graduates



LSJS Teacher Training Team



Dr Helena Miller
Co-Head of Teacher
Training, Director of
Degrees and Senior
Research Fellow



Galia Segal
Co-Head of
Teacher Training
and Secondary
Programme Manager



Jillian Dunstan
Primary Programme
Manager

NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2019/20

Teach to Lead is a new leadership programme that gives high-calibre individuals the opportunity to educate and inspire young Jews with additional leadership development alongside their School Direct teaching programme at either primary or secondary level. The programme is for graduates who wish to specialise in teaching Jewish Studies.

The BA (Hons) Jewish Education is now also available to students who can only join sessions via Zoom making it accessible for those across the UK and beyond. Previously, students had to be able to attend all sessions in person, making the course inaccessible to those based outside of London.

"With thanks for the encouraging feedback; it is quite an experience to be acknowledged for what I am already doing and to receive constructive feedback...Having specific tips is really useful and allows me to focus on improvements straight away."

Secondary School Direct student

"The work showed a high level of engagement and a wide range of diverse issues had been covered. I was impressed by the rigorous and high standard of marking and the detailed and constructive feedback."

Middlesex University external examiner

"We are fortunate to have teachers at Etz Chaim who have trained with LSJS through the SCITT programme, the Assessment Only route and through School Direct. At a time when the recruitment of high quality teachers is a national challenge, LSJS supports schools to overcome this and ensures our children receive good teaching every day."

Mrs Yvonne Baron,
Headteacher Etz Chaim Jewish Primary School

Developing Teachers



At LSJS we firmly believe teachers and leaders within the community need support, development, and inspiration throughout their career.

- Leading Jewishly, our partnership programme with **LEAD**, continues to be popular with groups of influential community leaders across Europe.
- 2020 marked 20 years since the inaugural **Susi Bradfield Educational Leadership Programme** which has had an enormous impact, elevating the role of female leadership and women's voices within the community.



- We ran the first **LSJS Jewish Studies Secondary teachers' Conference** in May. Despite having to take place on Zoom, it attracted 120 participants and is a welcome addition to our annual calendar. This conference builds on the success of the Primary School teachers Conference, now in its' ninth year and attracting over 230 teachers and adult educators to our campus in January.

300+

teachers attended one of our annual conferences

10,400

adults and children regularly taught by MA graduates

224

graduates from the Susi Bradfield Educational Leadership Programme

IN PARTNERSHIP

Our **MA Jewish Education**, in partnership with Middlesex University, offers a chance to pursue advanced academic study, exciting learning opportunities and professional development with likeminded colleagues.



In partnership with

Middlesex University
London

Our degrees are validated by Middlesex University and you will receive a Middlesex award on successful completion.

"The best thing about the Jewish Studies teachers' Conference is that it is always full of practical, useful and inspiring ideas which can be used in the classroom immediately."

Liza Feiner,
Assistant Head teacher, Yavneh Primary School

"The MA gave me a deep understanding and appreciation for my role as a Jewish educator, it is an experience that I will cherish and draw from for the rest of my life."

Rabbi Efraim Lerner,
MA graduate 2019

"I gained so much from being on Leading Jewishly, and am already reaping the benefits by introducing Jewish themes into my speeches and my public interactions"

Simon Johnson,
CEO, The Jewish Leadership Council

To support teachers during the lockdown, LSJS was quick to set up a **helpline** offering practical solutions, creative ideas and guidance as teachers had to rapidly move their classrooms online.



HELPLINE LSJS

Is teaching online sometimes really frustrating?
Are you missing the face-to-face contact with your students?
Are you struggling to think of creative teaching ideas?
Is assessment for learning really hard in these circumstances?
Focusing on early career teachers, the LSJS staff team are here to help you with these and any other challenges you are facing. We can provide an additional channel of support with practical advice, creative ideas and a listening ear.

Contact one of us:



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Lifelong Learning



LSJS provides engaging Jewish educational experiences for the UK Jewish community and beyond.

The LSJS adult education programme has flourished with a smooth and quick transition online in March. Our text-based classes, led by world class experts, provide rigorous learning options for every student level and we are proud to cover a diverse range of topics. We offer a variety of courses, one off events, museum tours as well as our popular Ulpan programme which spans 10 levels of Ivrit.

30,000

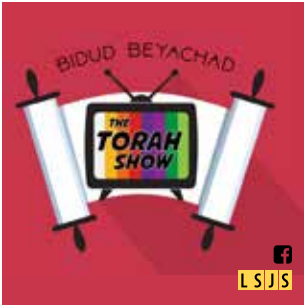
copies of 'Beyonding' distributed before Rosh Hashana in UK

6626

participants attending LSJS courses, tours & classes in person & online during 2019/2020 (this figure excludes people buying class recordings after the event)

600+

participants at the LSJS Big Ellul Day



Due to demand we created.....

- Facebook Live events by Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum attracting thousands of views and providing much needed inspiration every week from March – August 2020.
- The first LSJS Summer programme, “**Summer of Love**”, a four-week themed schedule.
- “**Beyonding**”: a guide to praying at home during the High Holidays by Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum.
- The **BIG LSJS Ellul day**, featuring a choice of three different teachers per session as well as a keynote speech by Rabbi Lord Sacks and message from Chief Rabbi Mirvis.

- Recordings of our classes** available for purchase after the event. We are now launching the LSJS online shop making it easier for people to buy recordings of past events.



“My grandchildren are all at Jewish schools and I think that it would be really lovely to be able to discuss our Jewish history with them. I am very excited at the opportunity of being able to join this course.”
Julie, Manchester

“It’s only because I was furloughed and stuck at home that I was able to attend your class. It’s been the highlight of my lockdown and for that I thank you.”
Ilana, London

BEYONDING

Before the summer Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum realised that many of those who would normally attend High Holiday services in synagogues would be unable to do so. Therefore he created the meaningful ‘Beyonding’ booklet which was distributed via The Jewish Chronicle and posted with the LSJS Autumn programme. It offered insightful suggestions and was accompanied online by some useful musical recommendations.



“It’s not easy; just going through the motions and ‘ticking the boxes’ is much simpler. But ask yourself: is that enough? If you let yourself go beyond, then you can emerge from Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur changed. Still you, but more. More reflective, more thoughtful, more ready to take on the coming year, and continue the path you have begun.”

Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum “**Beyonding**”



“For the first time in my adult life I was unable to attend shul over the Yamim Noraim. I felt that I had missed quite a lot... However, I am very grateful for Rabbi Zarum’s booklet which was helpful and a good guide for getting me through. It was practical, concise and clear. You helped me a lot, and probably many others too.”
Sandra, London

Vibrant Educational Campus



The LSJS campus is the hub of Jewish education for our community. The collection of organisations, the well stocked beautiful library space, and the availability of well equipped conference rooms makes it the ideal location for supporting schools and Jewish education.

The Wohl Campus for Jewish Education is now home to 13 Jewish organisations, all operating in this sector:





COLLABORATIONS



LSJS is delighted to be partnering with Mizrahi UK on a new initiative launched in October 2020, "Bet Limmud" which provides weekly 2 hour text based classes by inspirational teachers for 11-year-old boys who are at non-Jewish schools. Sessions take place on a Sunday morning and can be taught in person or via zoom. Classes for girls are starting in January.

We are proud to work jointly with our campus partners on key projects to help achieve our vision. Collaborations include the Displaced Jews lecture given by Professor Shirli Gilbert. LSJS partnered with March of the Living UK to put on a fascinating lecture that both organisations helped to promote.



THE MARC WEINBERG COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Combining the best of the old and the new, the Marc Weinberg Library is one of British Jewry's most significant resources. The library holds the historic Jews' College Collection, which contains over 70,000 volumes of Judaica and Hebraica. A modern open library, suitable for both personal and academic study, with free wi-fi facilities and an online catalogue.

LSJS currently holds about 1800 books and folios classified as "rare". Some of these are over 400 years old. They include a Latin translation of Maimonides "Guide to the Perplexed" (1629) and an English translation of "Josephus" printed in Fleet Street (1733). Due to the volume of material now owned by the library we are only able to display 10% of our collection. The rest of the material is in the rolling stacks area off the main library with rare books in a separate room. Plans are currently in discussion to renovate the rare books room so that more of our collection can be easily visible to the public as well as creating an extra space for classes and private study.

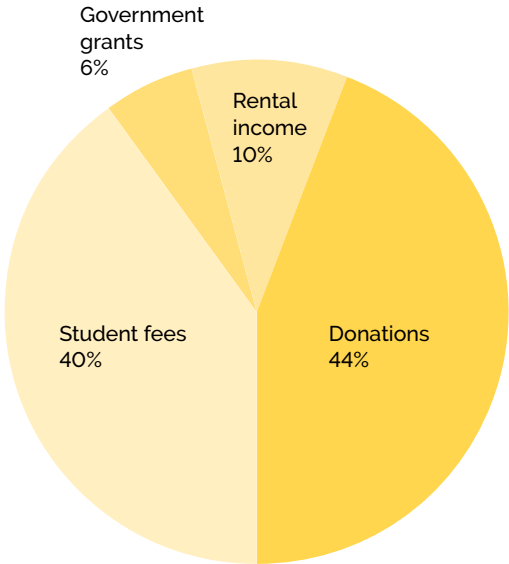
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Rabbi David Meyer OBE,
Executive Director, PaJeS

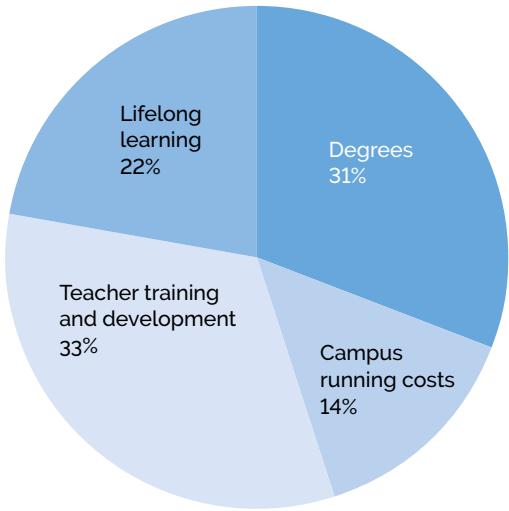


Financial Picture

INCOME
£1,307,512



EXPENDITURE
£1,245,048



Figures taken from financial statements for the year ending 31 July 2019



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**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING
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With your help we can achieve our vision for an engaged, inspired, educated UK Jewish community, nourished by a lifelong love of teaching and learning.

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