

GRADUATION *Celebration*

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LSJS Degrees and Teacher
Training Graduation Event

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BA (Hons) Jewish Education Graduates

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Postgraduate Diploma Jewish Education Graduates

Rabbi Danny Baigel, Secondary Programmes Manager and Jewish Career Pathways Director

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Jillian Dunstan, Primary Programme Manager

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Laura Russell, Manager for School Direct Primary at Wolfson Hillel Primary School

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Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum, Dean & Rabbi Sacks Chair of Modern Jewish Thought

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Rabbi Sacks Learning Fellowship 2023 Cohort

Vote of Thanks, Gary Phillips, Chair of LSJS



Joanne Greenaway

Chief Executive of LSJS

Rabbi Shapira, the spiritual leader of the Warsaw Ghetto, wrote that a child must be imbued "with a vision of his own potential greatness and be enlisted as an active participant in his own development". Likewise, teachers "must learn to speak the language of the student". This is a truly transformational mission, to realise the potential of each child and to empower them to grow. And that is your mission too.

After Covid and in today's digitally informed generation, our children are increasingly autonomous learners. They need to be placed at the centre of their learning.

Last year, *The Times* published its Commission on Education. In parallel, we at LSJS also led a cross-sectoral review looking at the future of Jewish Education in this country. There is holy work to do and you will now be able to play your part in shaping its future trajectory.

You have acquired so many skills during your studies and you are now tasked with connecting with and nurturing each learner. You will bring vital new energy, ideas, methods and tools to your teaching. You will be great role models but, as Rabbi Sacks said, you must also make space for children and students to inspire you. You must nurture your own spark.

We at LSJS are here to continue to support you. You are part of a family, a network which I encourage you to lean on and together we will continue to transform, enrich and renew our community one learner at a time.



Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum

LSJS Dean and Rabbi Sacks Chair of
Modern Jewish Thought

Rabbi Preida had a student to whom he would have to always repeat the topic 400 times before they grasped it. One day, Rabbi Preida was told he would need to leave to do a mitzvah. Before he left, he taught the student but even after 400 times, they still did not grasp the topic. So Rabbi Preida asked him: "Why is today different?" The student replied: "From the moment you were told that there is a mitzvah to attend to, I was distracted and kept thinking "he's going to leave now, he's going to leave now". Rabbi Preida said: "Focus and I will teach you again..." (Talmud, Eruvin 54b)

This story has so much to teach us about teaching. Our students are all different and some require more support than others. '400 times' might be an exaggeration, but we all need to be patient – sometimes extremely so – and find ways to teach that really work.

Even when Rabbi Preida was called out of school to attend to a religious matter, he chose first to stay to teach his class. Our priority must be to our students. Even when there are other pressing matters, we must never let them down.

The final part of the story is intriguing. Students can easily be distracted, even by the thought of their teacher having other commitments. When Rabbi Preida realised this, he redoubled his efforts.

Teaching is a noble profession, but it can be very hard, challenging and, at times, infuriating. But when it works it's magical! Mazal tov on your graduation, and may we all have the patience, dedication and insight of Rabbi Preida, every time we enter the classroom.



Gary Phillips

Chair of the LSJS Board of Trustees

Partner, Solomon Taylor & Shaw LLP

The highpoint of my year as Chairman of LSJS is attending our annual graduation ceremony. This occasion represents everything that the college is about; academic excellence, recognising and thanking our wonderful team for their hard work and inspired teaching. Most important of all, it is about applauding the graduates for working so hard and achieving so much.

But, graduates, please don't think that your task is done. Rather, the really hard work starts today. With the knowledge and skills that you have acquired, you need to reach out to your communities. You need to teach. You need to inspire. You need to make a difference.

I wish you all a huge mazal tov and every success in your future careers.





Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE

President of LSJS

I am delighted to extend a hearty mazal tov to all the trainees who have successfully completed their teacher training programmes and to the students who have gained a BA (Hons) Jewish Education or an MA in Jewish Education.

As President of LSJS I am proud of our wonderful teacher training programmes in partnership with Jewish schools. LSJS is the premier provider of Jewish teacher training in the country, our trainees can now make a significant and lasting impact on the education of our children, who are the future of our community.

I am also equally proud of our degree programmes which are validated by our academic partner, Middlesex University. Having recently been launched online, LSJS degrees are now able to impact the teaching and study of our faith on a global scale. This year's BA and MA graduates have gained the tools and insight to inspire and educate our community in their roles as synagogue rabbis, school teachers, outreach educators and communal leaders.

In congratulating all our graduates on their excellent achievements, I wish them continued success in their teaching positions across our community. Like the previous graduates of LSJS for over 160 years, they will certainly make a substantial contribution to the future of Jewish education.

May all who are partners in the LSJS success story continue *lehagdil Torah uleha'adira* – to magnify Torah and bring glory to its name.



Rabbi Joseph Dweck

Deputy President of LSJS

The impact of a teacher on a young student lasts a lifetime. It is a sacred task so important that the Talmud considers it a direct affront to God when a teacher is lax or haphazard in his or her work educating the students.

For the Jewish people, education has always been a cornerstone of our people and for over two thousand years we have considered best practice for teachers, classrooms, instruction, and learning environments.

Much growth and development has occurred in the modern field of education and there are many essential discoveries that we have come to understand that help people learn in the most effective and penetrative ways.

The LSJS has emerged as the exemplary institution in British Jewry for quality teacher training. It is the gold standard. As the Deputy President, I am honoured and proud to congratulate all the graduating teachers and I know that they have been mentored well and expertly guided. I know that through them our education system will be further enhanced and our students even stronger and more enlightened. When our students are well educated, the entire community is strengthened.

I would like to commend all of the LSJS staff and its leadership for ensuring the success and high quality of this programme and I pray that it will continue to grow from strength to strength.



Dr Helena Miller

Director of Degrees & Teacher Training
Programmes; Senior Research Fellow

The annual LSJS Graduation ceremony is the highlight of our academic year. This year is no exception. We are graduating more than fifty of you. Some of you will have been studying on our BA(Hons) Jewish Education, others on our MA Jewish Education and still others on one of our four programmes of teacher training.

In sayings of our fathers (Pirke Avot 2:6) we read that Rabbi Hillel said "do not say 'When I am free I will study', for perhaps you will not become free". None of you have waited until you have time – you are some of the busiest people, with the greatest number of responsibilities, that I have ever met! Still, you have made a decision to study, followed that decision through, and that decision has culminated in your graduation today.

When Hillel couldn't afford the fees of his local school, he would climb to the top of the roof and listen to lessons through an open window, even during the bitterly cold winter months. He recognized that no obstacle is insurmountable to someone who truly wishes to learn. At LSJS, we recognise that in this past year, you have all had multiple obstacles, from schools being closed due to Covid, to hybrid learning, to health challenges and more. And yet, you have persevered with hard work, determination, and humour. We, at LSJS, have been privileged to teach you, and we are now so proud of you as you take part in our graduation ceremony. You are superb role models for those young people and adults who you will be teaching. You have shown that you understand the importance and value of study. Your challenge is to pass on that sense of importance and value to your students.

Mazal tov to all of you as you graduate and begin the next stage in your professional journeys.

LSJS Teacher Training Team



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About our Teacher Training Programmes



School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT)

The one-year SCITT programme, accredited by the University of Roehampton, provides an opportunity to obtain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) as well as a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). The SCITT course provides trainees with the best of both worlds: the ability to learn from experts in the field, as well as the experience of 120 days' training in high-performing primary schools across London. Trainees have the opportunity to specialise further in Jewish Studies.



School Direct (Primary or Secondary)

The School Direct programme is a partnership between Jewish schools and LSJS which provides an employment-based route towards gaining Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). LSJS works with Wolfson Hillel Primary School and Yavneh College to provide training and accreditation. This is an intensive programme aimed at those who are working in a school and want to achieve qualified teacher status. Students are also offered the opportunity to study for a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCert), accredited by Middlesex University. Secondary school trainees can specialise in either Jewish Studies or in one of a wide range of general subjects.



Assessment Only

Our Assessment Only pathway supports highly experienced graduate teachers to obtain their teaching qualification. Suitably qualified teachers can receive their Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in three months via a series of lesson observations and fulfilling the Teachers' Standards. We support teachers in primary, secondary and special schools, both Jewish and secular, to achieve QTS. So far, more than 40 teachers have been successful and are now able to progress with their career.

Teacher Training Graduates



Galia Segal
Assessment Only Manager

It has been an absolute delight to visit you and to see and hear of the wonderful educational experiences that you deliver to your pupils day in and day out. You have done more than merely teach lessons or share your knowledge. You have fostered curiosity and created a love of learning that will stay with pupils. I hope that your QTS is the first of many stepping stones to a fantastic teaching career. Congratulations!

Assessment Only



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Georgia Rossides

White Trees Independent
School

Matthew Sharpe

Hasmonean High School
for Boys

Jesse Tucker

The Fulham Boys School



Jillian Dunstan

Primary Programmes Manager

I have very much enjoyed watching you all develop as teachers over the past year. You have worked so hard and shown a real passion for teaching.

Mazal tov on gaining your QTS and good luck in your future teaching careers.

School Centred Initial Teacher Training



Celine Fisher



Katie Reiff



Yu Yan Lau



Hannah Roskin



Bluma Mitz



Julianna Teff



School Direct Primary



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School for Girls



Murray Brown

Kisharon Noé
School



**Thomas
Phillips**

Jewish Free
School



Rabbi Danny Baigel

Secondary Programmes Manager and
Jewish Career Pathways Director

It has been a real pleasure supporting you towards qualification this year and I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe your progress. Sitting in the back of your lessons provides me with the reassurance that our community has a cohort of caring and dedicated professionals, genuine role models who have chosen to share their passion, care, and knowledge with the students in our schools.

Teaching has its ups and downs, yet no other career has the power to transform pupils, champion their progress on a daily basis and propel them forward as they navigate the challenges ahead. I hope you continue to inspire your students and that we continue to stay in touch as you progress on your teaching journey.

Mazal tov on this well-deserved achievement and thank you for all your hard work this year.



Shira Rabson

Hasmonean High
School for Girls



Hodaya Schiff

Hasmonean High
School for Girls



Rebecca Saville

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School Direct Primary

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Hazel Dall - Maths tutor
Jillian Dunstan - Primary Programme Manager
Sophie Fenton - English tutor
Naomi Hiscock - Science tutor
Dr Helena Miller - PGCert Leader
Laura Russell - School Improvement Partner, JCAT
R. Dr Raphael Zarum - Dean, LSJS

School Direct Secondary

Core Faculty

R. Danny Baigel - Secondary Programmes Manager and Jewish Career Pathways Director
Spencer Lewis - Lead School Headteacher
Dr Helena Miller - PGCert Leader
R. Dr Raphael Zarum - Dean, LSJS

Subject Tutors

Jonathan Bach - Science subject tutor
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School Centered Initial Teacher Training

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To the School Direct Primary Graduates

Laura Russell

Manager for School Direct Primary at
Wolfson Hillel Primary School

I am absolutely thrilled to be able to celebrate your success with you today. I am so proud of the journey that you have all been on this year and of the hard work, dedication and care that you have put into your teaching and studies. Never forget that the best teachers are those who continue to learn, no matter how experienced they are and who ask for help when they need it!

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with each and every one of you and I wish you every success and happiness in the years to come.



To the School Direct Secondary Graduates

Spencer Lewis

Executive Head Teacher, Yavneh Schools

I am proud and delighted to write these few words of mazal tov to you, the graduates of the School Direct and other teacher training courses. As the Headteacher of the lead secondary school, I have been observing your development this last year and I know just how hard you have worked, how much time and energy you have put both into your training and into your students, who I know have benefited greatly.

Teaching as a profession is unique. It is the most rewarding, satisfying of jobs and I am sure that you will make significant contributions over many years to many thousands of young people.

it secures the future of the next generation, מלאכת הקודש, What we do is and you should be very proud

I wish you nothing but success in everything you do.

חזק ואמץ.

About our BA and MA Jewish Education degree programmes

BA (Hons) Jewish Education

Our BA in Jewish Education is underpinned by the belief that university education leads to better teachers. Recognising that many teachers did not have a degree or the time to commit to a full-time degree, LSJS created a BA that could meet the unique needs of those teaching in the Jewish community. Validated by Middlesex University, our four-year part-time course offers a warm and personalised environment in which students are given time and space to hone their knowledge and skillset, with a strong focus on the unique context of Jewish schools. The students draw on educational theory and techniques, which they can immediately test and implement in the classroom.

MA Jewish Education

Research commissioned in 2013 revealed there was little opportunity for senior educators and rabbis to undertake useful and relevant academic professional development. In response we developed an MA in Jewish Education, validated by Middlesex University, which offers new pedagogical insight, innovative teaching ideas and a network of like-minded colleagues. Taught part-time over two years, the MA provides our students with the skills and knowledge to improve their schools and their communities and to progress their careers. To cater to a diverse range of educators, the MA comprises four specialisms: Teaching and Learning, Informal education, Leadership and Management, and Community Education – ensuring its relevance to rabbis, informal educators and school governors as well as teachers.

Online Degrees

We now offer degree programmes online, enabling students to enrol in our courses from across the globe. We use a cutting-edge virtual learning website which allows students to interact with lecturers, submit assignments, converse with other students and make presentations.



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Degree Graduates

MA Jewish Education Graduates



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to the LSJS team*

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sessions, discounts on venue hire,
exclusive newsletters and invited
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Please make sure to keep us up-to-
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The Rabbi Sacks Learning Fellowship



The Rabbi Sacks Learning Fellowship is a new, one-year programme for young professionals looking to develop their Jewish learning as they strive to lead a more meaningful Jewish life. In 1978, Rabbi Sacks devised a course for students, which aimed to introduce them to the main themes and challenges of Jewish faith, practice, theology and philosophy. Using this as a springboard, we have updated and reimaged this course for today.

We are delighted to have had expert educators from the UK and abroad, including Rabbi Sacks' closest students, such as Rabbi Dr Harvey Belovski, Dr Erica Brown, Rabbi Alex Israel, Dr Tanya White, Rabbi Dr Dov Lerner, Rebbetzin Lauren Levin teach on this 18-part course.



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PaJeS would like to congratulate all the graduates from LSJS SCITT and School Direct Primary and Secondary programme

Mazel tov to

Lizzie Caplan

PaJeS Primary Jewish Studies Advisor

on her graduation

Everyone at PaJeS is proud of her achievement and we wish her bracha and hazlacha

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*Mazel-Tov
Gila Gold*

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the impossible*

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*With thanks
to the LSJS teacher training team*

*from a very grateful
new teacher*

*Mazal Tov
to Natasha Hyer
from
Su, Clive & Jack*

*So proud of you
mummy!
Love Shmuel,
Yaakov, Zvi & Nina*

*Yan, you did it!
Congratulations.
May God bless your
journey!*

*Mazal Tov
to my wonderful
wife, Lizzie Caplan!*

*Congratulations to
Lizzie Caplan!
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we're so proud,
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to this year's graduates.*



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