



## Message from the Head

King Solomon High School Newsletter

It is hard to believe that we have come to the last newsletter of the school year. It has been another busy few weeks for everyone at King Solomon and I am delighted to report on some of the special events that have taken place this month.

### Israel Trip

As you probably know 125 Year 9 students are currently having the time of their lives in Israel. Speaking to Mr Cohen daily reminds what I am missing out on and all I can say is that every day sounds wonderful and I can't wait to hear their stories when they return.

### Science Club

Members of the KS3 science Club went on a memorable trip to Epping Forest and it was a great success as all the members enjoyed themselves and expressed more interest in scientific activities in the future. Members are particularly grateful to the members of the PTA who have supported them; they were given some money to make the T-Shirts that they wore for the trip. It was very impressive as they stood out from all the other schools that came to the forest for the expedition.

### Music Department

Over the last two weeks the Music Department have been taking the majority of Year 8 students to the Redbridge Music Centre to visit their Gamelan Orchestra as part of a unit on Indonesian music. The students have learnt about the different instruments and customs surrounding Gamelan music, and had a fantastic time learning two pieces which they played to perfection on all the instruments. Working in groups, they played as a real Gamelan orchestra would, listening to each other and keeping in time. The students behaved very well, and we were proud of them all.

### Year 8 English Scholars

Hanna Winston, Michalea Liebman, Vanessa Schreiber and Maya Owen took part in the Redbridge Children's Author Awards. They participated in a literary quiz, asked the authors Anthony McGowan, Echo Freer and Jean Ure questions, and cast their vote for their favourite Teen book and favourite Children's book. They were accompanied by Mr. Davis from the English Department.

### Year 5 Science Club

30 Year 5 students from IJPS & Clore Tikva have been invited to attend a KS Science Club. Each week students carried out 3 exciting science activities that included Tumbling Toast, Fantastic Fingerprints and Recycle Reuse. Well done to all the students who have now passed their Crest Star Investigators Super Star Award and will be rewarded with their certificates next term.

### Parent Governor

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that there is a position open as Parent Governor as of September 2008. Please do read the letter in your summer pack which explains the process.

### Summer Pack

Please note that over the next week or so you should receive a summer pack from the school. This includes details of uniform changes as well as various other pieces of information from the school. We have not included next year's calendar as it would be quite expensive to photo copy. It will however be emailed to you in the normal way and will be on the school website.

### Staffing

Unfortunately we are saying goodbye to the following staff and we wish them every success in the future. Mr Cohen, Miss Katzenell, Miss Twomey, Mr Longthorne, Miss Guleroglu, Mr Lambert and Mrs Maisuria who is going on maternity leave for a while.

Wishing you all a great summer!

Mr S Lewis



## This Week:

### Parshat Pinchas

Many people can be quite troubled by the actions of Pinchas the hero of our Sedra.

At the end of last week's portion we read of the illicit actions of the prince of the tribe of Shimon, Zimri and the Moabite princess, Kozbi. Pinchas was incensed by the public sin of Zimri and Kozbi and reacted in a fit of zealotry by killing them both. No trial, no prosecution and no defence. Just a swift and merciless death sentence meted out by this Jewish vigilante.

This week's Sedra begins with G-d's reaction to this dramatic event.

“ And G-d spoke to Moses, saying, Pinchas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my anger away from the children of Israel...therefore say, Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace”

Pinchas' action is vindicated by G-d. G-d is pleased that Pinchas acted in such a way to avoid a much greater punishment of the people.

What is interesting, however, is the reward given to Pinchas. He is presented with the covenant of peace. This unique prize, found nowhere else in the Torah, seems to contain an element of rebuke. Pinchas is given the covenant of peace as an antidote to his fierce and harsh nature.

Essentially, G-d's message is that Pinchas' anger may have been justified but that anger always has a price. It is all too easy to misuse rage or to allow vengeance to become misplaced. Consequently G-d blesses Pinchas with an injection of “peace”, calmness, if you will.

Maimonides, our greatest philosopher, talks in a number of places about the correct path of moral development. He takes Aristotle's Golden Mean, or middle way, and explains that a person should avoid extremes of character. For example neither being miserly or foolishly generous with one's money so as to impoverish oneself. However anger is the one character trait that does not follow this theory. For Maimonides anger should be avoided at all costs. For him there is no middle path of anger, anger is never justified. Maimonides' position on anger may well have been influenced by our Sedra.

Of course what is most important is how we relate to this idea.

For most people anger is an emotion that we experience in our lives at some point for some more than others. Is it realistic to adopt Maimonides approach? It's quite a challenge, I think, but perhaps we should see it as a goal to be worked towards. Pinchas was lucky that he had G-d's approval for his righteous anger but we cannot expect such endorsement. As a result we might consider that anger in our lives, however justified, rarely makes a situation better. Reducing anger is difficult but the wreckage left by a rage is often even harder to deal with. It's probably an emotion we could all do quite well without!

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Jeremy Bruce



A Focus on....

## I.C.T. Department News

### ICT staff:

The ICT department is run by Mrs Davis. We are very happy to welcome back Mr Bernstein who rejoined the team in January having spent a year at another school. Other staff members include Mr Jaffa, who also runs the lunchtime club, Mr Redfern, who also teaches technology, and Mrs Berk. In addition to the teaching staff the department includes Ricky Simons (network manager) and Yaniv Halperin (technician), who has joined us directly from our sixth form. We have also been lucky this year to have had a temporary member of staff, Mitchell Ross, an ex-student of the school who has been an asset to the team. We wish him luck with his continued studies at University.

### What have students been learning this year?

Students have continued to develop their software skills using all the Microsoft Office applications with the upper years also learning skills in website design (Dreamweaver) and other multimedia applications (Sony Vegas Studio, Windows moviemaker etc). Each year group has concentrated on building their skills which can then be applied across the curriculum to other subject areas. In addition students have learnt to research, analyse and interpret data and present their own findings to the class. Both presentation and research skills have been demonstrated across the year groups which should help to develop their ability to learn independently.

### New GCSE for 2007/8

Our students have risen to the challenge and are enjoying a more in depth view of ICT. This has enabled us to consider other courses that we could offer to our students which hopefully in the future will help them to develop new skills of podcasting and other web technologies.

### NEW FOR 2008/9

You may have heard of Frog, our new e-learning portal or VLE (virtual learning environment) that is scheduled to be online in September 2008. There are many facets to the portal which will help us to assess student progress and help the students to plan their homework and classwork more effectively. It includes class email, messaging, forums, blog sites and is an exciting development for the school that may revolutionise the way we work. A very positive aspect is that students can access their work from home using a virtual server. This means that they can use the school software whilst working at home, which will be great for completing homework and using software that they do not have on their home computers. Parents will be given their own user name and password and will have access to their own area of Frog. It will also be easier to email staff and access information. All students are being trained to use Frog in the lead subjects for this project: ICT, Maths, Science, Modern Languages and English. All other subjects will be online by the end of the academic year 2009. There will be information and help available to parents when the parent's portal is ready to be accessed.



### Lunchtime Club

Almost every lunchtime the ICT department is open for students to use the facilities to complete work or ask for help in using software. We intend to offer student -to- student support in the coming year where older students will be on hand to support students in lower year groups.

### After School Club

This year Mr Bernstein has been running a bi-weekly after school club specifically to help GCSE students achieve their potential. This has been very successful particularly when deadlines are looming!

Mrs Davis  
Head of Department



## A Focus on....



A group of year 10 students recently took part in a schools linking project, together with two muslim schools in Brondesbury. This pilot programme was organised by Alif Alef, an organisation designed to create links between Jewish and muslim young people, in a framework where they can learn about each other through interactive programmes.

The project began in March with a workshop held at King Solomon for our students only, looking at similarities between the two religions and introducing students to the idea of linking and learning together. A similar programme was run at the same time, in the muslim schools. The two groups then came together for a walking tour of the East End, where we explored the history of the Jewish community in the area and saw how the muslim community have now established themselves in the areas where the Jewish people used to live and work..This day afforded the girls and the boys (they were separated for all activities) the opportunity to really talk together. Even the venue chosen for the workshops, Toynbee Hall has connections with both cultures as it was a very popular venue for Jewish events and is now a cultural centre much used by the muslim community.

Two weeks ago, we travelled to Brondesbury, where the girls and boys enjoyed tours of the two muslim schools and a really interesting discussion on the common theme of 'tzedakah' (charity).

The end of the programme was marked with a reception at the House of Lords, to which all participating schools were invited. King Solomon was represented, on this occasion, by Dean Beard, Samuel Ehrenstein, Alex Kaye, Marcus Starr and Chloe Zaydner. All of our students spoke about their positive, linking experiences and really enjoyed the splendour of the setting.

We are already working on developing this programme for future years.

Miss Shutz



Congratulations to Sebastian Ereira, Joel Luton and Glenn Foster for receiving certificates for their dedicated work and for successfully completing the National Standard Information Retrieval Course.



Well done to the school cricket team on winning the first inter Jewish schools cricket twenty twenty competition

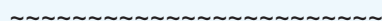


Well done to Marc Brenner, a great golfer!

In April this year, Marc qualified at a prestigious HSBC sponsored golf competition by winning the qualifier and reaching the Regional Finals. At the Regional Final last weekend, Marc scored 1 under par to reach the HSBC Grand Final which will be held at St Andrews in August '08.



LRC AT KSHS  
The library is pleased to announce that  
**Hannah Winston**  
is the  
**TOP READER**  
**2007/2008**  
**Congratulations!**





# Kol Hakavod!



## Awards and Results

### This Week:

#### ML STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Jonny Block // Maria Pantsjoha

#### IVRIT

Dean Beard

#### SPANISH

Jonny Block

#### FRENCH

Sarah Mozer

#### IVRIT

##### Achievement

Dean Beard  
Michael Davis  
Joshua Murphy  
Joshua Henderson  
Jonny Block  
Aimee Peters  
Amy Leckerman  
Sophie Rosenbloom  
Shoshana Field  
Saul Green  
Rebecca Liss  
Jonathan Delin  
Jack Morris  
Yoni Herst  
Chloe Factor  
Daniel Freedman

##### Most improved Students

Samuel Ehrenstein  
Russell Goldstein  
Daniella Mckenzie  
Emma Delin  
Holly Ingram  
Sam Sollosi  
Hannah Winston  
Emma Green  
Faye Heller  
Rebecca Lane  
Nicole Learner  
Lana Lipman  
Marc Brenner  
Bronte Sheridan  
Rebecca Cahill  
Nikki Jackson

##### Attitude & Enthusiasm

Marcus Starr  
Lauren Segal  
Ashley Andrews  
Sasha Granby  
Chantelle Arovo  
Sara Freedman  
Nicole Lessem  
Jason Granby  
Sam Mason  
Tiffany Stanton  
Nathan Faber-Baruch  
Daniella Simmons  
Samuel Howard  
Daniel Simmons  
Adam Laws  
Sam Zeff

##### Effort

Avi Myers  
Jamie Gentzler  
Sarah Mozer  
Daniella Morris  
Jake Schneider  
Guy Goldsmid  
Rhianna Goldberg  
Todd Heller  
Hannah Pepperman  
Avi Lieber-Sunderland  
Hannah Williams  
Rebecca Zack  
Emma Pinkus  
Jemma Cowen  
Aimee Benjamin  
Natasha Gee-Firsht

#### SPANISH

##### Achievement

Chloe Zaydner  
Samuel Ehrenstein  
Hannah Kashman  
Aaron Zack  
Sarah Mozer  
Moshe Howard  
Madison Brown  
Daniel Bean  
Samuel Rabinovitz  
Sophie Rosenbloom  
Alex Sumray  
Jordana Shulman  
Alex Fynn  
Liah Zusman  
Jessica Zaydner  
Richard Gold  
Rebecca Zack  
Chloe Alexander  
Hannah Lawrence

##### Most improved Students

Frankie Stanton  
Hannah Joseph  
Emma Delin  
Sara Freedman  
Miri Agaki-Allen  
Elana Ilan  
Adam Lazarus  
Guy Goldsmid  
Adam Goldman  
Adam Cole  
Avi Lieber-Sunderland  
Daniella Lester  
Hayden Brockiner  
Oliver Diamond  
Samuel Harris  
Lauren Ziff  
Jamie Goodman  
Ben Garalnick  
Samuel Howard

##### Attitude & Enthusiasm

Alex Kaye  
Hayley Simon  
Lauren Simmons  
Sam Sollosi  
Mitchell Gold  
Joshua Diamond  
Joshua Wynne  
Sophie Goldman  
Ian Grant  
Jason Granby  
Byron Shilston  
Daniel Garfinkle  
Adam Hamilton  
Michelle Nachum  
James Bongart  
Arron Goldberg  
Daniella Simmons  
Matthew Zartz  
Ryan Alicoon

##### Effort

Lila Aghaki-Allen  
Laura Baron  
Ashleigh Andrews  
Sophie Gaynor  
Elisabeth Jordan  
Natasha Sporn  
Micha Eversley  
Russell Goldstein  
Chantelle Arovo  
Hannah Goodman  
James Rose  
Gaby Lewis  
Faye Heller  
Connor Kaye  
Jordan Mann  
Jenna Saville  
Reuben Burns  
Bronte Sheridan  
Joshua Levy

#### FRENCH Y9

##### Achievement

Sarah Mozer

##### Most improved Student

Sarah Stoll

##### Attitude & Enthusiasm

Joshua diamond

##### Effort

Miri Aghaki-Allen