

KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL VICTORY PARK



HEBREW TEACHING POST – GRADE 8-10

CRITERIA

- Fluency in Hebrew
- Academic qualification
- Ability to work with teenagers
- Commitment to Jewish and Zionist values

Availability: Immediate

A letter of application, Curriculum Vitae and contact information with referees, should be e-mailed to:
benmosheh@sabje.co.za

The school reserves the right not to make an appointment. Only shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School - A Project of the Hebrew University Is Coming to Johannesburg March 2012



Find out why 30 000 graduates worldwide have committed themselves to the Melton way of adult Jewish learning – a text based curriculum which is non-prescriptive and interactive.

A Johannesburg team is working in collaboration with Cape Town's Midrasha Adult Education Institute, which has been driving Melton for 6 years, to bring this dynamic and exciting programme to our community.

MELTON CLASSIC CORE COURSE

Explore the philosophy, history, ethics and practice of Jewish life, moving through biblical texts to modern commentaries: Taught over 2 years spanning 60 lessons.

Year 1

Rhythms of Jewish Living: Ideas, beliefs and practices which shape Jewish life and observances; Purpose of Jewish Living: Essential Jewish theological concepts as they unfold in biblical, Talmudic and other sacred texts.

Year 2

Dramas of Jewish Living: Dramatic developments, experience and issues from different periods in Jewish history

Ethics of Jewish Living: Ethical issues with case studies from Talmudic, rabbinic and contemporary literature.

Contact Ariella Milner Course Co-ordinator on 082 804 6113
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Visit www.fmams.org.il for more details

SOCIAL SCENE

Ossac empowers through skills and knowledge

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MEIRA PUTERMAN

ONCE AGAIN the end-of-year party for the many students of Ossac (the Oxford Synagogue Skills for Adults Centre) was the culmination of a year's work. It was also the opportunity for those who were part of the dressmaking group to display some of the clothes they had made during the year.

Despite the fact that many of the students have fulltime jobs, they had all made the time to attend regularly.

This was also a fitting tribute to all the effort, time and caring their teachers had expended, as well as the work done for them by the Ossac executive.

This had also assisted them in aspiring (and reaching) the level of competence they had attained.

In welcoming everyone to the function at Oxford Shul, Rabbi Yossi Chaikin said how proud he, and all the organisers were to see the achievements of the students, which would go a long way in enhancing their future lives.

He was proud to come every year and each time to see their progress and spirit of friendship.

Ossac's high level of teaching has created a tremendous improvement in the literacy, numeracy, cooking, baking and computer skills of the students and the display of clothes which were all made by the students exemplified this.

Several of the students gave a few touching words on how Ossac had impacted on their lives - for the better.

Marc Lubner, CEO of outreach organisation Afrika Tikkun, which funds Ossac, was full of praise for the achievements of the group and highlighted the need to prepare young people for South Africa's job market.

Much of the success of the project is due to the input of Beryl Unterhalter and her team who work tirelessly. Unterhalter praised everyone including the volunteer teachers without whom this project would not be as successful as it is.

Shelia Kemp, chairman of the Ossac Executive Committee thanked Rabbi Chaikin and Lubner for their words and singled out Unterhalter "who had worked tirelessly for years and without whom there would be no Ossac".



Carol Moshuwe Ossac's computer facilitator with Marc Lubner the CEO of Afrika Tikkun.



Oxford Shul's Rabbi Yossi and Rivky Chaikin.



Two dress-making students "model" their wedding dresses.

COMMUNITY BUZZ

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LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Marc Kopman (Krugersdorp):

"On my travel, again looking for vanishing Jewish footprints in the country districts.

"Well, what with itchy feet and a 32nd wedding anniversary to go off and celebrate, my wife, Bev and I chose Ekhuleni Lodge in Limpopo Province between Hoedspruit and Phalaborwa. This is how it went; sadly from leaving home in Krugersdorp and travelling past Pretoria, these would be the only two places where Jewish life still exists all the way to our destination, however, mercifully not so the case on our way back:

"Polokwane (Pietersburg): This town was the first major growth point which we encountered and

driving through we spotted an impressive looking shopping mall reminiscent of those only found in the bigger cities and as the 'innocently ignorant' we would wonder as to whether or not Jews still reside here in significant numbers.

"Indeed, and of course, I am well aware that since 1885 the town boasted a most vibrant Jewish community in every sense of the word. In fact, the excellent Beth Hatefutsoth's volume lists almost 300 Jewish names bearing mute testimony to this fact!

"I have previously reported on my trip there with fellow congregant, Harley Hirschmann (former Pietersburg) where we visited the immaculately kept Jewish cemetery, including a tablet at the entrance depicting the history of the congregation as well as the shul (now used as municipal offices) and where this family lived.

"We had met with Morris Jedwood, one of the last few remaining Jews in the town and spent time with him. Nothing more to add this time around!

"Tzaneen: Having temporarily

become lost, we eventually arrived in Tzaneen, a very busy, bustling town, evident as we drove through the town centre and at points where we asked directions, enquiries about Jewish presence were met with blank unknowing stares. The Beth Hatefutsoth Jewish Life Volume, always at hand, informed us of the rest, no Jewish formal congregation had existed. The Jewish residents had made use of Pietersburg's fine facilities. A very empty feeling when you realise that whatever Jewish life existed there is no more.

"Gravelotte: Eventually passed through this hamlet and again, the same story repeats itself. The Jewish traders and hoteliers there also once upon a time used the Pietersburg facilities. Originally, Jewish mining magnates Hersov, Menell and Erleigh had been firmly at the forefront of Gravelotte's early economical activity and development. Again, we could detect no current signs of any Jewish presence in the here and now."

To be continued.

ADVERTORIAL

Guiding Jewish job seekers in their quest to make an honest living

The process of finding a job is a job in itself. And a job search requires skills that people may seldom use in other situations. Many people in our community are in need of these specific skills in order to assist them find suitable employment.

THIS YEAR ORT JET will be offering five seminars to graduates and job seekers in our community, that require skills and guidance to find a job or improve their current employment status.

Over the past year the team has identified the key issues affecting job seekers in a tough economic environment. The seminars are divided into two sessions.

The first session, lectured by an executive life coach, will introduce the candidate to concepts such as personal branding, establishing career goals and breaking through emotional barriers.

The second session will focus on creating a resumé, searching for positions online, developing a network, interviewing effectively, and good decision making.

As industry experts, the lecturers offer guidance and support to

candidates, making the daunting task of finding employment a little less intimidating.

The first seminar is open for booking but places are limited.

Session 1: February 8

Session 2: February 22

Time: 08:30 - 12:30

Venue: Beyachad, Sydenham

To register, visit the ORT JET website www.ortjet.org.za or contact Tracy on (011) 728-7154

