To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools

Junior Certificate Jewish Studies 2020

Prescribed Titles for Jewish Studies Project Work

1. A new syllabus for Junior Certificate Jewish Studies was introduced in September 2010 and examined for the first time in 2013.

2. The syllabus indicates that the written examination in the assessment for certification of Jewish Studies will have two parts: (1) Questions on project work, and (2) Questions on the remaining sections of the syllabus.

3. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. At both levels, questions on project work will account for 20% of the marks.

4. The prescribed project work titles for Junior Certificate Jewish Studies 2020 are attached. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to answer questions on one title only. The prescribed titles for project work in the 2020 Junior Certificate Jewish Studies papers are based on the syllabus Section 3: Sacredness in the Jewish Faith.

5. Candidates are required to answer questions on one title chosen for project work from the 2020 prescribed list in an answer booklet which will comprise Part 1 of the examination papers.

6. Please bring this circular and the attached list of project work titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.

7. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

8. If you have any queries regarding this circular please telephone 0906442746/0906442825.

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A choice of two titles is given below. Candidates should base their project work on one title only, taken from the Junior Certificate Jewish Studies syllabus Section 3: Sacredness in the Jewish Faith.

Topic:  

Jewish Pilgrimage Holidays — Section 3: Sacredness in the Jewish Faith.

TITLE A.  

An investigation into how Passover and Shavuot became established as Jewish pilgrimage holidays and the way that each is celebrated by Jewish people today.

OR

Topic:  

High Holy Days — Section 3: Sacredness in the Jewish Faith.

TITLE B.  

- Rosh Hashanah  
- Yom Kippur

An examination of the origins of each of the above Jewish Holy Days, as outlined in the Hebrew Bible, and the way that they are celebrated in a Jewish community today.