



## **JFS School**

The Mall Kenton Harrow Middlesex HA3 9TE

### **VISION AND VALUES**

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#### **Towards a new vision for JFS**

**JFS** is a co-educational, inclusive, modern, orthodox Jewish school that strives to produce well-educated, faithful and proud Jews who will be responsible and contributing members of society.

#### ***Our Ideals:***

- To be dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and excellence
- To be independent learners, willing to question and engage in thoughtful debate
- To be aspirational with a desire to achieve beyond expectations
- To be proficient and active in Jewish practice and skilled in the study of Torah and traditional Jewish texts
- To be proud and involved in Jewish culture, history, identity and community
- To be committed to the State of Israel and learn Hebrew as part of Jewish heritage
- To be responsible and care for all humankind as loyal citizens of the United Kingdom

#### ***Our Emblem embodies our ideals:***



A **flame** for becoming passionate and caring British Jewish citizens

A **Torah Scroll** for Jewish learning and beliefs

A **Magen David** for the eternity of Israel and World Jewry

Our motto: ***Orah Viykar – To be Enlightened and Valued***

## Our ideals are rooted in Jewish sources:

### KNOWLEDGE:

*"You God grace humanity with knowledge and teach mortals understanding. Please grace us with knowledge, understanding and discernment." (Weekday Amidah prayer)*

אַתָּה חוֹנֵן לְאָדָם דַּעַת  
וּמְלִמֵּד לְאָנוּשׁ בִּינָה. הַנִּנּוּ  
מֵאֵתְךָ דַּעַת בִּינָה וְהַשְׂכֵּל.

### LIVING, LEARNING, QUESTIONING AND ASPIRING:

*"Hillel said: Do not separate from the community; do not believe in yourself until the day you die; do not judge another until you've been in their place, do not say that you cannot understand something, because eventually you can learn to understand it; and do not say, 'I'll study when I have the time', because you may never have time. (Ethics of the Fathers 2:5)*

הֲלַל אֹמֵר, אֶל תִּפְרוֹשׁ מִן  
הַצְּבוּר, וְאַל תִּתְּמֵן בְּעַצְמְךָ עַד  
יוֹם מוֹתְךָ, וְאַל תִּדְּוֵן אֶת חֲבֵרְךָ  
עַד שֶׁתִּגִּיעַ לְמִקוּמוֹ, וְאַל תֹּאמֵר  
דָּבַר שְׂאִי אֶפְשֶׁר לְשִׁמוֹעַ שְׂסוּפו  
לְהִשְׁמַע. וְאַל תֹּאמֵר לְכִשְׂאֶפְנָה  
אֲשַׁנָּה, שְׂמָא לֹא תִפְנָה:

### JEWISH PRACTICE AND TORAH STUDY:

*"These are the things whose benefit we receive in this world but whose full reward awaits in the World to Come: honouring your father and mother, doing acts of kindness, arriving at the study house morning and evening, hospitality to strangers, visiting the sick, helping a poor bride, attending to the dead, devotion in prayer and bringing peace between people; And the study of Torah is equal to them all." (Talmud, Shabbat 127a)*

אֵלוּ דְבָרִים שְׂאָדָם אוֹכֵל פְּרוּתֵיהֶם  
בְּעוֹלָם הַזֶּה וְהַקָּרוֹן קִיָּמָת לוֹ לְעוֹלָם  
הַבָּא. וְאֵלוּ הֵן. כְּבוֹד אָב וָאִם. וּגְמִילוּת  
חֲסָדִים. וְהַשְׂכָּמַת בֵּית הַמִּדְרָשׁ. שְׁחֲרִית  
וְעֶרְבִית. וְהַכְּנָסַת אוֹרְחִים. וּבִקּוּר  
חוֹלִים. וְהַכְּנָסַת כֶּלֶה. וְלוֹנֵת הַמֵּת. וְעִיּוֹן  
תַּפְּלָה. וְהַבָּאָת שְׁלוֹם בֵּין אָדָם לְחֲבֵרוֹ  
וּבֵין אִישׁ לְאִשְׁתּוֹ. וְתִלְמוּד תּוֹרָה כְּנֻגַד  
כָּלֶם.

### JEWISH CULTURE:

*"Remember the days of old;  
consider the years of ages past..." (Deuteronomy 32:7)*

זְכֹר יָמֹת עוֹלָם  
בִּינו שָׁנוֹת דֹר וָדֹר

### ISRAEL:

*"May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, bless the State of Israel, its leaders and advisors in the land which God promised to our ancestors to give to us. Put into their hearts love and reverence for You, to uphold it with justice and righteousness..." (Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel)*

מִי שֶׁבֶרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבָרָהם יִצְחָק  
וְיַעֲקֹב הוּא יִבְרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת  
יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֹאשֵׁיהָ, וְיַעֲצִיָּהּ, עַל  
הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַע לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ לְתֵת  
לָנוּ. תֵּן בְּלִבְכֶם אֲהַבְתְּךָ, וּוִירָאֲתְךָ  
לְסַעֲדָה בְּמִשְׁפָּט וּבִצְדָקָה.

### RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS:

*"God created humankind in God's own image...  
male and female God created them" (Genesis 1:27)*

וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ...  
זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא אֹתָם:

### CITIZENSHIP:

*"Seek the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you  
and pray to God on its behalf; for in its success you will  
succeed." (Jeremiah 29:7)*

וְדַרְשׁוּ אֶת שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר הִגְלִיתִי  
אֹתְכֶם שָׁמָּה וְהִתְפַּלְלוּ בְּעֵדָה אֵל ה' כִּי  
בְשָׁלוֹמָה יִהְיֶה לְכֶם שְׁלוֹם:

*"The law of the land in which you live is the law" (Talmud, Nedarim 28a)*

דִּינָא דְּמַלְכוּתָא דִּינָא