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## **BAJS Annual General Meeting – 21 July 2011**

Yarnton Manor

**Present:** Lars Fischer (Secretary), Alison Salvesen (President), Sacha Stern (President elect 2012) and ca. 15 others.

**Apologies:** Jim Aitken, Maria Diemling (Treasurer), François Guesnet, Hannah Holtschneider (Web Officer), Seth Kunin, Daniel Langton, Dan Levene, Sarah Pearce, Larry Ray (President elect 2013), Joachim Schloer.

### **1. Minutes of the previous AGM**

The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the previous AGM.

#### **1.1 Matters arising**

LF drew the AGM's attention to point 15 of the previous minutes and reported that the committee had issued a call to the membership to provide relevant information and had agreed to circulate a second, more specific query early in the coming academic year.

### **2. New BAJIS members**

LF reported that the association had received 60 new applications since the previous meeting. This was partly due to Alison Salvesen having been very conscientious in urging conference participants to join the association. In addition, he had actively approached potential new members and the response had been almost entirely positive. Following the committee's recommendation, all 60 applicants (see attached list) were duly elected.

### **3. Committee and Officers**

Following the committee's recommendation, the AGM duly elected the following new officers of the association:

#### **3.1 As members of the committee with effect from this AGM:**

Zuleika Rodgers (Dublin)  
Nathan Abrams (Bangor)  
Lutz Doering (Durham)  
James Renton (Edge Hill)

#### **3.2 To join the committee with effect from the next AGM:**

Helen Spurling (Southampton)

3.3 Maria Diemling as the new Treasurer following her provisional appointment by the president when the previous incumbent stepped down in December 2011.

3.4 As presidents for

2014: Zuleika Rodgers (Dublin)

2015: Daniel Langton (Manchester)

#### **4. Essay Prizes**

LF reported that the committee had awarded the following prizes:

Undergraduate – Magdalena Luszczynska, ‘Father-Son Relationship in medieval Ashkenaz’ (UCL), with special distinction; Daphna Starr, ‘Clare Winsten. The Whitechapel Girl’ (Leeds).

Postgraduate – not awarded

#### **5. President’s report**

Alison Salvesen thanked the association’s officers and the participants for helping to facilitate what had been a rich and diverse conference. She expressed her particular satisfaction at the successful collaboration with SOTS and highlighted especially the joint panel discussion on *The Interaction between Jewish Studies and Hebrew Bible Scholarship*. The possibility of coming to an arrangement of this kind with SOTS should be taken into consideration again on future occasions. She also expressed her gratitude to Nicholas de Lange for his eulogy for Raphael Loewe and to Ben Outhwaite for his BAJS lecture held in Loewe’s memory. Colleagues raised the question of whether Nicholas de Lange’s eulogy could not be included in the next Bulletin and Nicholas de Lange graciously agreed to this suggestion.

#### **6. Treasurer’s report**

On behalf of Jim Aitken and Maria Diemling, LF circulated the accounts for 2009, 2010, and for the current year up to 17 July 2011. He reminded the AGM that Jim Aitken had been taken ill just before the previous AGM and the committee had therefore been unable to present the previous accounts. LF noted that it had been necessary to transfer £1000 from the deposit account to the current account both this year and the year before to cover the association’s running costs. The committee therefore recommended an increase in the subscription rates. The committee requested the approval of the accounts which the AGM duly granted. The committee joined LF in expressing their gratitude to Jim Aitken (in absentia) for his many years of dedicated service to the association.

LF reported that the committee had discussed a number of options regarding a possible increase of the subscriptions rates. The rates had last been raised so long ago that not even the longest-standing committee members had been able to remember when. Rather than recommending a more substantial increase that should instantly put the association’s finances on an even footing, it had decided to suggest a more modest increase which would allow the association to sustain its activities within two years, provided we succeeded both in increasing our membership and in urging a greater proportion of our membership to pay more regularly. The association was about to acquire a new database which would make the task of monitoring payments much easier.

The recommendation of the committee was that the rates should be raised as follows:

Ordinary members: from £15 to £25;

Associate members: from £10 to £15;

Student and retired members: from £5 to £10.

The AGM approved these new subscription rates.

Several colleagues noted that other associations have recently offered opportunities for international members to pay their subscription via PayPal. While this required them to pay a small additional fee it was obviously much more convenient than trying to transfer money, especially in such small amounts, any other way. LF thanked the colleagues for this information and assured them that the committee would look into the matter and provide the same service if possible.

## **7. Secretary's report**

7.1 REF: LF reported that Alison Salvesen, in discussion with Daniel Langton and himself and in coordination with the officers of other relevant subject associations, had written to Linda Woodhead, the chair of the Theology and Religious Studies sub-panel when the panel's initial composition was announced and included not a single biblical scholar. As a result of these activities, George Brooke and Christopher Rowland had been added to the panel. While this was a step in the right direction, it seemed evident that there was an expectation that Jewish Studies in toto had been covered by inviting George Brooke to join the panel, an expectation that was, as he was the first to point out, quite unreasonable. In her response to Alison Salvesen, Linda Woodhead had also confirmed that the sub-panel would seek additional expertise if confronted with submissions not covered by the expertise of its members. The committee would be focusing on this point and emphasizing its willingness to assist in identifying colleagues best suited to provide this additional expertise. In the first instance, LF would write to the chairs of the relevant sub-panels.

7.2 AHRC: LF reported that he had attended an AHRC subject association meeting in London on 24 June. The meeting had been somewhat smaller and rather quieter than usual. Whether this was a result of the recent protests against the AHRC's apparent affirmation of the 'Big Society' agenda was unclear. LF explained that he had found the meeting somewhat bewildering: in the past the AHRC had pushed its agenda pretty aggressively at these meetings while this meeting had been much more reflective and thoughtful. There had even been a panel discussion that took issue in a fairly forthright manner with detrimental effects of the impact agenda. LF suggested that the AHRC may have felt genuinely chastened by the 'Big Society' outcry (although Rylance did in fact ridicule the protests at one point); that the departure of Shearer West as Director of Research (to become Head of Humanities at Oxford) meant they were simply drifting until her successor was in place; or that this softer thoughtful tone was a ruse to weigh the subject associations in a false sense of security.

LF highlighted two issues from the discussion at the meeting. Firstly, a number of associations had emphasized their concerns about the virtual disappearance, across the board, of small grants for individual scholars. In response it was suggested that the AHRC would be perfectly open to major applications that contained within them a mechanism for the provision of small grants to individual scholars.

Secondly, he had participated in a discussion group on the provision of (modern) language teaching/training at graduate level. Suggestions to come out of this discussion were that institutions should be compelled to provide specific, tailor-made language teaching appropriate to AHRC-funded graduate students' projects but that the AHRC would (obviously) also need to provide the requisite funding since otherwise such a step would only lead to the exclusion of students whose projects require such training. To LF's mind, it was a matter of considerable concern, that virtually all the colleagues in the discussion group placed great hope in the collaborative provision of language teaching propagated by the Worton review which obviously suggests that it is already widely taken for granted that individual institutions will no longer be in a position to provide such teaching under their own steam.

7.3 Royal Historical Society: LF reported that he had been elected to the Council of the Royal Historical Society and hoped that this would provide an easy opportunity to create a closer relationship between the two associations.

## **8. Web officer's report**

LF reported on Hannah Holtschneider's behalf that the website was continuing to thrive, both in terms of the number of hits and in the sense that increasing numbers of individuals and institutions were now routinely informing her of activities and vacancies etc. LF again encouraged any members who had not yet signed up to the website to do so.

## **9. Bulletin editor's report**

LF reported that the Bulletin had come out in time for the conference and he had brought copies for all those member attending to the conference with him. The remaining members would receive their copies in the following week.

Several colleagues expressed their satisfaction at the introductory section reporting on recent grants to BAJIS members that bore testimony to the discipline's strength, even in the current climate. Nicholas de Lange expressed his appreciation for all the work that goes into the Bulletin but raised the question of whether more might not be done to utilize the information provided, especially in the survey. His suggestion was that a senior colleague should be asked to comment on the survey, highlighting trends in the subject area. This suggestion was welcomed by the AGM. LF pointed out that the production of the bulletin tended to happen on such a tight schedule that it would be difficult to obtain comments on the current year prior to putting out the bulletin and it was agreed that comments should be sought on the respective previous year's survey.

LF said that he continued to hope it would be possible to introduce a focus on the history of the association into the bulletin. To get this under way he was meeting Tessa Rajak soon after the conference to pick her brain both about her own recollections and the most promising lines of inquiry. He appealed to any colleague who had information or material that might be useful in this context, to contact him. Nicholas de Lange raised the possibility of establishing a proper BAJIS archive. His sense was that quite a few colleagues might well have interesting material but were much more likely to consider parting with it if they knew it would go to a bona fide archive. LF agreed to look into this possibility.

#### **10. Conferences 2012/13**

LF announced that the next conference, *The Jews and the Sciences*, would take place at UCL from 26 to 28 June 2012.

The subsequent conference, on *Memory, Identity & Boundaries of Jewishness*, will take place in Canterbury in the first or second week of July 2013.

#### **11. Date of next AGM**

The exact time of the next AGM during the conference from 26 to 28 June 2012 at UCL will be announced nearer the time.

Provisional minutes, 1f 29/01/12

# BAJS

British Association for Jewish Studies



## British Association for Jewish Studies Accounts 2009 and 2010

In the course of the year the Alliance and Leicester Bank were taken over by Santander UK Plc, so that our two accounts now reside with Santander.

The reminder for annual payments in the mailout early in the year has produced a increased level of subscription payments, and since some of these will also materialise in subscriptions through standing order, further increases are to be expected if this policy of reminders is continued. The major expense in the course of the year has been committee travel (for meetings of the committee and for the secretary to attend AHRC/British Academy presentations), in part through good attendance at committee meetings.

### Accounts Jan–Dec 2009

#### 1. Current Account

<i>Opening Balance</i>	<b>£899.16</b>
INCOME	
Subscriptions:	<b>£928</b>
Advertising	£50
<u>Total income:</u>	<u>£978</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Travel:	£972.16
AJS	£79
Mailing assistant:	£20
Bulletin	£255.00
Web domain	£6.29
Stationery & stamps	£51
Conference speaker	£150
Conference Bursary	£100
<u>Total expenditure</u>	<u>£1633.45</u>
<i>Closing Balance</i>	<b>£243.71</b>

#### 2. Deposit Account

<i>Opening balance</i>	<b>£5506.88</b>
Interest	51.81
<i>Closing balance</i>	<b>£5558.69</b>

## Accounts Jan–Dec 2010

### **1. Current Account 20**

<i>Opening Balance</i>	<b>£243.71</b>
INCOME	
Subscriptions:	£1103
Advertising	£130
Transfer from Deposit account	£1000
<u>Total income:</u>	<u>£2233</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Travel:	£879.52
Bulletin	£540
Essay Prize 2009	£400
Essay Prize 2010	£200
Gift	£30
<u>Total expenditure</u>	<u>£2049.52</u>
<i>Closing Balance</i>	<b>£427.19</b>

### **2. Deposit Account**

<i>Opening balance</i>	<b>£5558.69</b>
Interest	£5.59
<u>Debit</u>	
Transfer to Current Account	£1000
<i>Closing balance</i>	<b>£4564.28</b>

J.K. Aitken

30<sup>th</sup> December 2010

## BAJS Accounts Jan-July 2011

### 1. Current Account

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£427.19</b>
INCOME:	
Subscriptions:	£973
Advertising:	£280
Transfer from Deposit account	£1000
<u>Total income:</u>	<u>£2253</u>
EXPENDITURE:	
BAJS Conference Southampton	£250
Travel	£80.25
Travel BAJS Committee Meeting January 2011	£208.10
Bulletin 2011	£700
<u>Total expenditure:</u>	<u>£1238.35</u>
<b>Closing Balance 17 July</b>	<b>£1441.84</b>

### 2. Deposit Account

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£4564.28</b>
<u>Debit:</u>	
Transfer of £1000 to Current Account, 14 July	£1000
<b>Closing Balance 17 July</b>	<b>£3564.28</b>

The main expenses in the past six months were for travel costs for committee members to attend meetings and for the BAJS bulletin.

The transition of our bank accounts from Alliance and Leicester was not as smooth as hoped as business accounts were transferred in several stages which made dealing with the bank cumbersome. The interest rates of our accounts are very low: 0.01% for the Business Current Account and 0.10% for the Business Deposit Account. It may be worth considering switching to a new provider if members think the hassle of switching worthwhile.

While reminders seem to be effective, getting members to pay their membership fees once the AGM has agreed on new membership fees by standing order must be a priority.

Maria Diemling

17 July 2011

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## **Annual General Meeting 21 July 2011, Oxford**

### **Nominated as ordinary members**

1. Julia Krivoruchko (Cambridge)  
Nominated by Jim Aitken and Ben Outhwaite
2. Corinna R. Kaiser (Oxford)  
Nominated by Joanna Weinberg and Martin Goodman
3. Christine Achinger (Warwick)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Eva-Maria Ziege
4. Miri Rubin (QMUL)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Ed Kessler
5. Marcel Stoetzler (Bangor)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Eva-Maria Ziege
6. David Feldman (Birkbeck)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Michael Berkowitz
7. Alinda Damsma (UCL)  
Nominated by Willem Smelik and Ada Rapoport-Albert
8. Nadia Valman (QMUL)  
Nominated Axel Stähler and Maria Diemling
9. David Brauner (Reading)  
Nominated by Axel Stähler and Maria Diemling
10. Devorah Baum (Southampton)  
Nominated by Dan Levene and Sarah Pearce
11. Haike Beruriah Wiegand (Oxford)  
Nominated by Glenda Abramson and Heather Valencia
12. Laliv Clenman (KCL, Leo Baeck)  
Nominated by Sacha Stern and Marc Saperstein
13. Ilana Wartenberg (UCL)  
Nominated by Sacha Stern and Ada Rapoport-Albert
14. Katherine Southwood (Oxford)  
Nominated by Hugh Williamson and Alison Salvesen
15. Shana Cohen (CMJR)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Ed Kessler
16. Nadia Vidro (Cambridge)  
Nominated by Geoffrey Kahn and Ben Outhwaite
17. David Ariel (Oxford)  
Nominated by Alison Salvesen and Martin Goodman
18. Margie Tolstoy (Cambridge)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Ed Kessler
19. Sophie Garside (Manchester)  
Nominated by Alex Samely and Daniel Langton
20. Holger Zellentin (Nottingham)

- Nominated by Martin Goodman and Tessa Rajak
21. Tamar Drukker (SOAS)  
Nominated by Maria Diemling and Sophie Garside
  22. Tudor Parfitt (SOAS)  
Nominated by Glenda Abramson and Catherine Hezser
  23. Agata Bielik-Robson (Nottingham)  
Nominated by Tessa Rajak and Oliver Leaman
  24. Miriam Wagner (Cambridge)  
Nominated by Ben Outhwaite and Geoffrey Khan
  25. Johanna Stiebert (Leeds)  
Nominated by Charlotte Hempel and David Chalcraft
  26. James Crossley (Sheffield)  
Nominated by Philip Davies and Amy-Jill Levine
  27. Jay Prosser (Leeds)  
Nominated by Griselda Pollock and Eva Frojmovic
  28. David Seymour (Lancaster)  
Lars Fischer and Robert Fine
  29. Elizabeth Schächter (Canterbury)  
Nominated by Larry Ray and Axel Stähler
  30. Axel Stähler (Canterbury)  
Nominated by Larry Ray and Elizabeth Schächter
  31. Cathy Gelbin (Manchester)  
Nominated by Sander Gilman and Bernard Jackson
  32. Matthew Ponting (Liverpool)  
Nominated by Dan Levene and Siam Bhayro
  33. Steve Mason (Aberdeen)  
Nominated by Sarah Pearce and Lars Fischer

**Nominated as associate members**

34. Antony Polonsky (Brandeis)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and François Guesnet
35. Matthew Morgenstern (Haifa)  
Nominated by Martin Goodman and Sacha Stern
36. Raymond Cohen (Jerusalem)  
Nominated by Alison Salvesen and Tessa Rajak
37. Yehudit Henshke (Haifa)  
Nominated by Irit Meir and Geoffrey Khan
38. Gregor Schwarb (FU Berlin)  
Nominated by Ben Outhwaite and Geoffrey Khan
39. Amy-Jill Levine (Vanderbilt, CJCR)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Michael Berkowitz
40. Jay Geller (Vanderbilt, CJCR)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Michael Berkowitz
41. Aaron Rosen (Yale)  
Nominated by Miri Freud-Kandel and David Rechter
42. Yehoshua Granat  
Nominated by Martin Goodman and Norman Solomon
43. Joseph Isaac Lifshitz (Shalem Centre)  
Nominated by Sandra Jacobs and Aaron Rosen
44. Jonathan Adams (Copenhagen)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Ed Kessler

**Nominated as student members**

45. Katharina Esther Keim (Manchester)  
Nominated by Philip Alexander and George Brooke
46. Ronny Vollandt (Cambridge)  
Nominated by Geoffrey Kahn and Ben Outhwaite
47. Kati Ihnat (QMUL)  
Nominated by Miri Rubin and Lars Fischer
48. Milan Zonca (QMUL)  
Nominated by Miri Rubin and Lars Fischer
49. Felicity Griffiths (UCL)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Michael Berkowitz
50. Frank Dabba Smith (UCL)  
Nominated by Lars Fischer and Michael Berkowitz
51. Gerwyn Owen (Bangor)  
Nominated by Nathan Abrams and Laura Rorato
52. Jennifer Steele (Bangor)  
Nominated by Nathan Abrams and Llion Iwan
53. Agnieszka Oleszak (UCL)  
Nominated by Ada Rapoport-Albert and François Guesnet
54. Simon Mayers (Manchester)  
Nominated by Daniel Langton and Alex Samely
55. Benjamin Williams (Oxford)  
Nominated by Alison Salvesen and Lars Fischer
56. Maryanne Pritchard (Canterbury Christchurch)  
Nominated by Maria Diemling and Larry Ray
57. David Friedman (Oxford)  
Nominated by Martin Goodman and Alison Salvesen
58. Mike Witcombe (Southampton)  
Nominated by Deborah Baum and Andrea Reiter
59. Clare Louise Reed (Reading)  
Nominated by Sandra Jacobs and David Brauner
60. Ann Ismene Conway-Jones (Manchester)  
Nominated by Philip Alexander and Charlotte Hempel