

LJY-Netzer Veidah 5772/2011 – Minutes

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Asepha 1

Chair: OL
List: FCL
Minutes: AFr

Can Movement Workers Vote?

For: TF: Still part of movement. Here in official capacity, but would be here anyway. Have more experience (know if things would work or wouldn't)

Against: BWL: Whole point of LJY-Netzer ranking is with experience = distance. That's why people get taken out of leading.

Open the list.

RMC: Interested to know if Movement Workers would like to vote.

AFr: I am too old for LJY-Netzer. I wouldn't be a member of LJY-Netzer if I weren't a movement worker.

BW: Regardless of age, you are here and you're not a guest.

FCL: Movement workers show big commitment. Even if they don't want it, they should have it.

BWL: In most political systems most members can't vote for system, as they are too close to it....

Discussion closed, move to vote.

For: 36
Against: 1
Abstain: 0

PASSED.

RMC: POO, Need to appoint a Captain Kef.

Ben WL= Captain Kef!

Motion: RMC Ma'ayanot Motion

To amend the motion passed at veidah 2010, replacing the word "Ananim" with "Ma'ayanot"

For: RMC: It's a growth through the movement. Very much about personal development. Ananim the best of a bad bunch. Maybe better than ma'ayanot. Makes more sense, and better obeys how we see our young member developing.

Against: SL: Doesn't fit into the sounding (-im). Cuts them off even more, striving to be including. Ananim's a good name, everyone likes clouds.

List is open

FCL – Appreciate it. We're egalitarian though.

DB – Yamim used to be called ma'ayanot. Why did they change it?

Multiple – It didn't make any sense...

BWL – Can we end arguments with rhyming couplets?

FLC – Amend it to every time something is passed Olivia has to do it?

GW – Calling it Ananim means we don't like them? No. This -im thing is an issue. It's just linguistic set-up. It's only been one year and it would be confusing for us to change it now.

IS – If we're changing Ananim, we should change Chalutzim.

JPu – Nice idea in terms of practically; however no need to be changed. Maybe doesn't 'flow', there's no need to change.

RMC – Rhyming thing = naff. Had Kadimah Bet, had ma'ayanot. The whole point is that we have reasons for certain names. Maybe we couldn't think of it last year, but this is better.

AP – Clouds are cute and fluffy.

JPu – Geographically speaking, they will no longer be clouds at some point, and will go into streams and rivers. Even just filling the forms in is a good reason. Silly to change it after one year. Feels part of Kadimah with own shikvah.

BW – without clouds, we wouldn't have streams.

EP – Yamim was called ma'ayanot and with LJY-Netzer moving forward we should be looking back.

RMC: POO – It seems as though there is no real support. I'm going to table the motion.

Motion Tabled.

OL does Haiku

Motion: AFr: Taking the Progressive Zionism out of LJY-Netzer. We should replace Progressive Zionism with Reform Zionism in our mission statement.

AFr: No such things as Progressive Zionism. We talk about RZ. We think about RZ. We say we believe in RZ. So why is it PZ in our mission statement?

Against: FCL: Don't see the need to change it in the mission statement. Not about us being alienated to Reform; makes it more accessible to people.

POI: Liberal Judaism uses Progressive Zionism

IS: We should take into consideration LJ in our mission statement

BW: Reform Zionism does take into account LJ. It's only as we have both LJ and RJ. In USA, they have RJ but it's closer to LJ-UK than RJ-UK. It's exactly the same thing. It is more effective on a wider scale if we use RZ.

RMC: If it comes from LJ: is it a bit of a conflict between LJ and Netzer. Maybe we should reject it out of hand and stick with status quo. Maybe we should vote for as we have chosen Netzer but we are just part of LJ. Maybe the other way around, as we are committed to LJ.

BW: Related to SG's LJY-Netzer session earlier: send a message to LJ: this is what we're doing, why don't you follow us.

TS: Don't think we need to say it. Progressive encompasses Reform.

List is closed

RMC: What is the difference? It is unclear; therefore if we can't back it up (ie preferring one over the other) then we shouldn't change it. Shouldn't do it just to stir things up.

JPo: Building on RMC, if we're leading the way, we need to have something we believe in. If it's just material, then it will make no difference.

BWL: I think Progressive Zionism, as we are progressing, not reforming. If we stick with progressive, then it will focus to Liberal Jews.

AFr: We are Reform Zionists.

RMC: Focus of AFr is that we need to take a stance. Not in a position to take a stance.

AFr: POI: It is a stance, Progressive Zionism is a non-existence term only used by LJ.

BWL: We are progressing not reforming. We have different views on Israel.

FCL: POI: Both PZ and RZ believe that Israel is a Jewish state.

Move to vote.

For: 18

Against: 15

Abstain: 7

Motion FAILS as it is an ideological change and therefore needs 2/3rds majority.

Ir David Motion

For: SG: Up until 2009, Ir David was on Israel Tour tochnit. Not anymore. Elad Organisation, who owns it, actively tries to find homes for Jewish people in predominantly Arab areas. Ir David is building into Silwan (Arab village), but no one knows. We've stopped going, but we should formalise it, write it up, educate about it and write a letter to the Elad Org. We should also talk to LJ about it and take the boycott to Netzer Veidah in Jan.

POC: Where is the city?

Many: In East J'lem

Against: IS: City of David = archaeological site. It's part of our history and needs to be taken into our consideration. Not just about politics of now, but about preserving our history.

List is open

JPo: Cutting off nose to spite our face? Is boycotting the answer if this is so important? Shouldn't we still visit but tell them how to be better themselves

SC: No. Should be knock down Dome of the Rock? No ground for taking people homes. Also, these archaeologists aren't recognised by others. They don't let other people in to check. No outside authority. By going to Ir David, we are funding settlers, against our ideology.

AP: Also about the way they do it. They destroy people's homes, destroy foundations.

BWL: We've boycotted companies for doing a lot less. This is a big thing. We need to treat everyone in Israel equally. We need to support that with our actions.

OL: Can everyone be nice?

GW: We need to be careful about number of boycotts, because of the necessary sessions involved. Would education on this be suitable for all ages?

BW: PROPOSED AMENDMENT: If the motion is passed, we should write a letter to UJIA so they can understand it as well.

SG: FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. **AMENDMENT PASSES.**

RMC: If it passes, great. If it doesn't then we make a big statement saying that we think the last few Israel Tours have been wrong.

FCL: Think it would be an incentive to do more boycotts if we didn't have compulsory sessions. It is part of Reform/Progressive Zionism. It is part of what we already educate on.

AP: Understand why it wouldn't be a safeguarded peulah on events, but defo on Israel Tour

JPu: Don't think it's a bad thing that this needs to be discussed.

List closed.

AS: Doesn't have to be session solely devoted to this.

IS: Decision shouldn't be made based on tochnit. Isn't this motion, it is the other motion that should be amended.

BWL: Unofficially boycotting anyway, and so it can't be a bad thing.

POI: This should be a movement decision; it shouldn't be a movement worker decision.

EK: So important that you know about it on Israel Tour. I didn't know (SL did though)

SG: Fully in line with Progressive Zionism. Go for it. I want to write a letter.

RMC: You should vote against this motion if you think we should have the option. That's why you should vote.

For: 34

Against: 1

Abstain: 2

Motion Passes.

Asepha 2 – Charity of the Year Discussion

Mr Sam Alston in the chair; Dr Gabriel von Webber taking minutes.

Description of ARDC as our outgoing charity of the year, for which we've raised nearly £900 (SC).

Proposed charities

- HC: ARDC again
- SLo: Aid for Elim (Israeli rehabilitation centre for children)
- Kinus FCL: Parents' Circle (supporting co-existence initiatives, families of terrorist victims etc. in Israel)
- RV: Lechet for Israel (largest food rescue network in Israel, providing food and meals to the needy)
- GW: World Jewish Relief (supporting poor Jewish communities outside Israel, particularly in Eastern Europe)
- AFR: UJIA (supporting Jewish youth movements, bursaries for Israel Tour etc. – a whole plethora of different things!)
- SC: Norwood (supporting adults and children with learning difficulties; there are also practical ways LJY-Netzer could help – "In Ravenswood, a big residential home, they don't just have the adults there, they make them work.")

SG: We should choose a new charity, excellent as ARDC is. Israel Tours and internships will still link with them, but let's look at something else. Try to pick a charity that can have a difference made by a relatively small amount of money. Could each person who proposed a charity comment on this

HC: The ARDC can benefit from tiny amounts of money. Food is cheap. 50 shekels can buy a prescription

SLo: Funding to Elim can be put towards a particular project, and volunteering is also possible

FCL: Filling in for Zara so not enough research to talk about money, but it's a great concept to educate about and a new point of view – Parents' Circle

RV: Money may not have as big an impact with Lechet but they also do education and fund transport etc.

GW: A tiny amount of money can do loads for WJR, and we can also donate clothes. Loads of educational opportunities to teach that there are problems in the Jewish world outside of Israel

AFr: The UJIA has a real effect that chanichim can see. Important to look at what we're learning about

SC: Norwood provides LJY-Netzer with a lot of free advice and support, a small amount of money could pay a lot of travel expenses. 'Inclusivity' is an important topic to educate about

RMC: ARDC is old. Let's do something in the UK; Norwood seems hands-on and a good idea

JPu: We should maybe choose a smaller, more established charity to match LJY. It would be nice to see a charity grow alongside us

MR: I happen to have found some stuff about WJR. They help 118,000 people in 22 countries. Whooh

JL: ARDC was a charity which really suited LJY. Parents' Circle sounds equivalently good

AFr: We should choose Parents' Circle not the UJIA. Money would do a lot of good and would positively affect LJY-Netzer. A good way for people to get to grips with the conflict in Israel. It shouldn't matter that it's an Israeli charity – if it's good, it shouldn't matter where it is.

RMC: Disagree with Josh. Smaller isn't necessarily better. Being hands-on is really good, but a small proportion of the movement were in direct contact with ARDC. But we could go on trips to Norwood etc. – much more here than we could abroad

RMC: It's great that Kinus a charity so in line with our ideology and it would be nice to go with that

Adva: Parents' Circle is great. Do a lot of work in schools. Support people going into the army. This would be a good way to bring about a real change in society

RV: Yeah Parents' Circle is cool

JL: Galim and Bogrim can make more of a difference to a charity, so having an Israeli charity is no bad thing

TF: Disagree with Jonty; we can't disregard Yamim and Nechalim. We can still visit and support Norwood even if they're not our Charity of da Year

SC: And Plagim are cool too! But we 'could' volunteer lots of places; we just don't. We already 'take'/benefit from Norwood. The CotY takes precedence in Rashim's minds when planning tochniot. Let's choose Norwood and have a partnership

HC: The ARDC is incredible, possibly the most in-line-with-our-ideology charity that there is. Started by Netzer. Great.

SL: Elim helps both Israelis and Palestinians. No bias. Pro-peace. We could really make a difference and all be friends

AP: Parents' Circle was voted for by Kinus. Incredible charity. Great way of educating on the conflict. No repetition from ARDC, but we could still have a relationship with the ARDC. Hopefully Parents' Circle won't grow because that's kind of not the point!

RV: Lechet is cool

GW: Pick a non-Israeli charity. WJR is great, and Norwood also

SC: Vote Norwood. Hands on.

Comments after second round of voting

HC: Norwood can really help prevent abuse in the normal care system

AFr: Norwood is fantastic, and it's important for us to work with it. But it's probably easier to work with them if they're not CotY. It's really important to go with Kinus' suggestion. They represent a quarter of the movement, and if we're all behind it, it can only be a positive thing

FCL: Our support would be huge for Parents' Circle

VOTES (3 abstentions; then 6; then 2) [2nd round of voting] {3rd round}

Parents' Circle 15 [17] {27}

ARDC 4

Elim 5 [4]

WJR 2

Norwood 11 [16] {15}

Parents' Circle voted as LJY-Netzer Charity of the Year 2012

Asepha 3 – Kinus Motions

Chair: RMC

List: AFi

AP: Idea that each day a chanich chosen to be co-madrach. Could run activity, make decisions, lead birkat, lead a service, and 'crowd control'.

ZC: All age groups?

AP: They couldn't decide – running a session for nechalim and above

DB: Older age groups will have more chanichim than days so not fair for some to have the opportunity and others not. Amendment – for groups to do instead like chalutzim breakfast/night.

EK: Israel Tour we had two people a day that were in charge and helped which worked.

TS: Excellent idea. Should give more opportunity to lead at younger age. Though need for amendment – pairs

BWL – Should be smaller scale to what is done on chalutzim. 2 chanichim to organise a group activity. Also to help in the mornings, lead birkat and plan sessions in groups instead of individually.

RC: I don't think the motion involves chanichim planning activities

BWL – I mean instead of helping madrich run planned session, madrichim should help run chanichim planned session.

RC: So, amendment that chanichim can help plan sessions?

FK: They originally meant for something like chalutzim but less

RC: Chanichim in some appropriate number should be selected to a madrich/im in the running of some sessions/meals

JPo: I like that! Logistically, at the moment there are very keen chanichim e.g. guitar playing/birkat etc. I don't see how chanichim will be chosen without volunteering. Where is the line?

BW: Totally agree? In terms of sessions, chanichim leadership is great but I don't think a motion is needed – it already happens. Instead, madrichim should try to give chanichim as much responsibility as possible.

RC: POC – just for Kadimah? No, so can we amend for Machaneh Kadimah?

BW: Back to Josh's point, as it already happens; we should just instead have madrichim encourage chanichim involvement. Proposing amendment – that on Aviv and Kadimah roshim should look to give greater responsibility to chanichim

RC – side list on this:

GW: Agree with Ben, thinking about 'plaganim'. Some could rosh a camp tomorrow but others are less trust-worthy, also confidence issue. This is a good compromise to avoid chanichim being pressured into things that they don't want to do.

SA: This demonstrates what we want to avoid – safeguarding too much in roshim tochniot

LS: This is wishy-washy and side-stepping. The chanichim at Kinus wanted this to be a voluntary system – name in box so that they can help out. Not to run peulot or sessions, but just some role in helping lead and be supported by older more experienced madrichim. Not having experience isn't an issue.

OL: Really good idea to empower, but there is danger in making it too specific – certain chanichim, certain times, certain days etc. Ben's amendment makes it less rigid so leaves it more up to the discretion of roshim and madrichim

RC: Side list closed. Voting time baby!

Votes for amendment – 24.

Votes against – 9.

Abstentions -8.

Amendment passed! Now to discuss amended motion.

AFr: Let's move straight to vote!

RC – consensus? Yes! Cool lets vote.

Votes for the motion 29

Votes against 0

Abstentions 12

Motion Passed.

RC: Motion – AFr is amazing. Who's speaking for?

FCL – He is etc etc

RC: Against?

AP: Don't patronise boiiiiii

OL: I like TF better. Let's consider the affect on the other Francies.

GW: Amendment – "and incredible" something something.

Lots of cheers from da peeps!

FCL: Straight to vote?

LS: Kinus didn't talk just voted

RC: let's vote y'all.

Votes for – 24 +13 Kinus votes

Against – 3.

Abstentions – 7.

Motion Passed

RC – Motion – fun theme! Who's proposing?

TS – POC – meaning?

RC – like kef theme of 2 years ago. Who is speaking for?

KS: It's great on camp – teams and fun. It doesn't have to take away from educational theme; more emphasis can be put on the latter.

RC: Against?

JL: Lazy for us to need a kef theme. We can have one theme that is educational and fun. Too confusing when there are too many themes. One interesting theme is all that's needed.

RC: Poi – up to 2010 common to have chinuch and kef theme. This motion would reverse to pre-2010

TJ: I loved Pokemon, but in hindsight no one remembers the educational theme. Also, I think it's too prescriptive for this motion to say exactly what the roshim should/shouldn't do.

KP: As long as chinuch theme is done well and is recognised all's good. But camp can get too much if everything is about ideology!

TS: I don't think we should have a kef theme – one theme will seem more desirable to chanichim. Also agree with Tedz – shouldn't prescribe for roshim.

JPu: We should trust roshim to make this decision. Teams are still amazing and "old-school" Kadimah without kef theme.

IS: Not about if we should or shouldn't! It's up to roshim.

SL: I don't think it matters if a kef theme overrides the educational theme as long as the educational theme still succeeds in educating and inspiring.

AFr: An average chanich prefers 'pure' kef that educational kef. No matter how fun we make our educational theme, pokemon will still be more fun for them.

GW: Agree with Tamazza. Would be helpful to hear what the motivation behind the motion was? Were the last two Machanot Kadimah not successful to them? (Applause)

OL: This year on camp, team time was enhanced – more developed and involved. Team time gained its own little theme- not totally separate and purely kef but diff from the main theme.

AFr: POI the theme of Kadimah this year was kef and chinuch.

KS: Having a kef theme wouldn't restrict madrichim and roshim but could help with ideas when thinking of how/what to run.

TW: We don't need it. Tzvatim have the freedom to decided whether or not they have a kef theme

RC – Lets move to vote - 25% already from Kinus.

Votes for 8 + 13 = 21

Against = 27

Abstentions = 4

Motion Fails.

RC: Motion number 4! Chanichim should be allowed their mobile on the last night of camp.

SL: This was amended- originally suggested to have mobile the whole time.

DB: So chanichim get to keep and use their phones freely?

RC: motion only states that chanichim are allowed mobile phones.

AP: Amended because on the last day they needed to make arrangements with parents about picking up etc.

KP: Don't they already get them back?

RC: As they leave not for the whole day. Who's speaking for?

SC: It's something they feel is important, it would show that we listen to them. Issue in Cottesmore as there are only 2 phones. This creates a problem, so if we could coordinate it properly I don't see the harm in letting them use phones in certain times.

RC: Against?

GW: I understand Sam's point, but there's not point that they need their phone on the last day to coordinate with parents. It's not worth it, phone's are distracting.

RC: Let's open the list!

JPo: How we have it now is how it should stay – phone without sim-card for photos/ipod etc. If phone seen in session madrich/a can confiscate. Great as it is.

AP: Amendment based around Kinus discussions – they could take phones and hand into dorm-leaders and have them returned at certain times in the day. So to amend to allow phones on camp to discretion of the dorm leader

MS: RSY's policy= hand in phones and throughout camp have certain 'phone times' during kvutsot. Parents were notified pre-camp about when phone time was so as to be available to contact. Amendment – chanichim bring phones and there are allotted times of hour/1.5 in designated zones. A compromise= able to use phones but only at certain times.

RC: This seems like a separate motion. Let's finish list on original motion. Unless you want to amend?

MS: I don't mind.

RC: Okay proposed as amendment lets discuss.

IS: Logistically difficult – even for an hour looking after chanichim with phones – insurance, losses etc. Angry phones etc. Not worth it!

SA: Possibly 3 hours out of tochnit is a waste of time. Many parents will want to be more flexible. Have we had complaints?

SC: Yes because of pay phones, too much noise around etc.

SA: Also if we take these possessions we are responsible, opens too many cans of worms.

FCL – This is irrelevant, its fine as it is. Let's ignore it, there's no need son.

SLo: Problem will be that chanichim could refuse to hang up and give back phone after allotted time.

KS: For chanichim that take phones secretly, this amendment won't change chanichim having them.

EK: It's disruptive to the fluid nature of camp tochniot.

AP: UJIA feedback concerned our phone system. Maybe a whole other discussion that a mobile or pay phone time should be installed in order to avoid welfare issue of chanichim having emotional or personal phone calls surrounded by others.

MS: I don't want to belittle problems such as parents and tochnit, but on RSY it worked with 120 chanichim. It worked I tell ya! It doesn't have to be 3 times 1-1.5 hour slots, we could do it more/less etc.

RC: Let's vote on amendment – allotted time for chanichim to use phones.

Votes for– 14.

Against– 18.

Abstentions– 8.

Amendment fails, let's return to original motion.

JL: There is a 'don't ask don't tell' system. Chanichim are asked not to, but most older chanichim do and are responsible. The motion to have phones on the last day is ridiculous. We are debating a matter of hours. Let's give up.

AS: All good

ZC: The only reason to use phone on the last day is to arrange as they will be seeing them.

IS: This is arbitrary.

MW: Has there ever been any major problems with chanichim collection on the last day?

SC: Yes but it's our issue as MoWos.

JPo: Perhaps we have an obligation to be flexible. Perhaps up to dorm leaders' discretion.

RB: Lets vote.

Votes for – 0

Votes against – 37

Abstentions – 4

Motion Fails.

RC: Motion to bring the Iton to Aviv. (Description of Iton) Who will speak for?

TF: Chanichim like to know what's going on throughout the day. They like some structure and also it's fun. There's no negative apart from use of paper. Chanichim will appreciate it.

RC: Speak against?

TJ: I think having it on Aviv will distract from its special-ness on Kadimah.

SC: The Iton is a huge effort to write. As MoWos it's our job, so if it's that successful then we should do it. There's no reason not to put in the extra effort.

OL: Have there been versions of Itonim on Aviv?

No-one knows...

JL: I love the Iton! But it's special to Kadimah. And we waste so much paper on camp. We don't need it so let's save da trees

DB: Possible amendment: instead of an Iton just a tochnit as it's useful for chanichim. Iton makes Kadimah special and I've enjoyed Aviv for being different to Kadimah.

RC: Amendment – for chanichim to have access to tochniot on Aviv but without having an Iton. Not friendly so sub-list.

JL: Amendment to amendment – each dorm-room has a tochnit each morning.

GW: I agree with SC. They've asked for one so let's do it. There isn't a problem with making Aviv like Kadimah

TJ: Aviv keeps even less to schedule than Kadimah, there shall be arguments!

TS: Many chanichim come on Aviv as a first event. Having a tochnit and Iton would be a good way to show new members how we run etc.

SC: I disagree! The chanichim don't just want a tochnit they want an Iton, just giving a tochnit isn't a satisfactory response. Let's do this.

RC: Vote!

Votes for- 3.

Votes against- 19.

Abstentions – 7.

Amendment fails.

Back to original motion – for Iton on spring camp.

KS: I don't think wasting paper should be the discussion – which issue concerns how we deal with resources on camp like food waste in gangashlaf.

TF: I don't think having an Iton classifies as wasted paper. We could always make them smaller, just one page etc.

RS: Iton doesn't actually give us the news... e.g. riots this summer.

RC – Lets vote yeah?

Votes for – 32 + Kinus = 43.

Against = 6.

Abstentions = 2.

Motion Passes

Asepha 4 – Netzer Asepha

Chair- MR

List –TS

SG- This asepha is specifically to discuss what motions we are going to bring to Netzer Veidah. Me, BL and RMC are going.

JL – The idea that we are a young group of people that are interested to come somewhere that is a junior debating club. We should be more political. In history you had a socialist youth movement-I don't want that. I don't want big people politics (amendment big P). It is a real shame that we are not pushing our ideology

MR- explain...?

JL- I suppose it's an idea that we should be more political not specifically

AP – What's your motion?

JL – I don't have a motion yet...but they should be political

BW – Do Netzer not actually do that?

FCL - Yes but not really; the socialist go wearing clothes

BW – but they are socialist

SL – Netzer has too wider ranging opinion – there would never be consensus

JPo – Clarify. You say you don't want party politics but you want politics. I don't get it

JL - Politics doesn't start and end with parties. Politics go past disagreements, we have an ideology as Netzer and we can apply that to political situations so that would negate individual disagreements.

TS – List closing, any takers?

JA – We have to avoid alienating people.

NL - We are so progressive, we have so many different views no agreement possible it would leave people out

JL- We as Veidah should be discussing political issues – it would be a waste of talent and time if we didn't.

SG-POC- there is a motion about making LJY-Netzer politics

GW- Let's not discuss what politics is. What DEF is politics is Reform Zionist, we have to take a stance

FCL- I disagree with Naomi. We have political values as Netzer; Tikkun Olam, Reform Zionism etc. I agree with Jonty, politics is not just parties but writing letters to things we disagree

TS – We shouldn't be afraid of taking one political stance, we shouldn't be afraid of being involved in political things that fit within our ideology. Before we go to Netzer we have to start at home.

OL- What I worry about is that Veidah is only once a year but political is a full time things how can we have a reactionary response. Making a decision once a year is too static and shouldn't be motioned but MoWos should send out e-mails consulting people about politics and shizzle.

JL – Use facebook, we already have...winds of change are coming...facebook is the future.

Discussion moves on...

RV: 2 motions, for those who haven't been, it's often at Beit Shmuel. There are shnatties there; I feel they should be able sit in without voting rights.

RC: Do we have to decide

AS: POC: can't everyone go?

SG: No, there are delegates. Everyone has the same...

RV: I would like to propose an ethical consumerism mandate. It can be used at Netzer Veidah, Netzer Office, NetzerFest

RV: It's that thing that's you buy i.e we would buy stuff from ethical producers and organisations only.

OW: Would that mean we wouldn't be vegetarian?

RV: No we still would be

TJ: Can you please stop talking (not referring to RV)

AP: There needs to be more awareness, I was on Shnat but I didn't know...

BW: The most recent people on Etgar do they have to apply to the motion?

RC: No

BW: would this apply

RC: Yes

LS: The food at Beit Shmuel would have to be ethically sourced

SC: What are you proposing? Who writes it? I reckon you should write it, put it up on facebook/website... there's a jingle.

RC: We could write it here and then vote on it

SA: I would suggest we don't restrict this list to food; paper, furniture, merchandise etc.

hoodie interlude

FCL: Something completely different. Don't just cut down on meat, cut it out.

BW: How many Sniffim are veggies?

BV: 3 or 4

BW: We should wait till it's more popular

KD: What difference does it make with sniff autonomy?

SC: The events Netzer run

BV: Veidah is a time of decision making it could influence them

AP: The veggies are older, they can have more influence

TS: I'm going to POO

laughter

JL: What does Netzer actually do? Veidah shouldn't be trying to force office workers to do stuff but we should discuss with other sniffim about stuff. Let's write letters to people and convince them

RV: We can vote now on whether we should do a policy or vote when we get a policy?

SLo: Would we need two votes?

SC: Naaaaaaaaaaaa, if it passed then it would be written sent out to galim/bogrim for comment then taken to Netzer Veidah

VOTE:

FOR: 35

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 4

Motion Passes

RC: The idea is take a motion is to implement a pen-pal thingy. Should be 10-16 year-olds and organised by the Netzer Olami Office. Should speak the same language.

TF: POC: Why age limit?

RC: Seems logical, secondary school -older people can keep in contact by themselves

JL: Let's get it on and vote

BW: Why same language? Very restricting, other people can translate, isolating ourselves. Many of us speak second language.

RC: A lot easier

BW: Hmmm

SC: Unless someone has a real objection

MW: Facebook easier

TF: Computers on Camp

SC: Naaaa Netzer facebook page

various people talking Letters are better. E-mails are better blah*

VOTE:
FOR: 32
Against: 4
Abstain: 6
Motion Passes

Asepha 5

Chair: SG
Minutes: TC
Captain Kef: JL

Chair must leave the room for Captain Kef to implement rules of wink murder during the asepha.

STRICT ON TIME LIMITS. Censor yourself, censor your mate. Shows you care. No misuse of POC, POO, POI. Press up if you get it wrong.

That noted, don't take it personally if Sammy G cuts you off.

BW: Aleinu motion (as previously discussed in peulah). Alternative version not to replace or removed the current second paragraph of the Aleinu that brings about a more inclusive and whole Aleinu experience so we can do it in its entirety with everyone feeling comfortable with it. Propose to make a va'ad.

BC: against the motion. More important things to be discussed and changed in LJY. I've never had a problem with it, not a big deal in terms of things. I'm tired. I don't think a va'ad needs to be created because it's a lot of effort. Relatively trivial, not much actually wrong with it.

GW: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GABRIEL. Skip around the room etc (Captain Kef is in action). No problem with the current Aleinu but I propose an amendment that we don't call the second part conflicting.

MF: Some things that are more important but it's something we say so often, we can't have something we say every day that is contradictory. It may be small but it's important.

SA: Reads Oseh Shalom. Paragraph to do with praying for good things to happen to the whole world, we also have to pray for humans to do things themselves. Submitting to God doesn't mean that people have to say the Sh'ma; it means they should adopt our liberal values, which would benefit people.

BWL: Saying that a motion is a waste of time is an illogical step because we're going to do it anyway. We should at least suggest that there should be sessions discussing it.

JL: I think it's a great idea, the most important issue should be that LJ is all about creative interpretations of prayer and nobody here can disagree with that, so as this is a perfect example of that nobody can disagree with the motion.

BW: the sentiment and meaning behind the prayer should not be lost. It should simply be made more engaging and relevant.

AFr: About a month ago LJ started a decade-long process of reviewing and redoing the siddur, and it's something we should be bringing to Liberal Judaism and I'd like to add an amendment that this should be taken to the LJ new siddur planning group by LJY-Netzer.

BW: Friendly.

SA: Are we just changing things because we're Liberal Judaism and we're meant to be changing things? Also it's about making it relevant to the modern interpretation, can we add that to the motion.

Chair: move to vote.

BW: reiterates amended motion.

For: 33

Against: 2

Abstain: 9

MOTION PASSED.

Robin, BW, Daisy Bogod, Sam Alston, Flora, Maya, Gabriel, Theo as potentials on the va'ad.

SW: madrichim and roshim might not know everything about the educational theme of the year, this motion resolves that there should be a Yom Limmud/Yom Chinuch where all potential madrichim should be taught about the theme.

AFr: I speak against the motion for practical reasons. It used to happen as a part of the Kadimah mechinah process, not directly to do with leading on camp but also completely to do with leading on camp. Cut because of a need for more planning time. Questions for Sarah: when would it be, and is it compulsory?

SW: Not compulsory and not necessarily a part of the planning process.

DB: Surely it is relevant because if you don't know enough about the theme, they won't be able to plan sessions properly.

RC: specifically for machaneh Kadimah?

SW: for the whole year – there is one in the year.

RC: Then we can't make it semi-compulsory.

SW: That's not what I said but yeah.

RC: It should be in the Kadimah mechinah and compulsory.

SW: Unfriendly.

New side list.

RC: Wasted if it's just somewhere in the calendar year because it's not in the build up to an event, Kadimah is where it's needed.

BW: I disagree; the theme is something that's relevant throughout the year. It should be earlier in the year, specifically before Spring Camp. The Kadimah tsevet may not have been decided yet so that's problematic. Give LJY's members credit that they will want to go.

GW: Yom Limmud is a really important idea, it should be open to everyone and it could make it more exclusive.

RC: It shouldn't be part of Kadimah mechinah, just in the build up.

GW: Also people on the potential Kadimah tsevet should learn, and people may want to learn aside from leading.

TF: We're trying to get away from being so Kadimah-centric, and this amendment is going backwards in terms of that.

AFr: May be repeating but oh well. Why shouldn't we just have two days? One in 'Easter' school holiday time for the build up to Spring Camp, and perhaps one in the summer.

RC: Amendment to the amendment?

AFr: Yes

RC: Friendly. Repeats the friendly amended amendment

SW: Amendment now friendly

Back to the main list.

RV: Do you have an idea of who you'd like to run this day?

SW: Combo of outside speakers, MWs, older madrichim, pooling our resources.

BWL: it would also really help with the sharing sessions motion of yesterday.
Chair: recaps the motion like a pro while I sort out formatting (space bar's a bit broken)

DB POC: open to just Bogrim or Galim as well?

SW: Both. Go on then...

AFr: Should only be Galim Bet and Gimmel.

SW: Okey dokey.

SW summarises why we should support the motion.

Move to vote.

For: 43

Against: 1

Abstain: 1

MOTION PASSED

JW: Kef announcement.

Everyone sings 'announcements', at first quite hesitantly but then with high spirits.

JW: Everyone should be turned away except us three.

Chair rejects the motion, perhaps when we're discussing something of a more jovial nature.

AFr: POO we haven't said hello to Lizzie and Jordan. HI.

FCL&RV: Tsevet selection criteria. 'You can't have one without the other, brother'. A new system is needed; it needs to provide specific feedback to madrichim not selected. Selection needs to display elements of two categories on applications to create more well-rounded leaders: hadracha experience, and commitment & involvement. Under hadracha experience: what is your experience, attendance at hadracha seminars, leading outside of LJY-Netzer etc, as well as specific skills or knowledge. Under commitment and involvement: what has your involvement been this year (incl. socialaction projects, community work, Shabbatot etc), and ideological commitment (living out and actively engaging with LJY's ideology). Also Shnat Netzer needs to have a more solid role in selection. Feedback from events led, e.g. by previous roshim, should also be important.

SC: Feedback is all kept and taken into consideration already.

FCL: When looking at this commitment through the year etc, Shnat should be considered the greatest through the year commitment. In cases of deciding between otherwise equal candidates, Shnatties should take priority over other year commitments.

BW needs a POO: a lot of people haven't applied for Kadimah before so can we read last year's motion so everyone is on the same page?

FCL&RL: yes.

AFr: Criteria from last year – specifically for madrichim of Kadimah, not for other positions or other events. We should be looking to pick the most confident madrichim whilst taking into consideration specialist skills, age groups, gender balance etc, to make the best overall tsevet.

RC: Against. 1) Implicitly, this motion implies criteria for tsevet selection is based on ranking, I disagree with that. 2) Very important part of overall competence of the tsevet should remain the most important. All sorts of reasons why somebody might be a perfect candidate, but will not get it – unfortunately we are top heavy and we can only have a certain number. 3) I think you're at a massive advantage in meeting the criteria if you've led before. The MoWos are in a unique position of judgement, it is more about what they see in us than what we see in ourselves – perhaps somebody doesn't see what they're good at.

FCL: MoWos are still going to have complete discretion

RC: 4) can't remember.

SG: A lot of people on the list so please be sensitive and brief.

TS: Just for madrichim, not roshim right?

FCL: Yup.

GW: Assuming Rebecca and Flora don't disagree with overall competence as an aim. Doesn't matter if they don't actually, I don't. It's people who have got to run an actual camp and ultimately there's a job to do. Some people are good at filling out forms and selling themselves, some people aren't. I think the form is

impractical; people do all sorts of things in a year. Could you read the Shnat paragraph?

FCL: Reiterates that part...Shnat is considered the greatest 'through the year commitment'.

GW: Rock the boat and propose an amendment that we remove the Shnat part because it's implicit that.

FCL: Friendly that only the last paragraph should be removed about two identical candidates etc etc.

MF: Shnat isn't for everyone; I think all candidates should be considered equally if you've done something else.

JW: you don't become a good leader because you go on Shnat, you become a good leader because of what you do on Shnat.

IS: Basically reiterates Jonty.

RV: The motion isn't about Shnat, it's about selecting tsvatim and the role that it has in tsevet selection should be important.

MC: I really support the reformed system but I have questions, problems. 1) Experience vs. commitment – they are both really important, before there were tick boxes and things but is this system implying that one is more important than the other? 2) How far can you really assess a commitment to the movement's ideology? 3) Re: ranking strengths – this was already on last year's form, I don't agree that it should be on the form. We should be focussing on strengths, not weaknesses. You don't have to have led on camp to know these skills.

OL: I think the benefit of the strengths and weaknesses question gives a voice beyond a tick box. Stating your weaknesses shows your ability to learn, it's not just saying don't pick me because of this. Difficulty in ability to express oneself, but we still have to have a form so... Qualifying how worthy someone is to be a leader is good because it's objective, but I don't want LJY to become a movement where I go on events just to put on the application form that I went on it. Ultimately my opinion is that I trust the movement workers.

TS: I'm not sure that discussing the ins and outs of it is fruitless, not sure if it needs to be changed but the most important thing is given comprehensive feedback.

BW: LJY commitment is meant to be less-Kadimah-centric. Kadimah is good for the young people; make new friends, what's good for the movement etc. If this new format is the best way to make a new tsevet, then it should be for every single event.

NL: Reject the idea of tick boxes, e.g. I haven't been able to go to Had Sem but haven't been able to, it shouldn't be a downfall on my application.

FCL: Clarify the Shnat rule. Doesn't guarantee that Shnatties are guaranteed a place. No-one really understands what competence is – it's objective (she meant subjective). There needs to be a change to the current system. It's not saying that Shnat takes precedence. Ranking and ticking boxes is not the issue either – it is a conceptual thing.

BW: proposing an amendment that it is applied to all tsvatim, not just the Kadimah tsevet.

RV: Unfriendly, because other events have other criteria.

BW: OK, amendment tabled.

SA: Lack of weight given to compatibility in a tsevet, also we need to look at would get the most out of other options etc. For some it is harder to get involved in events than others. Also commitment to local Jewish communities – you might not have a local community.

FCL: POI it's about other commitments too

SA: Also Shnat is difficult in terms of money, time, etc. For example due to tuition fee changes, might have gone but needed to go to uni earlier.

TF: Commitment and experience doesn't necessarily make you a good leader. Also on feedback: it's not necessarily going to make it easier to hear. What qualifies commitment? E.g. of being veggie throughout the year. Going back to what Robin said about ranking people – I'm in two minds. (FCL shuts him up, not part of the motion.) Also strengths and weaknesses – not all hadracha skills are like music etc, e.g. keeping calm in stressful situations etc. I agree that people who haven't led before might not know their strengths and weaknesses.

AP: There might need to be criteria of some sort, but there's a worry that it becomes like a job application.

AFr: I think that last year's motion missed the point and this year's motion hasn't. People end up thinking that competence is the way to go – it's not just about a hadracha-strong tsevet, but all about non-quantifiable things too. Going back to what Tom said – when looking at commitment to ideology, e.g. things like vegetarianism but it must be for the LJY reasons. Both leadership things and Jewish things. They are all LJY-Netzer ideology; therefore if they're not in the list then it's not a good list. 1) Feedback for those who are and aren't on Kadimah. 2) Can't remember. Shnat IS a huge commitment. End of.

BWL: The suggested changes rely on evaluating individuals on their experience etc. as well as attitudes. I propose that we have feedback as a separate motion.

LJ: Coming to LJY events should not turn into a huge competition about who can lead. We've lost members in the past who would've enjoyed coming to events like this but along the line somewhere they didn't come to hadracha or something who have been lost along the way.

RC: 1) Responding to Flora before about the idea of competence – step away from what a confident leader is, towards what a confident tsevet is. We should be aiming for the best camp experience as possible. 2) Feedback – it's stupid. You're not going to improve feedback by formalising it, instead by educating people on how to give feedback. 3) Disagree that Shnat should be the best commitment to the movement throughout the year. People who go on Shnat are not necessarily the best.

Sublist opened to the amendment.

FCL&RV: Don't accept the amendment. Getting rid of Shnat completely doesn't complete the aim.

TC: Agree with Robin, lots of great reasons why.
Amendment made FRIENDLY because of the amazing things Theo said.

MW: MoWos should be trusted. Feedback etc. Kind of repeating from before.

RV: We feel that the current system is inadequate, to make explicit what competence means. Trying to get a motion passed to make the tsevet better, simply. Proposing therefore a new motion that there should be new system.
Straw poll vote on whether there's support on whether the old system should be changed. Chair reads old rules for Kadimah tsevet picking. (See appendix J of Veidah motions 2010). Straw poll taken and majority against changing system

Motion is tabled.

Murmurings about long discussion being a waste of time.

AFr: makes a point about this not being a waste of time.

Asepha 6

GW: This will be quick; we should write a rule book for standard Veidah things (e.g. should movement workers vote). I timed it this year, it took 30 bloody minutes, and I want to talk about a lot of other things.

AP: Maybe for some things but not movement workers – you guys wanted us to vote but maybe not in future.

DB: If things are standardised then they would never be changed

GW: It wouldn't be forever and ever amen

RC: I like tradition

B(?): Send stuff out first

AS: If something is passed over Andover again like let's say five times, then standardise it

AP: The movement workers may abstain but others may not want them to have that choice:

JL: You can read the minutes of Veidah and so should have the idea of what they will be getting themselves into.

GW: STUFF IT
TABLED!!!

SA: We went on a walking weekend; it didn't have happen last year. I believe that we should do it as a sponsored walk for the CotY (charity of the year

MW: I prefer to walk just to walk. Social Action isn't always necessary. It would increase the competition of the event where chanichim who couldn't be sponsored.

JL – Not Veidah's job to make the calendar

SC: We would do it, Veidah can do it. We would put our back in to it.

FCL: I LOVE IT.

AP: I LOVE IT. Last year it didn't happen because of numbers not because we didn't want it. Sponsorship may inspire people to walk.

OL- What age group?

Various MoWos- Yamim/Galim

MW - starts talking about people who would rather hike with. Mentions no names but dislikes people who like social action

BW – If it's sponsored what age group?

SA – Ermmm, MoWos

AFr: Notts JSoc, 100 for 100, 100 people raise 100 pounds, that's bare monies, we could do that

****APPLAUSE****

(?): Don't make it during GCSE, duuuhhhh**lots of shaking hand.

General consensus that a sponsored hiking event should be looked into by movement workers.

JL: This is confusing. Leaders don't get enough time to lead. We plan too much and there are always dud sessions. Every leader on site should be able adapt two of their sessions for other years. People would write less but better sessions, the best sessions would be sent through site, madrichim and chanichim would still bond, and other madrichim would gain essential value from leading other shikvah. It would save, time, stress and improve camp. I propose a trial on spring camp and let's go from there.

****confusion about the trial****

KP: Would it be the same leader?

JL: Ideally yes but not necessarily but would be better

DB: Adapting a session would still take

JL: It would still take more time

ZC: You don't have to adapt

JL: But that's the whole point

SA: Very good idea...

AFr: POI (possibly...) Teddy has lost his oyster card...Generally disarray

SA: I think it should be a suggestion but not an obligation

TF: POC what's the point in just having a suggestion e.g. suggesting to be veggie

GW: people look at Veidah

TF: MoWo could do that

GW: OK just take away numbers

FCL: I don't like it; it happens anyway Tom 'trendsetter' Francies asked me to do a song session. Lazy people are lazy doesn't matter if they have one thing to do or 20.

BW: There's never been enough time. Stuff happens away. Everything Flora said the Roshim can do this job. Pool peulah.

RC: Very hard to instigate, roshim needing to look at different tochniot, people with certain skills. Roshim sometimes have different aims, and if stuff needs to be explained various times to various people and wouldn't work.

AP: Continuity. Chanichim like having the same leaders; especially the little ones.

TF: Seems good, but tochniot are very hard to write, doing anything cross communal is very hard, not sure if it could work. Where could everyone be? Can't roshim do more? Experience.

MW: Very important, quite good, to spend time with people of other shikvah. For example on UPJ-Netzer – dorm leaders lead other age groups that wouldn't work without other contact time. It's nice to be able to tackle more than one thing.

AFr– Sharing sessions, shared experience – older and younger year groups can talk about the same thing. Shared sessions are better.

LS: The idea is to make better sessions. You have to run them to see how they work. You don't know if it's a good or a bad session.

JL: you would have more time planning so should be better

LS: OK, I kinda like – we should mandate the MoWos to suggest it to the Roshim

JL: I get bored of my leaders, I like other leaders. Every single leader is awesome but people respond well to change. I know you know can never know but you can know some things you know like you know planning time and my equation is - More planning time= better sessions.

AFr: you're such a Leibowitz. I get that some Madrachim think they have too much to plan, and madrichim like other shikvot and other shikvot like diff madrichim. I disagree with everything else. Not something Veidah should mandate.

SA: It would stop being pigeon holed.

BW: Last year was a different size. Bigger tsevet = less to run.

SG: It obviously an issue; in its currant form it's non compulsory and there's a trial what's the problem.

Motion is now for there to be a trial on Aviv

VOTE

For 17
Against 14
Abstain 7
Motion Passes.

Asepha 7

Minutes: Theo
Captain Kef: Tamara Silver
Chair: Simon Lovick

Chair: So let's make a list of who's going to propose educational themes for the year.

AP: Can we hear what past suggestions have been?

SW: I've narrowed it down this year to a list of 4: Ancestors, Finding Netzerland, Etgar (Challenge), This is your life: A Jewish Journey.

RC: Reads past ones.

FCL: Israel: Tzedek Tzedek Tir'Dof (Justice, Justice, You shall pursue it) – looking at pursuing justice in Israel, it's the IRAC

GW: Diamond Jubilee and Olympics so lots is happening in UK, so what about British Jews: Past, Present Future

RC: Hebrew: Language of our People.

SA: World Poverty, God, and Apocalypse (separate suggestions...).

RC: Attitudes towards God?
Mara: Jews in different countries

JL: Jews of the World (giving a great punny name to Mara's)

RC: The sacred teachings of Danny Rich

JL: The life of Robin Moss

TS: Jewish Achievements, Jewish influence in culture... something like that?

TF: Jews in Sport

AC: Duties (Jewties....) There are lots of Jewish obligations, kind of like the theme of mitzvot.

SW: Theme of the year should talk about progressive Judaism, reform Zionism, and Tikkun Olam. Ancestors is about history... Finding Netzerland a big call for more education on Netzer, about exploring Netzer sniffim and ideology... Etgar, let's challenge ourselves, the challenges past and present of Jews... Journey one – life course of a liberal Jew, why we do the things we do in our liberal Jewish lives.

FCL: Past themes have been very social-actiony or Judaism-y, we need to discover our progressive Zionist identities too. Also 'justice, justice' is brilliant..

GW: Good to tie it into something relevant, British Jewry covers all the pillars of LJ and this would be a great year to do it.

Chair changes 'Captain Kef' to 'Colonel Kef'

RC: Hebrew: The language of our people, specific aspect of our Judaism and reform Zionism, it's a much less 'Tikkun-Olammy' topic, not sure if that's a bad thing. We're trying to have a really close relationship with Israel and our movement is not good at teaching its members Hebrew, also Jewish text and prayer. Learn more and pick up a practical skill. 'Attitudes to God' withdrawn.

SA: It covers many areas and when we do social action, we don't tend to focus on people. It also links into our charity. It also has the advantage that it links into prayer... Apocalypse is just because it's 2012 and the end of the world as we know it. 'God' – talk about our Judaism in a very clear way.

TW: Lends itself to exploration of the historical side, how other Jews' societies work (could tie it into the Olympics if you want...)

JL: Our knowledge of the Jewish world shouldn't be limited to 'wherever you go'...

TF: Jews in Sport is not just a trivial topic, lots of issues you could talk about. Why do we have the Maccabee games etc, we talk about Israeli food, culture, etc... how often do we talk about their sport?

TS: Theme needs to be broad, Jewish cultural achievements can cover as much as you want, it works on a personal level and a broader level.

AC: Duties – it's quite a massively inclusive topic, you could study everything from times of the Torah and everything between. Differences between different streams. Some people might be more obliged to fulfil more, different duties than others.

Chair: read out the list, everyone gets three votes. Putting through the top 6.

Ancestors: 12

Finding Netzerland: 19

Etggar: 6

This is your life: A Jewish journey: 7

Tzedek Tzedek Tir' Dof: 24

British Jews: 10

Hebrew: 3

World Poverty: 4

God: 10

Apocalypse: 10

Jews of the World: 15

Danny Rich: 2

Robin Moss: 4

Jewish achievements in culture: 3

Jews in Sport: 2

Duties: 3

SW: incl. Biblical ancestors, British Jewry, our achievements by talking about important people in our Jewish Ancestry.

BWL: Many of the other topics could easily be housed within Ancestors

JL: A strength of other ones is that we can bring it to the present and future too, isn't this one limiting.

SW: Finding Netzerland, it's been obvious that people want more Netzer education, why not dedicate the whole year to it. History of Netzer, all about sniffim.

FCL: Endless amounts you can do with it... Justice in reform Zionism, women, pluralism, fits in with our charity of the year in that sense. You can choose any form of justice you'd like to pursue.

GW: Huge topic, past, present and future. Civil rights social action spiel to things in terms of past, there's also a whole progressive Judaism stream, it could include lots of important Jewish achievements.

SA: God is clearly quite important for Judaism, we looked last year at how we pray, why not look at why. God is the reason we pray, so we can make it applicable to many ages. Different images, God's role in stories, different names for God, what relationship would we have if we weren't Jewish? How we look at the Bible too. Often in LJY-Netzer we want to, quite rightly, discuss how we can use our Judaism in the world, and there are some things we are uncomfortable discussing.

JA: I think the apocalypse is a really good idea (lots of clapping). Jewish ideas of life after death, major disasters to link it into social action, you can link it in with many different countries.

JL: Jews of the World, different sniffim, cooking food from other Jewish communities, what we do that other cultures don't etc. Expulsion, Jews haven't always been distributed in the way they are today. Historical side, look into immigration, progression of anti-Semitism, politics of where Jews stand in lots of different societies. Adaptable for different ages. A lot happening everywhere, so lots of different issues. Eye-opener!

Opening the list:

TC: Disagrees with the theme of 'God'

SC: Disagrees with Theo, we don't often talk about spirituality, the only thing I will say is that it needs to be tweaked – mainly the name is a problem.

IS: the more discussion, the more individual we can be in our discussions on God.

EK: have been on non-LJY camp with Jews of the World theme, and it worked really well.

RC: I like the idea of choosing a theme of something we're not very good at. The theme of God does exactly that – we don't discuss it enough. God and Spirituality (Sam Cohen's suggestion)? We want a theme with a direction, we want our chaverim to have learned things by the end of the year.

MC: I find from 'Jews of the World' it could be really similar to 2008 theme of 'The Hidden Jew'

BW: I think God is great. It would probably be the hardest topic we have ever engaged with. The best themes aren't over at the end of the year, and this one would be one of those.

TJ: Netzerland I really like, it's finding the world we want to make through the Netzer ideology, but also what Netzer wants to do. The justice one – I like that one too, but perhaps we shouldn't just be focussing on Israel. God – echoing what everyone says. And Jews of the World I like too.

Everyone claps

GW: Unfortunately Jews of the World is too soon after a similar theme. The God theme is entirely great. It's an elephant in the room. But we should still look at a theme that links to the year we're in.

JPo: Jews of the World is really relevant, Kadimah is becoming increasingly international.

JA: It's really important not to narrow ourselves to talking only about British Jewry, or only justice in Israel. They're things we're used to talking about a lot.

AP: I'm backing the God one, but also the justice one – we want one to link to this year, the world is starting to wake up and realising we need justice for Israel as a people and not just as a state.

TC: Can we discuss changing the name to include spirituality, not just God?

SA: Perhaps 'God and Spirituality' would be a good fit. OK so that's the new name.

JL: God – I'm starting to like the idea of the theme. My only concern is that, as don't have a 'fun theme' and I do slightly wonder if it's not fun enough... Jews of the World though, it wasn't done very well when it was last done, and if it's not remembered.

Colonel Kef gets everyone to hug each other.

SG: Justice one – it's what we're all about. It's in line with 5768: the year LJY-Netzer changed the world, the title of this one challenges us to fulfil justice. It is a quote from Proverbs, it is a Jewish value, ancestors, how Netzer tries to pursue justice.

Chair: move to vote. Narrowing it down to 2, 2 votes.

Ancestors: 1

Finding Netzerland: 13

Tzedek, Tzedek Tir'Dof: 28

British Jews: Past Present and Future: 3

God and Spirituality: 24

Apocalypse: 5

Jews of the World: 13

Move to vote for the final one.

Tzedek, Tzedek: 18

God and Spirituality: 23

Abstain: 3

'God and Spirituality' is the theme of the year.

Amelia Viney: on the board of Officers for Liberal Judaism for social justice, massive galvanising force in the movement. Not the same as social action. Social

justice is a national movement to get people to talk out about things in their country, politically. Amelia tells us a story. It is wonderful.

Asepha Eight

Chair – Mikhael 'MW' Wade

List – Asher 'Wasteman' Fingerhut

Minutes – Simon 'Archbishop of Banterbury' Lovick / Joe 'Bantermobile' Bloom / Jonty 'Banter Claus' Leibowitz

This motion proposes that we no longer boycott Coca Cola.

TF – I've only been to two Coca Cola sessions, and they were alright. Sam Grant ran a session saying that they have been proved innocent. Personally I don't think we can tell chanichim stuff which hasn't happened. Ending the boycott would stop this. I don't think we can continue a boycott when we've been misinformed.

JL: I am Ben's brother. Robin Moss once told us that we should boycott CC, and we learnt a lot. I don't feel we are informed enough to make a decision yet.

TF: End the boycott and if we find more about coke

GW: Coke found not guilty of much accused like killing trade unionist
Proved guilty about giving farmers mercury, there basically scum, we should not end boycott!

SG: 2005 CC said they'd eliminated child labour, 2008videofootageof child labour in el-Salvador. CC however made a million pound recycling plant. We run programmes every event about cc so you guys should know about it by now

MW: having pointless rant.

RC: CC is supporter of state of Israel.

GC: My point is that CC is a very murky subject. We've been quite well educated on them. We don't boycott anyone else, and they are like an example.

SC: POI we now boycott Ir David

GC: Not only would there be confusion in the movement if we now stopped.

JPu: The fact that we do boycott them should arouse thought about other boycotts. There are clearly grounds for boycotting other big companies, like clothing companies eg Nike. The boycott must stay!

AFr: I'm so indecisive! I don't know anything about boycotts. I haven't heard a detailed report of their recent actions. They once were bad, but i'm not sure anymore! The only facts I say stop at 2008 – which was three years ago! CC are big enough to hide any bad things they are doing – but as far as I see they're not doing anything bad. I personally don't drink CC because of LJY – I think we are living in the past, and we are scared to say that we have no good reason to boycott any longer. There isn't any good reason for not buying CC products.

FOR: 6.

AGAINST: 27.

ABSTENTIONS: 12.

MOTION FAILS – let's crack out the pepsi!

THIS MOTION PROPOSES THAT THERE AREN'T COMPULSORY SESSIONS ON WHY WE DO BOYCOTTS.

TF: I don't think there should be any compulsory sessions. Not just because it restricts the tochnit, but because we shouldn't be forced to do anything.

AFr: POC (general confusion including rude interruption from MW about the nature of this interjection) We are obliged to pray everyday on every event – is this motion saying that that will not be compulsory?

JL: We have a duty to the younger people to educate them on the boycotts – we should show that we feel strongly about things, and perhaps inspire others.

BANTER BREAK

GC: You are trying to emphasise that we shouldn't be forced. The fact that it is compulsory adds an element of structure to tochnit. We should have to run a session on this.

RC: POO I hate plastic cups and little kids.

TS: I think it is quite a slippery slope if we stop compulsory sessions – a tochnit must have structure.

TF: TABLE THE MOTION!

THE MOTION IS TABLED

MOTIONS ARE MADE PUBLIC BEFORE ASEPHOT.

SC: Oppositions/propositions come off the cuff, and publication would give time for preparations. They should be more open, perhaps on a board, and people can write if they are going to oppose it.

BWL: ;ojskvnfkanvfkjndaslfkj...actually no.

MW: Let's take 5 mins to prepare. (another comedy cracker!)

GW: I kind of support this in principle – but i oppose it that we don't usually have much problems with motions. It adds an unnecessary level of bureaucracy, and it is already is to look through.

SW: This is great – if you are allocated more time, then you can make great informed decisions in discussions.

MW: CONCENTRATE! SIT UP! PHONES AWAY!

BW: Do you mean before Veidah?

SC: In theory some a submitted before Veidah, but also on Veidah it would be good if you can look through ones which are submitted there. If motions were published b4 hand people would come more prepared

BANTER

SC: Structured defence could be in position

SG: The idea is to make motions that we pass better.

JL: disagree, I don't think its fair, we shouldn't be looking for people to oppose motions for the sake of it. We need to stop wasting time in asephot.

BWL: another spiffing comment

RC: I don't believe in the devils advocate idea. What I really don't like is that one person signs up to be the 'oppose', it should be spontaneous. I don't like idea of assigning a person to be against motion before it's been in discussion
Joe takes over taking minutes and missed a valuable point from someone.

MW: Let's move to vote.

FOR: 30.

AGAINST: 3.

ABSTENTIONS: 11.

MOTION PASSED!

A 'NIGHT WATCH' ROTA SHOULD BE PUT IN PLACE FOR LEADERS ON THEIR DAY OFF TO ALLOW OTHERS TO GET TO THEIR TSEVET MEETINGS.

GC: It would work if their bed times weren't crazy, and sometimes leaders have to deal with other things.

MW: list is open.

LJ: Sometimes you get specific things with specific kids, and so you as a dorm leader have to deal with it – dorm leaders should build up a relationship. It wouldn't work with a yamim leader dealing with kids in ananim.

MC: They would just do everything a DL would do.

FCL: I think that there should be a bit of dorm leader time, before the shmira takes over.

TC: I strongly agree with this, and a DL only really needs to step in if there is an extreme issue.

TF: I disagree with it. A leaders day off is there for a reason, because they are working bloody hard. It would be hard to change this, but something should be done to better the sleep of leaders.

BW: A day off isn't a day off if you have to go to bed at one in the morning.

AP: UJIA proposed a shmira system, and so it must be quite a good idea.

SA: The day off system ought to be looked at. People on chalutzim shouldn't have to deal with other shikvot.

GW: I think with different shikvot it would be hard to do a rota – ananim only had 3 madrichim. I propose that we look at the number of whole camp meetings.

RC: The resolves as they stand are alright – you could split the shmira in half. I think it is worth trialling this on Aviv, and if it is successful then do it on Kadimah. Friendly?

MC: FRIENDLY!

EK: POC there aren't any days off on spring camp...

GC: There are other ways of get round the problem of sleep – ROLLING LIONS!

AC: Lions?

GC Lie-ins! Also younger years.

MS: this system worked really well on RSY, and you don't get days off. In terms of ananim getting early bed times, then this system would have to change around a bit. Spring camp would be a challenge, but because it's shorter it might be ok, if they only miss one tsevet meeting.

SG: I need a POO. I think that this is something we can talk about at mazkirut. It doesn't need to be mandated at veidah, and we can just talk about it.

TS: I think it is worth voting on it now, because it is quite a big thing, and quite a big change. It needs some changing, but there is no harm in trying.

MW: Would an unsuccessful trial on Aviv mean no trial on Kadimah.

YES

AFr: I like this idea. We can function better with more sleep. A day off should give a madrich/a the option what to do with their evening. Potentially (uses crazy case study), you can be left with only one leader. If it is going to be trialled, it should be trialled on Kadimah, where the madrichim are more experienced, and so will understand the change. I don't think it should be just a MoWo thing; it should be for all madrichim.

SW: the day off is sacred, Don't MESS. People need to be in tsevet meetings, and they can't just miss it. With a movement of our size, it won't work.

TC: you should relax in the day, not the night. Why can't they just do something useful instead, as they will probably be just waiting around to hang out with da mates?

TC: if you don't care, abstain, if you do, please vote – NO RASH DECISIONS!
VOTE TIME

FOR: 14.

AGAINST: 12.

ABSTENTIONS: 20.

MOTION PASSED.

LEADERS UNDER 18 AND OVER 16 SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SMOKE ON EVENTS LIKE HADRACHA, VEIDAH, AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EVENTS.

SC: it is the reality that people smoke, and we shouldn't judge them. If someone does it when they have a break, I don't see why there is a problem. Everyone should be equal. I have just found out that the legal age of smoking in the UK has recently been changed to 18.

MW: the motion is tabled.

TO MAKE MORE POLITICAL STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE MOVEMENT

BWL: something LJY should not be doing

SC: we don't discuss political statements, look on the website. We don't have a codified constitution. For time-being this is just something to be discussed. Liberal Judaism makes political statements on website

DB: are you suggesting these statements to be to do with Israel

SC: YES

MW: LIST NOT OPEN!

IS: it's hard to make political statements and then teach both sides of debate

AC: Whenever you make poc, poo, etc you have to put on a funny voice

SC: LJY should make political statements on its website, etc.

JA: I don't see need for this motion! I don't see the motion changing anything

BW: if individuals want to make political statements so be it.

JL: we already do make political gestures on behalf of younger members of the movement.

SC: boycotting the meat industry is a political statement.

RV: I propose that we set up a va'ad to come up with some statements.

SC: How about we just bring it up on mazkirut? That's a great idea!

AFr: there is a general belief that LJY support certain things like a two state solution. We can't dictate on different things, but a va'ad could say things on behalf of the movement – but they take responsibility.

MOTION WITHDRAWN – discussion at mazkirut.

MOTIONS AGREED UPON AT MAZKIRUT SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE BROUGHT TO VEIDAH FOR DISCUSSION, TO ENSURE THE POINT IS CARRIED FORWARD.

AFr: I propose an amendment that at the end of each discussion, the motion is allocated to a person for Veidah, and if not, it is taken by a MoWo.

BW: it is bad because it's not necessary.

Move To Vote

FOR: 29.

AGAINST: 3.

ABSTENTIONS: 7.

Motion Passes.

FOR ANY MATTER WHICH AFFECTS CURRENT SHNATTIES, THE SHNATTIES ARE INFORMED, AND GIVEN THE CHANCE TO HAVE A VOTE VIA (e.g.) SKYPE

TC: I can't think of much which was passed which really affects shnatties. Oh actually I withdraw my opposition.

IS: there are lots of people not here who are affected by motions, and they aren't given a vote. Why should we single the shnatties?

MS: allow a year between motions affecting shnatties, so that they have time to see the motions. Decisions made last year directly affected us, and so that was slightly unfair. If we had a delay, we could come back a debate on the validity of the motions.

JL: SKYPE SKYPE SKYPE!

TS: it is silly to use the argument that it won't happen again. It is about the more general issue of the relationship between shnatties and Veidah.

GW: two amendments – doesn't just include shnatties, but others not present.

FCL: unfriendly. There is nothing which would directly affect individuals, whereas there are often things which affect shnatties as a whole. You are suggesting that if a MoWo, or anyone else is away, there is nothing which directly affects them.

Gabriel charms her for a bit, and then she decides that it is friendly. Hooray. General banter ensues, then Mikha'el restores order. Then Flora changes her mind and says it's unfriendly.

SUBLIST OPENS FOR AMENDMENT.

TF: if we do it with shnatties, it would be unfair to not do it for others.

BV: if in the future, and more are away, but for the time being we should just keep it.

FOR: 24.

AGAINST: 17.

ABSTENTIONS: 5

Amendment Passes.

SL: Similar motion last year was voted down because of technical difficulties. Skype is kind of rubbish and it's not like Veidah runs to schedual anyway. And i love cock. Amendment or no amendment, it seems impossible.

TS: POI this isn't about video-linking, it's just to allow those into a discussion which directly affects them.

AFr: it is limiting – if this passes, are MoWos obliged to find somewhere which is technologically feasible? It is also hard logistically because those absent must make themselves free for the whole of Veidah. I think it will be very difficult.

FCL: the motion says that they are given the option to participate.

AFr: (at the last minute) btw this is constitutional.

FOR: 29.

AGAINST: 8.

ABSTENTIONS: 3.

MOTION PASSES.

Asepha Nine – The Last Asepha

Chairing: GW

Motion1: Every Kadimah, book is brought for participants until the end of time for people to write in.

Proposed: BW

Opposed: AFr: Waste of paper

Consensus to move to vote

For: 33

Against: 1

Abstentions: 2

MOTION PASSES.

Motion2: To add to the Hebrew vocabulary and a commitment to educate the chaverim in Hebrew.

AFr: There is a large amount of incorrect usage of the Hebrew language and this should not be the case

This requires a 2/3 majority as it changes mission statement.

SG: This seems vague I am not against THIS PER say. Who would be responsible?

BW: We should not use Hebrew more due to Israel but also as Jewish language reaffirm relationship with text.

JL: This Robin Cooke theme was this or similar. Hebrew levels shocking (low) make it relevant by linking to Israel bring in new words. Need to avoid having a lesson.

MW: The mission statement says we should educate in Hebrew language. It is not the place of camp to educate like a classroom.

AFr: All the Hebrew I learned came from LJY. Cheder was not good for learning (wide consensus). Would not be classroom learning. This motion saying more emphasise on the nouns highlight Hebrew in LJY it should be important already

SLe: Not room to put in Hebrew sessions as camp to packed

TF: Poi: No problem fitting in I did last year

SG: We can teach in clever fun ways that is what we are all about no problem with motion

JPu: Best way to learn language is to go to place. Next best way is in classroom. We can not learn these ways; support motion as valuable skill experience for people.

MW: Knowing Hebrew words not speaking Hebrew. Requires lots work by Madrichim. Not our place to do.

Amend mission statement to read passing Hebrew words from some Hebrew words.

In favour: 30

Against: 7

Abstain: 2

MOTION PASSES

Motion3: FCL: This motion notes we do not believe enough in practical Tikkun Olam. Motion believes: Social action peulot meaning less unless act. Resolves: That there should be a broad project/regional projects from Galim upward to practically engage with Tikkun Olam. Aim to make a LJY year around commitment

Opposed IS: If monthly, hard to guarantee steady stream and hard to organise for movement workers

SC: Great motion. Put forward Norwood as practical Tikkun Olam. We don't do enough, spend too much time talking. We can go out into the community make real difference

FCL: POO: Make it theme, affiliate with organisation

AFr: Passed motion no more lazy Sundays. We would go out and act on Bogrim organised projects every Sunday. Never materialised. Key difference with this motion more on movement workers may or may not be a good thing. This is a great motion and key difference unifying theme

FCL: Need more on organisation year around commitment good. Bogrim should have some role disperse organisational reasonability;

JPu: Support motion. No peulot are meaningless. It is an inconvenience and it should be this is not an argument against should already be doing it.

TC: Norwood discussion last year suggested still have involvement with it. Good example kind getting involved in. One movement worker and a Boger for each region? Needs to have a structure or nothing will occur.

SC Poi: We are going to review structure and we work one out

TC: Amend: Structure at movement workers disgression

POI: Movement workers decide this year time constraints next year vediah

Bethany: Many boger at uni around country need to think about regional aspect;

Vote:

For: 37

Agin:0

Abst :4

Motion Passes.

Motion4: JL: Suggested by Ben Leibowitz. This movement notes the importance of music, the belief in freedom and justice. The shiron being changed important to talk about here. Resolves: that person in charge of Shiron or songleading look

at freedom songs. Me and my brother pre LJY joined crazy Hippies around Barnet with great sing along tunes from 1950s. Veidah not place for what want in Shiron ignores songs that fit who we are

SC: Opposed: Should be up to madrich which songs should sing. No motion and discussion needed we are leaders we choose

FCL: I have already passed motion. Shiron songs already in first 6 months of shiron creation. Not vediah motion .

Motion tabled

Motion5: SA: this movement notes that the movement workers are amazing and work really well. This movement believes that Veidah should hold the movement workers to account and chaverim should have some notion of where our resources and money is going. This movement resolves: that Veidah should have some oversight of LJY-Netzer's accounts or equivalent.

SLo: This motion is sign of the lack of trust thrown up by our economic climate.

SG: Think this motion is a good idea, not necessarily that simple, but an idea of how much money we make from each event and some form of transparency are a good idea.

TC: I agree that transparency is a good idea, but Veidah is not the forum in which to have it – not everyone would be interested in a session on it, time at Veidah is precious with so many motions to get through. Propose an amendment to remove the idea of Veidah and put it in the movement workers control to update e.g. through Bogrim updates.

Amendment found unfriendly:

SA: Veidah is the right place to do this – many people are uninterested only due to lack of knowledge. People also might miss the updates and then be ignorant of how the accounts are working. Also a lack of openness and debate – harder to ask questions and have public answers.

BW: Email makes it more public – sort of airing your dirty laundry in public

MR: Lots of people don't check their emails regularly – impractical

SC: Email doesn't allow an open dialogue. Propose an amendment: Movement workers prepare info on the accounts and make it anon-compulsory session on Veidah in the evening, e.g.

SA: finds the amendment friendly.

Back on normal list, hooray!

TF: never mind.

MW: does this give us power over the finances or is it just an update?

POI: SA: the motion reads 'inform' but empowerment is necessary to educate.

Move To Vote: before events start the movement workers will prepare information on the finances and anyone interested can go and discuss and learn etc.

For:30
Against:3
Abstentions: 3

Motion passes!!!!!!

Motion5: EK: This movement notes: it can hot and stuffy inside a synagogue for more than three days. This movement notes that a trip to the park is a lovely way to spend some time and get some fresh air. This movement resolves: that on events of more than three days participants can go outside and get some fresh air.

Opposing: SG: I don't think this needs to be a motion.

JL: we may as well vote.

POO: Move to Vote

For: 34
Against: 1
Abstentions: 5
Motion passes, hooray for fresh air!

Standing orders:

Choosing people to be on the movement worker selection panel.

MS: explains what being on the panel entails in a very succinct way.

POI: AFR: this came from a Veidah motion from a few years ago stating that galim and bogrim should have more say in movement worker selection.

Chair: suggests that we take a few Galim and Bogrim names and decide nearer the time.

For Galim: AS, JL, DB, DP, SL.

For Bogrim: TC, JPu, FCL, SA.

Round of applause for Gabriel's efficiency.

MOVEMENT WORKER NICKNAMES!

MW: this motion notes that having two movement workers with the same name is confusing and annoying. This movement believes that this is very silly. This motion resolves to swap their names so that Sam Cohen shall henceforth be referred to as Sam Grant, and Sam Grant as Sam Cohen.

BW: I'd like to propose giving the male MoWos female names and vice versa.

SG: I'd like to propose our office nicknames – Sam Cohen as CoCo, Anna as PoPo.

DB: Tellytubby names.

TC: Anna as Po, Adam as Tinky-Winky, Sam C as Dipsy, Sam G as LaLa, Adva as Noo-noo, Danny Rich as the baby in the son.

AFR: I had a name last year, is it now defunct?

FCL (speaking out of turn, very bad): Brown Bear!

JL: can we have a motion that these nicknames should be enforced zealously?

JPo: can I amend that and say they need to have name badges or t-shirts.

GW: let's move to vote on the Tellytubby names.

Everyone sings tellytubbies song.

TC: can I make an amendment that if this passes the MoWos have to make a tellytubbies video?

JPo: can we turn the Montagu Centre into that tellytubby field place?

DB: can the MoWos have appropriately coloured onesies for the video?

Move To Vote on the Tellytubby motion:

For: 36

Against: 3

Abstentions: 1

Motion Passed

Captain Kef: Let's have a round of Father Gabriel had 7 motions!

Motion 6: This movement notes that in Liberal Judaism's statutes affirm their commitment to the study of Torah, and that we are the youth movement of LJ, and that many of our members do not have a strong relationship with Torah. This movement believes that the Torah is the centre of our community and that it is an important role of LJY-Netzer to educate our chaverim Torah.

SC: (proposing): I think this is a brilliant motion, and we should be making informed decisions about this sort of thing – how much time does it really take to run a meaningful Torah study session each Shabbat? Not much.

Opposing: JA: I don't feel we need this motion - not everyone wants a meaningful relationship with Torah.

DB: I like the motion but would like to propose the amendment that we remove the resolve to run Torah teaching sessions on hadracha because new madrichim are scared and stressed enough as it is.

SC: this is an unfriendly motion because even new leaders need to know how to run an informal session on Torah session.

DB: amendment withdrawn, sorry, my bad.

FCL: I think this is a very important motion, but part of a wider problem about the Torah and Sefer Torah. Last year a motion was proposed by our esteemed chair that on events longer than four days the scroll should be brought and brought out. I feel that in Shacharit etc there is not enough emphasis on the Torah scroll. Would like to propose an amendment to also emphasise the use of the Torah scroll and the ability to read and teach from it during these chadracha sessions.

SC: this amendment is friendly.

TC: I disagree with Flora's amendment – I agree that there should be more emphasis on text on our events but there is a difference between running a program on text study is different to a session on using the scroll itself.

FCL: What are you suggesting as an alternative?

TC: I think that reading from the Torah Scroll is a different issue to text study – it is much more personal.

FCL: okay, amendment withdrawn.

TC: I really like this motion - great idea to involve Yamim, Galim and Bogrim in Torah study. Only downside is there is no specification on the younger years.

AFr: I think this is great – I feel that it is due to last year's theme of Tanakh and T'fillah has helped to bring up these motions and observations.

MR: I feel too much torah study might isolate people.

Chair moves to vote.

For: 27

Against: 3

Abstentions: 12

Motion passes.

That's it for Veidah!