

HBHG TEAM NEWSLETTER



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@jfsbhgteam via
Instagram with any
questions, suggestions, if
you would like to promote
an event, announcements
or to write a comment
piece for the newsletter.
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SOCIETIES THIS WEEK

Debating Society
Feminist Society
History Society
JiEP Lunch and Learn
Maths and Physics Society
Music Society
Philosophy Society
Politics Society
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HBHG TEAM WELLBEING AND CREATIVITY SCHEME

Creativity is an essential, cathartic outlet. Therefore, we have decided that over lockdown, we want you to send us your poems, short stories, art and photography. We will publish these in this newsletter and on our Instagram- this can be done anonymously if you wish. Sharing our lockdown experience as a community will help us all feel a little less alone and act as a time-capsule for future JFS students. You do not need to be perfect at poetry or amazing at art- we want to see the real JFS student experience of lockdown! Please get involved- together we will be recording history! **DM us @jfsbhgteam**

COMMENT PIECE BY LUKE SHOOTER

How cautious should we be about Jewish presence in entertainment?

We could quite safely say that, especially compared to our small size as a population, Jews have assimilated incredibly well into modern society and culture.

This can be clearly seen from the impressive roster of Jewish celebrities in acting, with big names spanning from Marilyn Monroe to Harrison Ford to Gwyneth Paltrow to Daniel Radcliffe.

It can be exciting, even uplifting to see this representation; it's another great example of how we've been able to overcome our struggles. But should we be totally at ease about it? Being an ethnic minority, we often find that the actions of the few influence the judgement of the many, so could we say that all these prominent Jewish figures could contribute to the stereotype that "Jews control the media"?

Furthermore, might it paint a picture that we have abandoned our traditional values and rules as a people, just because many famous people may have?

Personally I wouldn't worry about these things. A core aspect of our identity and history is not crumbling in the face of people negatively perceiving us. We should hold our heads high and be proud of the many ways we can express ourselves as a people.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

GIFT: Giving is a great way to help others and to feel good! Find out the many ways to give this lockdown [here](#)

BIG NEWS OF THE WEEK

Check out @jfshbhgteam Instagram to stay up to date with the BIG NEWS OF THE WEEK, posted every Thursday

WHAT TO READ LEADING UP TO HMD

If is a Man / The Truce by Primo Levi

Night by Elie Wiesel

Maus by Art Spiegelman

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

I Am David by Anne Holm

FINAL WORDS OF THE WEEK

Approaching Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27th January, we wanted to share a few thoughts to reflect upon for this week.

It has been 76 years since the liberation of Auschwitz, yet the lessons of the Holocaust remain prevalent to this day. Even in our modern 21st century world: hatred, racism and prejudice continue to prevail. The recent rise in xenophobia and intolerance underscores the need for us to never forget the alarming events which took place under the Nazi regime.

Never again. These words ring through our Holocaust Education. However, these words are hollow when genocide remains in existence. Holocaust Memorial Day has never been so pertinent.

How can man inflict such harm upon his fellow? What drives man to this unimaginable evil? Explained by Primo Levi, a Holocaust survivor:

"Monsters exist, but they are too few in number to be truly dangerous. More dangerous are the common men, the functionaries ready to believe and to act without asking questions"

The message expressed by Primo Levi is one of immense value. The power of standing up in the face of brutality resonates with us to this day. Evil is only able to flourish if the common man allows it to. Silence is simply not enough.

In the week leading up to Holocaust Memorial Day, we must commemorate the lives of the men, women and children who were wrongfully murdered by the Nazis.

"To forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time." – Elie Wiesel, Night



**Stay safe and Shabbat Shalom,
from your HBHG Team**

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