



On Tuesday 16th June 2015, PaJeS held its 5th annual Primary Ivrit Conference at the London School of Jewish Studies, Wohl Campus for Jewish Education. We were delighted to welcome 52 Ivrit teachers from 26 Jewish primary schools to an engaging day of presentations and workshops. We were particularly pleased that our presenters included two of the UK's top MFL (Modern Foreign Language) training experts – Rachel Hawkes and Greg Horton.

Rachel Hawkes works across four secondary schools leading in languages, international education and research. She is the Languages Advisor for TES Resources, former President of the Association for Language Learning and has a PhD from Cambridge University, focusing on teacher and learner interaction in the languages classroom. Rachel delivered the keynote presentation as well as a workshop entitled 'Memory matters!', which looked at what teachers can do to ensure that students remember language and can retrieve it successfully over time. Yasmin Breger, Head of Ivrit at Clore Shalom Primary School, said that she found this workshop "very helpful" and "loved the ideas for different activities".

Greg Horton is the developer of an award-winning project known as Group Talk, which encourages students of Modern Foreign Languages to use the target language in an authentic and spontaneous way. Greg has over twenty years of classroom experience as a modern languages teacher and has worked as an SSAT Lead Practitioner and a Senior Examiner for AQA. Greg presented the closing session on active learning and his workshop focused on Group Talk and developing speaking skills in younger learners. Teachers described his workshop as "excellent", "enriching", "funny and very informative", and as giving them a "new, innovative and different approach to teaching".

The third workshop explored different ways of using iPads to enhance primary school Ivrit lessons and was led by Chana Kanzen and Anat Goodman. Chana Kanzen has over 20 years' experience in the primary classroom and is now UK Director of Jewish Interactive. Anat Goodman is an educational technologist, curriculum developer, ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher and Ivrit teacher. One teacher commented: "Anat and Chana's session was amazing, bringing Hebrew teaching to a whole new level!"

PaJeS is an educational organisation that seeks to identify the areas in which Jewish schools across the UK can work together, and provides them with high quality support, services and strategy to help them achieve their goals. We work with over 100 Jewish primary and secondary schools across the UK and our curriculum materials are being taught in over 50 schools.