



## WHAT'S UP AT KING DAVID?

*An update brought to you by Rabbi Kacev*

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#### King David Schools – Performing with Distinction

Congratulations to the King David 2018 Matriculants who achieved superb results. Our students across both the King David High Schools achieved a 100% pass rate and a 98.5% University pass rate. An impressive 89.1% of all papers written achieved an A, B or C aggregate. Of the 207 students who wrote the IEB exams, we achieved a total of 698 distinctions, that is an average of 3.37 distinctions per student.

An astonishing 3 learners achieved 9 distinctions, 14 learners achieved 8 distinctions, 16 learners achieved 7 distinctions, 21 learners achieved 6 distinctions, 20 learners achieved 5 distinctions and 14 learners achieved 4 distinctions. 59 individual papers written saw our students in the top 1% in the country. One King David student has been recognized on the IEB Outstanding Achievement list (top 5% in 6 subjects and an A for LO) and ten students on the IEB Commendable list (top 5% in 5 subjects and an A for LO). A total of 8% of the total top IEB achievers were from King David Schools – this is more than any other school in the country.

We are justifiably proud of the King David Schools achievements in 2018 and we are looking forward to continuing the tradition of excellence as well as the spirit of collaboration between students, teachers and parents at King David Schools.

The SABJE pays tribute to all the academic staff of the King David Schools for providing an educational environment of Jewish and general excellence for learners.

#### Facility upgrades on the King David Victory Park Campus

It is essential that the South African Board of Jewish Education (SABJE), together with the King David Schools' Foundation (KDSF) and the PTAs' maintain King David Schools as an educational facility of excellence. We need to continually upgrade and improve our campuses to ensure that our schools are kept in-line with international trends in education and technology. The following upgrades and improvements will be taking place this year on the King David Victory Park Campus:

- 10 new High School classrooms as well as a brand new art studio, extra offices, bathrooms, storage spaces and a dedicated matric common room.
- A combined new Media Centre for the Primary School and King David Ariel.
- Building of a new entrance and covered walkway as well as renovating and restructuring the Junior and Senior classrooms and offices at the Victory Park Pre-Primary.



### Welcome to new Head of School at KD Primary School Sandton

The SABJE and all King David Schools warmly welcome Lynne van Dellen who is the new Head of School at King David Primary School Sandton.

Originally from KZN, Greytown born, Mrs Van Dellen attended Pietermaritzburg Girls' High before completing a Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Natal, Durban and an Honours degree, majoring in Education. Her work experience includes twelve years in Jewish Education (Carmel College and Kind David, Victory Park), Head of Junior Music and Acting Deputy Head of Pastoral Affairs at Roedean, Deputy Headship in the Kyalami Schools' Group as Academic and Cultural Head and Head of the Senior Primary at Durban Girls' College. All this teaching and leadership has afforded her with the opportunity to focus on her first-love – allowing children to develop the best version of themselves. In her spare time, Lynne loves musical pursuits and distance walking. She

is looking forward to the exciting chapter ahead at King David Primary School Sandton.



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### King David Ariel – a growing success

King David Ariel – the first Jewish Remedial School under the auspices of the SABJE opened its doors to Grade 1, 2 and 3 learners in January 2018. The school has been delighted by the support of the Jewish community as is demonstrated with the current number of students in each class and the fact that there was a waiting list for the 2019 student intake in some of the grades. In 2018, King David Ariel opened with 32 students and ended the year with 39 students. In 2019, they opened with 74 students with two Grade 1 classes, one Grade 2 class, two Grade 3 classes and the opening of a new Grade 4 class. The school is set to continue growing by Grade annually until Grade 7 in 2022.

The school derives many benefits from being an integral part of the King David Victory Park Campus. The students enjoy a sense of community and belonging which is so vital for them to grow confidently and to thrive.

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### King David's affiliation with World ORT

Towards the end of 2018, a group of King David High School students were afforded a wonderful travel opportunity. Thirteen South African students and three teachers embarked on a four day World Youth Encounter to Buenos Aires organised by World ORT and Scholas – an international welfare group promoted by Pope Frances. Over 300 students from all over the world participated in this impactful trip, connecting with teenagers from different countries cultures and backgrounds. Over the 4 days, the students learned about working together and uniting to bring about change. The students were enabled to see society from different perspectives and tackle issues affecting today's youth. They were given the platform to constructively express opinions and share ideas. The King David students made an enormous impact on the conference with their uniquely South African energy, sharing the African warmth and friendliness and were praised for being excellent ambassadors for both King David and South Africa.

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### Parent travel opportunities on offer

In 2014 the SABJE officially launched the King David SOUL division of the School. We understand that although we go to great lengths to give our students a well-rounded Jewish education in the classroom, living a Jewish life goes far beyond the classroom. SOUL encompasses all aspects of Jewish life namely formal Jewish Studies, the DIJE (informal education), specific campaigns such as the 9 days of KD'ness, Purim projects with the elderly, and various Chessed projects. There is also a strong focus on inviting our parents to be partners in the educational process through parent education talks and profound Jewish experiences.

We are proud to be running our 4th JWRP (Jewish Women's Renaissance Project) tour to Israel this year and to witness the impact that the nearly one hundred mothers who have attended these trips, have made on our system. In May this year we will also be running our second Poland trip with the world renowned guide Tzvi Sperper.

Last places still available for the above trips, email [smooklerr@sabje.co.za](mailto:smooklerr@sabje.co.za) for further information.

### KD Wild Walk & Run 2019

This annual fun walk and run is right around the corner. Please join us for a wonderful day out in the Joburg sun at the Johannesburg Zoo. This is a chance to walk or run with your friends, family and community and is open to the whole King David community. Show your support for King David and be a part of an enjoyable morning at one of Joburg's most beautiful outdoor venues. Walk or Run the 5km route within the Zoo. Bring your own breakfast picnic baskets to enjoy or buy some of the food on sale after the walk at our very own KD private bandstand area. Entry is R50 per person which includes entry, parking and entertainment. Remember, you can also earn up to 800 Discovery Vitality points per walking/running adult.



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