

## **JEWISH STUDIES HG PAPER 1& 2**

Good papers give room for interpretation and extension. Teachers must be careful to cover all areas of syllabus and should avail themselves of the textbooks and study guides available at Herzlia High School Jewish Studies Department.

More work needs to be done on essay structure. Candidates must be able to identify the core issue of essay questions and discriminate in their choice of information used in their answer so as to ensure relevance.

The introduction of an essay should identify the core issue of the question and the essay proper should justify the answer from primary sources and knowledge of tradition.

With reference to sacred texts, essays should be a series of short quotes from the passages relevant to the core issue of the question and interspersed with explanations as to the relevance of these quotes to the core issue. The sacred text essay should not be a long philosophical discussion of the meaning of the issue raised in the question.

History: It is very important to read questions carefully and structure the essay so that information is directly relevant to the core issue. "Information dumping" will be penalized.

Time, particularly in Paper 1, was problematic for many learners. Learners must be aware that they need to read questions carefully and answer to the point.