



Summary of Meeting with the Library Administration: 8 Nov 2010

Attended by Dvora Bregman, Dena Ordan, Nadia Zeldes, Yosef Salmon, Rachel Furst, Cana Werman, and Avi Aronsky for the Readers Association.

Oren Weinberg, Haggai Ben-Shammai, Orly Simon, and Asa Baram represented the library administration.

1. Cultural Activity at the Library

The vaad members congratulated the library administration on its initiative to have a scholar's forum--*Hoker ba-tzaharayim*--and noted that members of the readers association would be happy to be presenters and to participate.

2. Library Policy on Book Collections from Estates

Haggai Ben-Shammai outlined library policy on book collections: the library will not purchase book collections of deceased scholars, it exercises selectivity, seeks outside evaluations, and has to consider the question of whether there is space to house a collection.

In the meantime, the library has accepted the Tishby collection and is making arrangements regarding the Kister collection. Vaad member Dvora Bregman mentioned Mrs. Shoshana Morag's interest in transferring her late husband's collection to the National Library. She also raised the issue of preservation of IBA recordings.

3. Library Policy on Special Collections

The library's policy is not to preserve special collections as separate units, mainly due to practical considerations. A final decision as to how the Gershom Scholem Collection will be housed in the future library has yet to be reached.

4. Periodicals

The vaad requested that a larger number of new issues of periodicals be placed on display in the reading rooms.

The administration has decided to remove periodicals from the Asia-Africa reading room that are outside the topics of the core collections.

If the library implements plans to allow direct access between the reading rooms, the periodicals' displays may be enlarged and perhaps unified.





5. Number of Places for Readers in the New Library

According to a survey carried out by the library, the number of readers who actually sit in the reading rooms was found to be lower than earlier estimates. In line with this survey, the number of seats in the planned building will be reduced by 200, from approximately 700 to 500 places.

6. Improving Transportation to Givat Ram

A discussion evolved of the public transportation to Givat Ram and ways to bring improvement. The administration suggested that the vaad committee approach the CEO of the university to pressure Egged.

7. Book Selectors

Because of policy changes in the book collections and the new system of book selectors, the vaad plans to meet with the four selectors responsible for the core subjects of the library.

8. Readers Association Bulletin Board

The administration agreed in principle to provide a bulletin board designated for association announcements. Asa Baram is responsible for implementation.

9. Planned Meeting between the Administration and a Larger Forum of Readers

The administration has agreed to a public discussion of the programs and processes affecting the library. The meeting is tentatively planned for January 2011 following approval of the next stage of planning by the board of directors.

