

Memorandum of Understanding
between the Jewish Theological Seminary – University
of Jewish Studies (Budapest, Hungary)
and
the School of Jewish Theology of the
University of Potsdam (Potsdam, Germany)

Preamble

The Jewish Theological Seminary-University of Jewish Studies and the School of Jewish Theology of the University of Potsdam (hereinafter “Parties”) enter into agreement on collaboration with the objective of direct academic cooperation in the areas of research, teaching and the exchange of undergraduate and graduate students. The Parties to this agreement also further their administrative cooperation to guide and develop exchange activities and to define appropriate steps for their cultural cooperation.

§ 1 Object of Agreement

- (1) This agreement on cooperation recognizes the long historic ties between Germany and Hungary in the field of Jewish learning and the training of rabbis and cantors.
(2) It intends to build on this common past and to intensify cooperation in the following areas:

- Exchange of scholars for the purpose of joint research projects, guest lectures and seminars;
- Participation in the ERASMUS Programme;
- Joint publications;
- Communication and multimedia activities;
- Exchange of information on teaching programs and teaching methods;
- Enrollment and supervision of students for up to one academic year, including the transfer of credit points to the respective home institution according to applicable guidelines;
- Supervision of doctoral dissertations;
- Arrangements for internships;
- Excursions relevant to academic subject areas;
- Joint conferences and seminars.

(4) The Parties emphasize their desire to support young scholars and make efforts to create conditions conducive to that aim.

(5) The Parties grant each other the exploitation of the results of joint research. Exemptions to this general principle are regulated by special rules.
Publication and dissemination of results of joint research need approval by the partner and are subject to copyright regulations.

§ 2 Financial Regulations

- (1) The implementation of the activities agreed upon in this cooperation agreement is contingent on available funding.
- (2) The host university will help the students and visiting scholars to find accommodation. The student is responsible to pay his/her rent.
- (3) Scholars and administrative staff will be paid by their home university during their stay at the partner institution. Exceptions to this are the projects funded by external sources, as well as those started before the signing of this agreement.
- (4) The Parties guarantee a workplace, access to the library, and other support facilities for the visiting scholars.

§ 3 Administration and Validity of the Agreement

- (1) The Parties are equally responsible for compliance with the conditions of this cooperation agreement.
- (2) The Parties will consider thoroughly the proposed modifications to the agreement, as well as arguments or doubts regarding it, and resolve any disagreements in a spirit of advancing cooperation.
- (3) The cooperation agreement becomes effective on the day of signature. This agreement will remain in effect until a six-month advance notification of termination by either party.
- (4) Changes and supplements always need written approval by the Parties and are considered inseparable components of this agreement.
- (5) This Agreement has been executed in two (2) originals in English, each Party has received one (1) original, and the two originals shall be equally valid.

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