

Theodor Schneller School (TSS)

The establishment:

The Schneller Institution was first established in Jerusalem in 1860 by the late Rev. John Ludwig Schneller and it kept providing its benevolent services for the orphans and the needy until the occupation of Palestine in 1948. In 1950 loyal Schneller graduates, who then moved to Jordan, intensified their efforts and contacts with the Schneller Educational Society in Germany to establish a school in Amman. Their efforts bore fruit, and in 1951 land for this great charitable project was bought in Amman`s suburb Marka. His Majesty King Hussein laid down the corner stone on 11.11.59 and then inaugurated the institution seven years later on 11.11.1966. The school has an area of 66.4 hectares on which also different trees and vegetables are grown. The 1967 established refugee camp "Hitteen" bounds the Northern and Eastern sides of the institution

Objectives:

- Sheltering of orphans, underprivileged, needy and deprived boys regardless of race, color or creed
- Teaching and rehabilitation of boys through a compulsory education of vocational levels that will enable them secure a decent future
- Building-up their self-confidence and financial independence
- Building-up their national affiliation and turning them into good citizens.
- Nurturing their longing for knowledge, and assistance to others.



Funding:

The institution is mostly funded by the Schneller Schools Society based in Stuttgart, Germany in cooperation with E.M.S. (Evangelisches Missionswerk in Southwest Germany) and the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem as well as the Middle East Contributions and donations from Germany.

The school falls under the umbrella of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem.

Organization and departments:

The institution is headed by a Director and divided into departments, which are

- The School, consisting of 10 compulsory classes, in addition to the vocational training. It follows the Ministry of Education`s curriculum. The students spend 12 years at the school.
- Workshops for Metalwork, Woodwork, and Car-repair training.
- The Boarding House which accommodates around 200-250 boys, who are grouped into families comprising each 20 boys and taken care by an educator in charge.

The school has its own kitchen service, providing three meals a day and a laundry for washing, ironing and sewing. Furthermore it offers a guesthouse consisting of 30 rooms which can accommodate up to 60 persons and a conference hall. This guesthouse is often used for traveller groups from Germany and the income is used to support the students.

A medical service is affiliated to the Boarding House which is run by a resident certified nurse working under the supervision of a doctor.



Extra-curricular activities:

The school is very much concerned about extra-curricular activities. Ball games such as soccer, volleyball and ping-pong are the most popular sports among the boys. A winter sport hall is also equipped with various apparatus to keep boys in shape. A seminar of bag – pipes and folkdance (dabkeh) is always held at the beginning of the scholastic year. And there is also a handcraft and painting room facilitated with tools and materials vital for such activities. School trips for recreation and learning purposes are organized to many factories and archeological sites. Other outside activities such as gardening are daily attended by the boys and the educators who seize every opportunity such as Christmas, Easter, other National and Moslem holidays to develop the boys skills and talents. The employees enjoy intensive training courses each in their field of speciality either abroad or in cooperation with local universities or related missions.

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