Report on Guest Talk on Judaism

Date-24th July 2019

On the 24th of July 2019, a scintillating talk was organised for the students of SYBA-COR. The talk was conducted by Ms.Mayan Sanker, a Jew by religion and Indian by heart. The title of her talk was Judaism - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

She is an alumnus of SIES College ,Sion and is currently teaching in Israel. Alongside that, she also teaches Bollywood dance ! Ms.Sanker had an interactive session with the students, to develop an understanding of what Judaism was before and how it has changed with time. The session started with the basic understanding about what Judaism is. She spoke about Tanakh –Hebrew Bible , which is a canonical collection of Hebrew Scriptures. The class also had a discussion  about kosher, and the laws mentioned about the same in Torah. She also talked about different branches of Judaism, how Orthodox Judaism is considered the oldest form of the religion and is characterized by a more literal and stringent adherence to the religious laws. The concept of Sabbath , it’s portrayal  in the Bible and how and why it is a day of physical and spiritual delights that is meant to illuminate certain key concepts in the traditional Jewish perception of the world was discussed. Ms.Sanker also discussed the importance of Rabbi - the spiritual and religious teacher of the Jewish community, who is qualified, by academic the studies of the Hebrew Bible. Political relationships between India and Israel were also discussed briefly. This was followed by a Q&A session. The session then ended with a Vote of Thanks. the talk was indeed illuminating, thought-provoking and succeeded in lighting the candle of clarity to a certain extent in the minds of the students, as far as the religion of Judaism is concerned.