



The Hebrew Academy

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Make Middle School a New Beginning!





Middle School Goals

- **To implement an outstanding academic curriculum that prepares students for success in high school and beyond**



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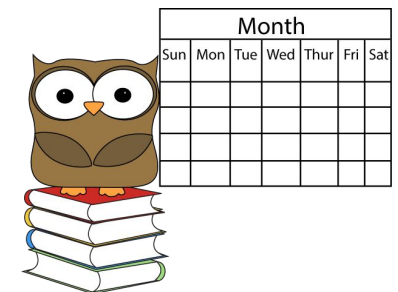
To provide the opportunity for student involvement through a variety of activities, which develop special interests and provide a sense of belonging

- **To create a climate for personal and intellectual growth by building close, trusting relationships with adults and peers**



Scheduling

- **Each academic period is 40 minutes long with a 2 minute passing time at the end of each period.**
- **Daily *T'fillah* is in the classrooms. On Thursdays, Rosh Chodesh, and special days, students from Gr. 2-8 have a joint *T'fillah* in the gym.**
- **Electives are scheduled weekly.**
- **Every Tuesday and Thursday the Middle School dismissal is at 4:00 p.m.**



LOCKERS

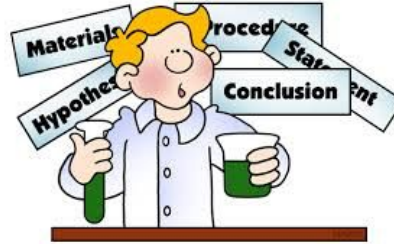
All Middle School students are given a locker for their belongings. The students are allowed to visit their lockers 3 times a day: at the beginning of the day, before and after lunch, and at the end of the day.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM



ELECTIVES



- The students choose an elective course which may include the following:

Art

Israeli Cooking

Science

Sports

Technology

TIV Music



CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS



TEVA.....Gr. 6

Teva, at Camp Isabella Freedman, is a unique environmental camp experience, where Judaic studies and appreciation as well as heightened awareness of the environment are intertwined into a memorable four-day experience. This has traditionally been a time of bonding for the students, who learn the value of teamwork and cooperation through their daily activities.





Hershey Park

Middle School students go on a field trip to Hershey Park every other year. The park has a special private opening for *Sukkot*. Jewish schools and groups converge upon the park for a day of fun and laughter, while celebrating the joyous holiday of *Sukkot*. The park builds a huge *sukkah* offering the visitors the opportunity to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *leyeshev basukkah* (the blessing for eating in the *sukkah*). The students end the day with a tour of the Hershey factory.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & CHESED PROJECTS



Tikun Olam



Community Service – Chesed - Hours

- As part of the Middle School Jewish Family Life Program, students in Grades 6, 7, and 8, are responsible to perform 5 hours of community service *Chesed* hours per trimester.
- Community service can include, but is not limited to, tutoring, helping out at synagogue, Federation, or school events, participating in special school events, and volunteering in nursing homes, at community programs, peer tutoring (Torah reading, Math, Hebrew reading), etc.





The Hebrew Academy Middle School Leadership Institute

The goal of the THAMSLI is to provide students with the skills they will need in order to serve and lead their school and community.

The students will serve as role models for the student population and will help to create a safe, respectful, and welcoming school environment and utilize their training in community.



LEADERSHIP

***Mitzvot* in Action**

Sunrise Assisted Living

This mitzvah project is part of an intergenerational unit studied in the 6th grade. The students visit the nursing home for six weeks prior to Purim. They meet with residents to participate in such activities as bowling, pet therapy, and Bingo. The program culminates with the baking of *hamantashen* for Purim.



MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIPS



Field
Trips



...More Trips

In addition to the Teva and Hershey Park experience, Middle School students participate in trips to reinforce their Judaic learning, enrich their secular studies, and enhance their cultural education through plays and museum visits.

Examples:

- Sukkot Lulav-making workshop
- Plays
- Visits to Nursing Homes
- 8th Grade Girls Visit Mikvah
- MS Grade Shabbaton





Year-end Trips



- **GRADE 6 & 7**

Students may visit Manhattan, New York, Baltimore, Maryland or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Their trip may include a Broadway Show, a baseball game, a stroll through the Inner Harbor or Independence Hall and a visit to the Maryland Science Center or the Ben Franklin Museum.

AND NOW...

...HIGH SCHOOL

HERE WE COME!





High School Transition

- **Articulation with high school guidance counselors and administrators**
- **Standardized tests**
- **Placement**
 - **Math**
 - **Science**
 - **Language Arts**
 - **Foreign language**
- **High school orientation**
- **Specialty high schools**
 - **Entrance requirements**
 - **Applications**





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