



SHALOH HOUSE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

FAQ about Shaloh House School

How long has the school been around?

Shaloh House was established in 1962. After a change in leadership five years ago, the school has undertaken a new educational approach. The school reach their potential through an exciting curriculum that continuously sparks their intellectual interests, develops their skills, and builds self confidence. Shaloh House welcomes a diverse Jewish population, with the objective to teach the splendor and depth of Judaism based on Orthodox teachings, in a way that is sensitive to family differences and expectations. Derekh Eretz and Menschlikeit are essential features of the program.

How many children are in the school? What is the typical class size?

Approximately 85 children in elementary and preschool combined. Elementary school classes do not exceed 12 students. On average, student to teacher ratio in preschool is 6 to 1 or better.

What sets you apart from the other schools? What is unique about your program?

- Each subject (Language Arts, Math, History, Science, Judaic Studies, Computer Science, Music, & Gym) is taught by subject matter experts who are passionate about their fields and teach in a way that motivates the students to learn and be successful
- Math is a central component of the curriculum; the school has won many regional and national awards
- Low student/teacher ratio
- With small class sizes and expert teachers in their field, the school is able to meet the needs of children with advanced learning requirements
- Tutoring to help new students make effective transition
- The school brings together Jews from all different backgrounds and observance levels
- Fun and educational afterschool & enrichment programs (art, chess, Karate, languages)

Who are the teachers? What are their backgrounds?

Our teachers are PhD/high level specialists who are passionate about their subjects and teaching. In our experience, they are best equipped to be able to convey their love and deep understanding of their subjects to the students.

Why do you need so much math?

Numerous studies have shown that US students lag behind their peers abroad in math. By integrating the best European and American teaching methods, we bring our students up to the highest level. It has been proven that math develops memory, logic, sorting and categorizing functions, a lot more. Cognitive stimulation results in increased cognitive abilities. We try to challenge our students in order to sharpen their minds.

Math is also a way to understand all sorts of things around us. Even if your children are not planning on becoming research mathematicians, problems that need math arise in all industries. In this age of data, math makes the key input.

Are you a math school?

We are not a math school, in fact, we are very proud of our unique programs in Science, History and Literature. Many of our children have won national poetry and art awards.

Do potential students have to pass any testing?

Each applying student is required to come for a visit and is tested in Math, Language Arts and Judaic Studies. On the basis of the results, we determine whether or not our unique program and differentiated approach will help your child reach his/her academic potential and have a successful and rewarding experience at Shaloh House Jewish Day School.

Are you an orthodox school? What values do you teach?

Our students come from diverse backgrounds, from Orthodox to unaffiliated. Our aspirations are to imbue the children with a love for their rich Jewish heritage and traditions, and the skills that will enable them to study Jewish texts. Throughout our day, there is a focus on learning traditional Jewish morals and values and incorporating them into daily behavior. All our Judaic Studies teachers are Orthodox, but are very sensitive to each family

How do you set the goals for each subject?

Our teachers, who possess a deep understanding of their fields, create programs that meet the highest international standards. We also make sure that we cover all topics set by the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

How do you make sure that the parents stay informed and involved in their children

Each student has a planner, which is filled out on a daily basis. In addition, we publish a weekly newsletter updating the parents on the happenings in individual classrooms and school as a whole. Our teachers and administrators also welcome e-mails and phone calls. Every parent is encouraged to join the school PTA. The office doors of our principal and Head of School are always open for parents and children.

What can we pack for our child

Please do not send anything. We have a wonderful cook and your children are served healthy and nutritious breakfasts, hot lunches, and snacks each day, all prepared with much love and care.