

IDA CROWN JEWISH ACADEMY



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2021
class of

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Ida Crown Jewish Academy, founded in 1942, is a coeducational high school, grades 9-12, offering a comprehensive dual program in General and Judaic Studies. The General Studies curriculum is designed to develop broad knowledge in the Humanities and Sciences and to prepare students to take full advantage of a university education. The Judaic Studies curriculum aims to foster a deep appreciation of Jewish learning, history, and tradition. The Academy is accredited by AdvancEd.

RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

Since March 17, our learning venue switched to Zoom Rooms. Classes were held in a rotating drop schedule, each period meeting for 40 minutes. Our grading policy has remained consistent reflected by letter grades.

This school year classes have resumed following a hi-flex model, with most teachers and students in the school building with masks and distance, and a handful connecting remotely to the class.

STUDENT BODY/FACULTY

The present enrollment of the Academy is 212 of whom 55 are seniors. There are currently 50 faculty members: 100% have a B.A., 64% have an M.A., and 12% have a Ph.D.

DUAL CURRICULUM

The school provides a rigorous dual curriculum college-preparatory program. All students are required to take eight academic majors through each of the four years of high school. There are four general studies disciplines and four Judaic studies including Hebrew language. Graduation requirements at I.C.J.A. are as follows: four years of English; three and half years of history; three years of mathematics; three years of laboratory science; and two and half years of elective courses. There are also minor requirements: four years of physical education, one year of fine arts, and drivers' education.

The Judaic studies program requires four years of study across four major disciplines: Talmud/Jewish Thought, Bible, Prophets and Hebrew Language/Literature.

ACADEMIC SYSTEM

The Academy's formal schedule is intense and challenging. The school day begins at 8:05AM, and ends at 5:39PM; on Tuesday and Wednesday dismissal is at 5:00PM. The school is on a semester system with final grades entered in January and June.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL STUDIES

SUBJECT	YRS
English	4
History	3.5
Laboratory Science	3
Mathematics	3
Fine Art	1
Physical Education	4
Electives	2.5

Selected from English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Spanish.

JUDAIC STUDIES

SUBJECT	YRS
Talmud/Jewish Thought	4
Bible	4
Prophets	4
Hebrew Language/ Literature	4

CLASS PROFILES

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Size	50	64	58	61	70
Male	30	32	33	32	35
Female	24	32	25	29	35
Mean SAT ERW	648 (n=10)	635.7 (n=8)	654 (n=14)	671 (n=11)	675 (n=8)
Mean SAT Math	636 (n=10)	650 (n=8)	605 (n=14)	657 (n=11)	651 (n=8)
Mean ACT Composite	26.05 (n=37)	26.08 (n=51)	25 (n=48)	27.9 (n=56)	27.4 (n=66)
NMS Program Letters of commendation	2	1	2	3	1
Finalists	-	-	1	-	3
Scholar	1	-	-	-	-
National Honor Society	21	23	22	32	40

Advanced Placement: Students took 54 exams in 11 areas, 33% of the grades were 5's, 35% were 4's, 20% were 3's, 7% were 2's, 4% were 1's.

GRADING

The grading scale goes from A to F. Grade point average is calculated on semester grades; plus (+) and minus (-) designations have no effect on G.P.A.

G.P.A. is a combination of Judaic and secular classes on a 4.0 weighted scale. Advanced Placement, Accelerated and Honor classes are weighted on a 5.0 scale. Students are not ranked. Outside courses may be taken for credit, but do not count in the G.P.A.

QUINTILE DISTRIBUTION OF GPAs

1 st	4.89 - 4.43
2 nd	4.37 - 4.02
3 rd	3.98 - 3.72
4 th	3.70 - 3.09
5 th	3.08 - 2.19

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Ida Crown Jewish Academy is philosophically committed to broad-based learning that encourages the exploration and study of a wide range of disciplines. With the significant challenges of our dual curriculum, **we limit juniors and seniors to 3 AP courses each year.**

ADVANCED COURSES OFFERED AT IDA CROWN JEWISH ACADEMY

AP COURSES	ACCELERATED COURSES	HONORS COURSES
AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 1 AP Physics C AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP European History AP English: Lang. & Comp. AP English: Lit. & Comp. AP Psychology AP U.S. History AP Computer Science (A)	Accelerated Algebra I Accelerated Geometry Accelerated Pre-Calculus Accelerated Talmud (9-12)	Honors Chemistry Honors Physics Linear Algebra Honors English (9-12) Honors Hebrew (9-12) Honors Hebrew Lit. Honors Talmud (9-12) Honors Bible (9-12) Honors Prophets (9-12) Honors Makerspace

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The heavy time demands made by the dual curriculum limit the range of extra-curricular activities, but students take advantage of a wide range of school activities, either during school hours, after school, or on Sundays.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
BOYS' SPORTS	GIRLS' SPORTS
Interscholastic Baseball Interscholastic Basketball Interscholastic Cross-Country Interscholastic Fencing Interscholastic Wrestling	Interscholastic Basketball Interscholastic Cross Country Interscholastic Fencing Interscholastic Soccer
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
AIPAC Charlotte's Web, Literary Magazine Coding Club "Crown Prints" Student Newspaper Ham Radio Club Hope Club Interact Club Israel Advocacy Keshet Peer Buddies Mathletes	Model United Nations Programs National Honor Society "Oh Snap" Photography Club Peer Tutoring Science Club Senior Leaders Student Council Student to Student Yearbook

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Through a self-directed community service program, overseen by the guidance office, each student gravitates toward personally meaningful community service projects. Students are required to complete 80 hours of service over the four years, and most exceed this requirement.

COLLEGES ATTENDING 2017-2020

Bar-Ilan University Barnard College Brandeis University College of Charleston Cornell University CUNY, Queens* CUNY, Baruch George Washington University Harvard University Indiana University Johns Hopkins University	Loyola University-Chicago New York University Northwestern University Princeton University Rutgers University Stern College* SUNY, Binghamton* Syracuse University University of Chicago University of Illinois, Chicago	University of Illinois, Urbana* University of Kansas University of Maryland* University of Michigan University of Mississippi University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh University of Wisconsin-Madison Washington University in St. Louis Yeshiva University*
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**Includes Honors program*



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