

IDA CROWN JEWISH ACADEMY



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2017
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.

STUDENT BODY/FACULTY

The present enrollment of the Academy is 235 of whom 60 are seniors. There are currently 50 faculty members: 100% have a B.A., 64% have an M.A., and 12% have a Ph.D.

ACADEMIC SYSTEM

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

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, Bible, Judaic law and philosophy, and Hebrew language and literature.

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

QUALITY CORE CURRICULUM

Our grade-level curricula in mathematics and science are tied to the Quality Core standards set by ACT for college and career readiness.

CLASS PROFILES

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Size	70	67	59	61
Male	35	27	29	34
Female	45	40	30	27
Mean SAT Verbal	675 (n=8)	641 (n=12)	694 (n=7)	666 (n=20)
Mean SAT Math	651 (n=8)	631 (n=12)	655 (n=7)	674 (n=20)
Mean ACT Composite	27.4 (n=66)	27.8 (n=61)	27.8 (n=54)	27.8 (n=59)
NMS Program Letters of commendation	1	3	5	3
Finalists	3	1	1	3
Scholar			1	1
National Honor Society	40	34	32	25

Advanced Placement: Students took 101 exams in 10 areas, 35% of the grades were 5's, 21% were 4's, 23% were 3's, 9% were 2's, 7% were 1's. Total % = 101 because of rounding.

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	4.88 - 4.50
2 nd	4.48 - 4.12
3 rd	3.91 - 3.67
4 th	3.59 - 3.03
5 th	3.02 - 2.46

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

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 Intramural Softball Interscholastic Wrestling	Interscholastic Basketball Interscholastic Cross Country Interscholastic Fencing Interscholastic Soccer Intramural Softball
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
AIPAC Charlotte's Web, Literary Magazine "Crown Prints" Student Newspaper Ham Radio Club Israel Advocacy Keshet Peer Buddies Mathletes Model United Nations Programs National Honor Society	"Panim El Panim" Political Awareness Peer Tutoring SAVE Science Club Senior Leaders Service Points Committee Student Council 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 2013-2016

Barnard College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Columbia University
Cornell University
CUNY, Queens*
CUNY, Baruch
Drexel University
Emory University
George Washington University

Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Loyola University
New York University
Northwestern University
Princeton University
Rutgers University
Stern College*
SUNY, Binghamton*
Syracuse University
University of California, Berkeley

University of Chicago
University of Illinois, Chicago
University of Illinois, Urbana*
University of Maryland*
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale University
Yeshiva University*
**Includes Honors program*

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