

IDA CROWN JEWISH ACADEMY



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2020
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 214 of whom 50 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/Jewish Thought, Bible, Prophets and Hebrew Language/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

CLASS PROFILES

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Size	64	58	61	70	67
Male	32	33	32	35	27
Female	32	25	29	35	40
Mean SAT ERW	635.7 (n=8)	654 (n=14)	671 (n=11)	675 (n=8)	641 (n=12)
Mean SAT Math	650 (n=8)	605 (n=14)	657 (n=11)	651 (n=8)	631 (n=12)
Mean ACT Composite	26.08 (n=51)	25 (n=48)	27.9 (n=56)	27.4 (n=66)	27.8 (n=61)
NMS Program Letters of commendation	1	2	3	1	3
Finalists	-	1	-	3	1
Scholar	-	-	-	-	-
National Honor Society	23	22	32	40	34

Advanced Placement: Students took 60 exams in 12 areas, 35% of the grades were 5's, 33% were 4's, 22% were 3's, 8% were 2's, 2% 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 - 4.39
2 nd	4.35 - 3.92
3 rd	3.84 - 3.55
4 th	3.51 - 3.09
5 th	3.02 - 2.5

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 English (9-12)
AP Calculus AB		Honors Hebrew (9-12)
AP Calculus BC		Honors Hebrew Lit.
AP Statistics		Honors Talmud (9-12)
AP European History		Honors Bible (9-12)
AP English: Lang. & Comp.		Honors Prophets (9-12)
AP English: Lit. & Comp.		Honors Makerspace
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 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 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 2016-2019

Barnard College	Indiana University	University of California, Berkeley
Boston University	Johns Hopkins University	University of Chicago
Brandeis University	Loyola University	University of Illinois, Chicago
Brown University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Illinois, Urbana*
Columbia University	New York University	University of Maryland*
Cornell University	Northwestern University	University of Michigan
CUNY, Queens*	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania
CUNY, Baruch	Rutgers University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Drexel University	Stern College*	Washington University in St. Louis
Emory University	SUNY, Binghamton*	Yale University
George Washington University	Syracuse University	Yeshiva University*

**Includes Honors program*



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