

# IDA CROWN JEWISH ACADEMY



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2023  
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 219 of whom 48 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
<i>Selected from English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Spanish.</i>	

#### JUDAIC STUDIES

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

## CLASS PROFILES

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Size	48	54	50	64	58
Male	28	31	30	32	33
Female	20	23	24	32	25
Mean ACT Composite	26.2 (n=44)	26.1 (n=35)	26.05 (n=37)	26.08 (n=51)	25 (n=48)
NMS Program Letters of commendation	1	1	2	1	2
Finalists	-	1	-	-	1
Scholar	-	-	1	-	-
National Honor Society	29	23	21	23	22

*Advanced Placement: Students took 84 exams in 10 areas,  
37% of the grades were 5's, 43% were 4's, 14% were 3's, 4% 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 <sup>st</sup>	4.90 - 4.75
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.73 - 4.18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.15 - 3.98
4 <sup>th</sup>	3.90 - 3.28
5 <sup>th</sup>	3.17 - 2.42

## 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)

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Director of Guidance - Rabbi Louis Fliegelman 773.973.1450 x125 | fliegelman@icja.org  
 College Counselor - Susan Weiss | sweiss@icja.org

## 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 Basketball	Interscholastic Cross Country
Interscholastic Cross-Country	Interscholastic Fencing
Interscholastic Fencing	Interscholastic Soccer
Interscholastic Wrestling	
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
AIPAC	Mathletes
Charlotte's Web, Literary Magazine	Middleton Mentors
"Crown Prints" Student Newspaper	Model United Nations Programs
Debate Club	National Honor Society
Erika's Lighthouse	"Oh Snap" Photography Club
Feminism Club	Peer Tutoring
Hope Club	SAVE
ICGC	Senior Leaders
Interact Club	SHAC
Israel Advocacy	Student Council
JOH	Student to Student
JUMP	YBLOT (Young Business Leaders of Tomorrow)
Keshet Peer Buddies	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 2019-2022		
Bar-Ilan University	Illinois Institute of Technology	SUNY, Binghamton*
Baruch College	Indiana University	University of Chicago
Barnard College	Johns Hopkins University	University of Illinois, Chicago
Brandeis University	Loyola University-Chicago	University of Illinois, Urbana*
Brown University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Kansas
College of Charleston	Muhlenberg College*	University of Maryland*
Columbia University	New York University	University of Michigan
Cornell University	Northeastern Illinois University	University of Pennsylvania
CUNY, Queens*	Northwestern University	University of Pittsburgh
CUNY, Baruch	Princeton University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
George Washington University	Rutgers University	Washington University in St. Louis
Harvard University	Stern College*	Yeshiva University*
Hebrew Theological College		<i>*Includes Honors program</i>

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