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THE SCHOOL

The Kehillah School was founded in 1999 and has redefined the high school experience through a **dynamic, inclusive, values-based education**. At Kehillah, forward-thinking families find a compassionate community that values academic excellence, holistic development, and a student-centered approach to learning. Guided by values rooted in Jewish tradition—**Community, Dialogue, Agency, Pursuit of Knowledge, Justice, and Loving Kindness**—our graduates leave Kehillah with the curiosity, empathy, and agency to transform their lives, communities, and the world.

Kehillah is a pluralistic institution that **welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds**. There are approximately 180 students in grades 9 through 12, and the average classroom size is 12 students. Kehillah is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the California Association of Independent Schools.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

At the center of Kehillah's educational approach is a commitment to developing engaged citizens who develop the skills of deliberation, dialogue, and collaborative decision-making.

K-Term is a week of immersive, project-based learning that allows students to work intensively on a unique project or compelling topic, with every day devoted to digging into specialized knowledge, generating new insights, and collaborating with classmates. **K-Term takes place in January and is graded on a Pass/Fail basis.**

Alternatively, students not participating in a K-Term may join our **Educational Travel Program**. From navigating the vibrant streets of bustling cities to trekking through remote wilderness areas, our Educational Travel Program empowers Kehillah students to broaden their horizons and engage with the world in profound ways.

Each year, students embark on transformative journeys, both locally and internationally, where they immerse themselves in diverse cultures, confront critical issues facing these communities, and deepen their understanding of the interconnectedness of our local and global societies.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

Kehillah uses a semester calendar. We do not have official quarter grades. Fall semester grades are available in January as mid-year grades for all seniors. Kehillah operates on a 9-block schedule. Students in grades 9-11 enroll in at least 7 courses (with 2 free blocks). At least 6 courses (and 3 free blocks) are required for students in grade 12.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Our educational philosophy is rooted in the belief that every student is a complex, evolving person with infinite value and unique potential and purpose. Grounded in the science of learning and the art of human development, our Belong, Build, Become framework cultivates intellectual achievement, wellness, and character. Students engage in a challenging curriculum in English, History, Social Studies, Math, Visual & Performing Arts, Science, Jewish Studies, and Language (see graduation requirements). Our most rigorous courses are denoted as honors, AP, or Kehillah Advanced Topics (KAT).

CURRICULAR DISTINCTIONS: KEHILLAH ADVANCED TOPICS (KAT)

New for the 2024-2025 school year, Kehillah Advanced Topics (KAT) courses offer academically prepared students the opportunity to deeply explore specific disciplines at a college level. These courses demand high-level reasoning, research, analysis, and extensive writing, or in the arts, thorough documentation of work. KAT courses foster mastery in specific or interconnected fields, drive engagement with complex questions, and culminate in a comprehensive exam or substantive project that showcases the student's depth of knowledge and sustained mastery.

JEWISH STUDIES

Building bridges among communities is both an ancient tradition, and an essential need in our increasingly fractured world. We believe that the Jewish values we learn with and about are applicable to each individual's commitment to respect others and to repair the world. Our text-based courses focus on exploring canonical texts from biblical and rabbinic literature and involve the study of both Hebrew and Aramaic. During their time at Kehillah, students are required to take six semesters of Jewish Studies. All courses offered by the Jewish Studies department are UC-approved.

NOTES ON THE CURRICULUM

- Students enroll in Honors and KAT courses through individual course counseling and academic departmental recommendations.
- Advanced Course Limit: Kehillah limits the total number of advanced courses (Honors and KAT) a student may take to four each semester. *Kehillah's High School Director may occasionally authorize motivated students to exceed our cap for advanced courses.

Belong, Build, Become.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years
Science	3 years
History	3 years
World Languages	2 years
Jewish Studies	3 years
Physical Education	1 year
Visual & Performing Arts	2 years

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

K-Term - 1 week per year
Annual Educational Travel
Students in grades 9-11 must take at least 7 courses. Grade 12 students must take at least 6 courses.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

CLASS OF 2026: 42 STUDENTS

Average Weighted GPA	4.06
Median Weighted GPA	4.19
Average Unweighted GPA	3.72
Median Unweighted GPA	3.87

COURSE OFFERINGS

DIRECTED STUDIES

Directed Studies

ENGINEERING ARTS

Computer Science and Coding

Engineering 1 & 2

Robotics 1 & 2

KAT Computer Science

KAT Data Structures

KAT Advanced Algorithms Honors

ENGLISH

English 9

English 10

English 10 Honors

English 11

KAT English 11: What is "Human"?

KAT English 12: The History and Theory of Literature

19th Century Russian Literature

Banned Books

Chaos or Control: Dystopian Literature

The Harlem Renaissance

HISTORY

World History 1 & 2

World History 2 Honors

US History

Diaspora History

Economics: Dollars & Sense

Economics: Personal Finance

Women's & Gender Studies

KAT Government: Global Politics

KAT Government: The American Political System

KAT History: The Idea of Europe

KAT Psychology: Human Behavior

KAT The Modern Middle East

JEWISH STUDIES

Bibliodrama: 440 Years

Big Jewish Decisions: Stage and Page

Breaking Open the Heart: Jewish Plays

Cana'an to Kehillah

Contemporary Israel

Creative Midrash: Classical Texts

Culture of Jews

Ethics and Social Responsibility

Ethics, Law, and Medicine

Feminism, Law, and Tradition

Holocaust and Human Behavior

Holocaust Historical Perspectives

Illuminating the Margins: Women in Tanakh

Introduction to Jewish Studies 101

Jewish Legal Codes

Kabbalah: God, Ourselves, & Each Other

LovIN The Torah

OMG: 20th&21st Century Jewish Theology

Open Beit Midrash

Prophets and Politicians

Sinners: Psychological & Theological Explorations

JSH/JSHI Ethical Wisdom of the Talmud

JSH/JSHI Great Debates of the Talmud

JSH/JSHI Moral & Spiritual Challenges

KAT Water: Families, Prophecy, & Wisdom

Basic Hebrew required for Jewish Study Hebrew (JSH) courses.

Level 3 Hebrew required for Jewish Study Hebrew Intensive (JSHI) courses.

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1

Geometry

Algebra 2/Trigonometry

Algebra 2/Trigonometry Honors

Alg 2 Honors/Precalc Honors

Accelerated

Precalculus

Precalculus Honors

Calculus

KAT Statistics

KAT Calculus AB

KAT Calculus BC

KAT Multivariable Calculus

KAT Linear Algebra

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Training

SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
Conceptual Physics
Physics
Physics Honors
Human Anatomy and Physiology
Marine Biology
Introduction to Astronomy

KAT Biology
KAT Chemistry
KAT Physics C

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Studio Art
Intro to Illustration
Digital Design 1 & 2
Digital Photography 1 & 2
Advanced Art Making
Applied Arts Studio
Publication Design (Yearbook)
Acoustic Guitar-Family Ensemble 1 & 2

Jazz/Rock Ensemble
Music Studio 1 & 2
Music Theory and Composition 1 & 2
Senior Studio
Theater Arts 1
Theatre Arts: Create
Theatre Arts: Explore
Theatre Arts Honors: Lead
KAT Music Theory: The Creative Process
KAT Capstone: Art and Design

WORLD LANGUAGES

Hebrew 1, 2
Hebrew 3, 4, 5, 6 Honors
Israeli Law and Society Honors (Hebrew 6 Honors required.)
KAT Israeli Society through Media and Literature (Hebrew 6 Honors required.)
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4
Spanish 3, 4 Honors
KAT Perspectivas y Narrativas: The Diverse Identity of the Spanish Speaking World
Latin 1, 2, 3
Mandarin 1, 2, 3, 4



GRADING SYSTEM & CLASS RANK

- Grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of all courses taken at Kehillah, except Physical Education and Directed Studies.
- K-Term courses are graded Pass/Fail and are not included in the GPA calculation.
- Courses taken outside of Kehillah are not included in the cumulative GPA.
- Kehillah uses a 4.0 GPA scale. Honors, Advanced Placement, and Kehillah Advanced Topics courses receive a weight of +1.
- Consistent with Kehillah's commitment to being a supportive academic environment that values all of our students, Kehillah does not rank students or award academic distinctions.

SCHOOL PROFILE ADDENDUM

TRANSITION FROM AP TO KEHILLAH ADVANCED TOPICS

In the fall 2024, we moved to independently designed, accelerated courses—KAT: Kehillah Advanced Topics—that empower students to pursue their passions and engage in challenging and sophisticated inquiry across our academic program, replacing Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Selected AP courses were offered in the 2024-2025 school year.

Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, we no longer offer AP courses at Kehillah. However, we anticipate continuing to administer AP examinations should students elect to take them, with time set aside during the two weeks in May when they are offered.

NAME CHANGE

As of September 2024, our school rebranded and changed our name. Formerly known as Kehillah Jewish High School, we are now The Kehillah School. While our name has changed, our commitment to academic excellence and providing a culturally Jewish, value-based education remain the same.

