



KEHILLAH JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2016-2017

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Our Story

Kehillah Jewish High School is distinguished by an exceptional academic program in a supportive environment that pairs rich traditions with the best of the Silicon Valley mindset. At Kehillah, students embark on a journey of self-discovery guided by a community of passionate educators. They graduate with the knowledge, values, and community that enable them to create extraordinary futures.

School Background and Location

Kehillah Jewish High School is an independent Jewish high school that welcomes a diversity of students from both public and private schools. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, our Palo Alto location allows us to welcome students from as far north as Burlingame, as far south as Morgan Hill, and as far east as Fremont. Our campus, offers state-of-the-art physics, chemistry and biology labs, a laboratory for engineering arts, music and art studios, a community “black-box” theatre, and an exceptional gym and athletic facility. Over the past three years, our student body has expanded by almost 40%, our professional team has grown by more than 60%, and, just this summer, we completed an ambitious renovation project on our campus, which will greatly enhance the student experience and allow us to expand the quality and variety of our programs. Average classroom size is 15 students. Kehillah is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and by the California Association of Independent Schools.

Faculty

Kehillah has 30 full-time and 8 part-time faculty members; over 80% hold advanced degrees in their subject area, including 9 holding doctoral degrees, and three that have received ordination. Our faculty members participate in professional development activities each year.

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from Kehillah, students must complete the following academic requirements:

English (4 years)	History/Social Studies (3 years)
Mathematics (3 years)	World Languages (2 years)
Science (3 years)	Jewish Studies (4 years)
9 th – 11 th graders must take at least 7 courses;	
12 th graders must take at least 6 courses.	

Student Life

Kehillah provides many leadership opportunities and a rich program of extra-curricular sports and activities. Student Activities: Student Government, Latin Club, Yearbook, PAWS Animal Club, The Kehillah Union, Rambassadors, GSA, Mish Mosh Improv, Culture Club, Trading Card Game Club, Debate Club, Creative Writing Club, Bridge Club, Rube Goldberg Club, American Sign Language Club, A cappella Club, Bring Change 2 Mind, Israel Club, New E.R.A. (Equal Rights Advocates), Technology Club, The Breakfast Club, Photography Club, and Digital Media Club.

Athletics

Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis, Cross Country, Swimming, Baseball, Track, and Cheerleading.

Grading System and Class Rank

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of all courses taken, with the exception of Physical Education. GPA is cumulative; plus and minus grades are weighted, as are Honors and Advanced Placement courses. Consistent with Kehillah’s commitment to a supportive academic environment that values all of our students, Kehillah does not rank students nor award academic distinctions.

Academic Profile: Class of 2017

Grade Point Average (weighted)	Middle 50% Range	Mean	SAT Scores	Middle 50% Range	Mean
44 Students in Senior Class 2017	3.47-3.94	3.78	EBRW	640-680	644
			Math	630-670	633
Grade Point Average (unweighted)	Middle 50% Range	Mean	ACT Scores: 27-31		
44 Students in Senior Class 2017	3.38-3.86	3.58			

Courses Offered 2016-2017

English

20th Century Jewish Literature
American Literature
AP English Literature & Composition
AP Language & Composition
Coming of Age
Global Voices
Jewish Literature for a New Millennium
Responding to Literature
Responding to Literature Honors
Shakespeare Redefined
Uncovering Shakespeare
Writing, Language, & Literature
Journalism (elective)

History/Social Studies

Ancient Philosophy
AP United States History
Comparative Religion
European Jewish Intellectual History
Global Cold War History
History of Zionism and Israel
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
United States History
World History 1
World History 2

Science

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C: Mechanics
Biology

Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Marine Biology
Physics
Physics Honors: Mechanics

Mathematics

Algebra 1
Algebra 2/Trig Honors
Algebra 2/Trigonometry
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Calculus
Geometry
Linear Algebra
Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus Honors

World Languages

AP French Language & Culture
AP Latin
AP Spanish Language & Culture
French 1
French 2
French 3
French 3 Honors
French 4
Hebrew 1
Hebrew 2
Hebrew 3
Hebrew 3 Honors
Hebrew 4

Hebrew 4 Honors
Hebrew 5 Honors
Hebrew 6 Honors
Latin I
Latin II
Latin III
Seminar: Israeli Politics & Society
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 3 Honors
Spanish 4

Visual and

Performing Arts

Acoustic Guitar-Family Ensemble 1
Acoustic Guitar-Family Ensemble 2
Advanced Digital Design
Alternative Media
AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art: 2D
Backstage 101
Digital Design
Jazz/Blues/Folk/World Music Ensemble
Music Theory & Composition 1
Music Theory & Composition 2
Photography
Studio Art
Studio Art Advanced
Theater Arts 1
Theater Arts 2

Jewish Studies

American Jews and the Politics of Race

Bible in Fiction: Rise and Fall of David
Bible in Fiction: Slavery to Sinai
California's Jewish History
Complex Families
Ethics of Language
Girls in Front
In the Desert
In-Depth Parasha Advanced HI*
Introduction to Kaballah
Introduction to Talmudic Text & Theology HI*
Let Me Entertain You
Love and Death in the Jewish Psyche
Medical Ethics & Jewish Law
Midrash: Ancient Jewish Art
Modern Poetry & Jewish Experience
Romaticism and Hasidism
Shalom Y'all
Stories, Poems, & Myths: Gateway into Tradition in the Midst of Change

Computer Science:

AP Computer Science
Computer Science & Coding
Web Design

Physical Education

Physical Training

*HI indicates a course that is "Hebrew Intensive," requiring a higher Hebrew language proficiency

14 Advanced Placement Courses
11 Honors Courses

Post-Secondary Overview – Kehillah College Acceptance 2013-2016

University of Alabama	University of Colorado Boulder	Macalester College	Rhode Island School of Design
American Jewish University	University of Colorado Springs	University of Maine	Rice University
American University	Colorado College	Marlboro College	Rider University
American University of Paris	Colorado State University	Marquette University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Arcadia University	Columbia College Chicago	University of Maryland College Park	Rollins College
Arizona State University	Columbia University	Marymount California University	Saint Mary's College CA
The University of Arizona	University of Connecticut	Marymount Manhattan College	University of San Diego
Art Center College of Design	Connecticut College	University of Massachusetts Amherst	San Francisco Art Institute
Babson College	Cornell College	McDaniel College	University of San Francisco
Bard College	Cornell University	McGill University	Santa Clara University
Barnard College	Cornish College of the Arts	Menlo College	Sarah Lawrence College
Bates College	Creighton University	Miami University, Oxford	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Beloit College	Dartmouth College	University of Miami	School of Visual Arts
Bennington College	University of Delaware	University of Michigan	Scripps College
Boston College	University of Denver	Michigan State University	Simmons College
Boston University	Drew University	University of Minnesota Twin Cities	Skidmore College
Bradley University	Drexel University	University of Mississippi	Smith College
Brandeis University	Duke University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Southern California
Brown University	Eckerd College	Muhlenberg College	Southern Oregon University
Bryn Mawr College	Elon University	University of Nevada Las Vegas	Stanford University
Butler University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	New College of Florida	Syracuse University
University of California (campuses):	Emerson College	University of New England	Temple University
Berkeley	Emory University	The New School	Trinity College
Davis	The Evergreen State College	New York University	Trinity University
Irvine	Fairleigh Dickinson University	University of North Carolina Asheville	Tufts University
Los Angeles	Foothill College	University of North Carolina Charlotte	Tulane University
Merced	Fordham University	University of North Dakota	Vanderbilt University
Riverside	Franklin & Marshall College	Northeastern University	Vassar College
San Diego	The George Washington University	Northern Arizona University	University of Vermont
Santa Barbara	University of Georgia	Northwestern University	Wagner College
Santa Cruz	Goucher College	Notre Dame de Namur University	Wake Forest University
California State University (campuses):	Hamilton College	Oberlin College	University of Washington
Channel Islands	University of Hartford	Occidental College	Washington State University
Chico	Haverford College	Oglethorpe University	Washington University in St. Louis
East Bay	Hawaii Pacific University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Wellesley College
Fullerton	Hillsdale College	University of Oregon	Wesleyan University
Humboldt	Hofstra University	Oregon State University	Western New England University
Long Beach	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Otis College for Art & Design	Westminster College
Sacramento	Indiana University Bloomington	Pacific University	Wheaton College MA
San Diego	Ithaca College	University of the Pacific	Whitman College
San Francisco	Jewish Theological Seminary of America	University of Pittsburgh	Whittier College
San Jose	Johnson & Wales University	Pitzer College	WHU-Otto Beisheim School of Management
Sonoma	Juniata College	Pomona College	Willamette University
Cal Poly Pomona	University of Kansas	University of Portland	University of Wisconsin Madison
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	University of Kentucky	Pratt Institute	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Carleton College	Kenyon College	Princeton University	Yale University
Carnegie Mellon University	Knox College	University of Puget Sound	
Case Western Reserve University	Lafayette College	Purchase College SUNY	
Chapman University	Lawrence University	Purdue University	Gap Year Programs:
College of Charleston	Lewis & Clark College	Quinnipiac University	Israel
University of Chicago	Linfield College	University of Redlands	Spain
University of Cincinnati	Louisiana State University	Reed College	South Africa
Claremont McKenna College	Loyola Marymount University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Southeast Asia
Clark University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Rhode Island	