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)

9th – 11th graders must take at least 7 courses;
12th 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**			
44 Students in Senior Class 2017	3.38-3.86	3.58	**ACT Scores: 27-31**		

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
American Jewish University
American University
American University of Paris
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
The University of Arizona
Art Center College of Design
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Beloit College
Bennington College
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Butler University
University of California (campuses):
- Berkeley
- Davis
- Irvine
- Los Angeles
- Merced
- Riverside
- San Diego
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Cruz

California State University (campuses):
- Channel Islands
- Chico
- East Bay
- Fullerton
- Humboldt
- Long Beach
- Sacramento
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- Sonoma

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

Gap Year Programs:

Israel
Spain
South Africa
Southeast Asia