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ORLANDO JEWISH DAY SCHOOL



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Igniting the Spark
in Every Child

**A 21ST CENTURY
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**





WELCOME TO ORLANDO JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

To nurture a generation of children who think critically and have the tools and confidence pursue their passions, all while maintaining a strong Jewish identity and deep respect for humanity.



Inspiring Critical Thinkers



WELCOME

OJDS was founded in 2009 by a group of local parents who wanted an excellent private school education rooted in strong Jewish values.

Almost a decade later, our school boasts a rich curriculum that exceeds Florida State Standards while inspiring Jewish pride and deep connection to our heritage. Our students are confident, passionate, fluent in English and Hebrew, and respectful of all humanity.

OJDS continues to be a leader in 21st Century Education, utilizing the latest research and technology to nurture curiosity, cultivate independence, and give every student the skills to succeed in our ever-changing world. Our differentiated curriculum caters to every child individually, ensuring that each student receives personalized attention and achieves personal and academic success.



"ENVIRONMENT
IS THE THIRD
TEACHER"

—Reggio Emilia



Our Classrooms are Comfortable & Inviting



THE ENVIRONMENT & STAFF

The atmosphere is comfortable and inviting; the energy is positive and engaging. Our classrooms are filled with abundant sunshine, cozy reading corners and modern work-spaces that allow for every child to learn in the way he or she most prefers. Students can sit on yoga balls, on the rugs or at traditional tables. Self-expression is celebrated and individualism is encouraged. Learning is always a positive experience at OJDS.

Our staff is comprised of trained & certified educators who are selected for their skill as well as their personal warmth and love of the profession. Our professional development program ensures that all teachers learn to individualize the curriculum and to connect with every child, as is the signature of an OJDS educator.





THE CORE CURRICULUM

Aligned with the Florida State Standards, Enhanced through an Individualized and Hands-On Approach

LANGUAGE ARTS

Using an integrated approach to literacy, our print-rich environment encourages early reading development in Kindergarten and inspires a love of the English language. Our robust literacy curriculum includes Self-Paced Reading acquisition, Writer's Workshop, a strong Spelling & Vocabulary Program, and a focus on verbal and creative expression. Our students participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in addition to local, state and national writing contests.

MATH

Our math program emphasizes reasoning and comprehension of core math concepts through hands-on learning with math manipulatives. Our curriculum focuses on the development of strong number sense, excellent mental-math skills, a deep understanding of place value, and critical problem solving skills.



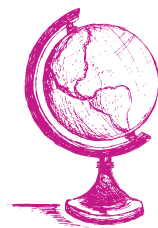
OUR GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM MEETS AND EXCEEDS FLORIDA STATE STANDARDS

SCIENCE



An inquiry-based model allows our students to approach science with questions and to uncover answers through laboratory investigation, data collection, prediction, and experimental design. Weekly science experiments and monthly projects ensure that our students engage scientific study from multiple angles and are inspired to view the world from an inquisitive and investigative perspective.

SOCIAL STUDIES



The goal of our social studies program is to teach and reinforce specific academic skills, including the formulation of interpretations of history, supporting ideas with evidence, taking notes from lecture and discussion, and organizing and prioritizing information. Our social studies curriculum also helps our students gain an appreciation for various cultures and traditions while reinforcing respect for diversity. Our students study local and international Communities, State and National Government, American History, Basic Economics, Current Events, and World Geography.



Hands-On Learning



OUR STUDENTS
LEARN TO READ,
WRITE, AND
CONVERSE IN
MODERN HEBREW.



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HEBREW LANGUAGE עברית

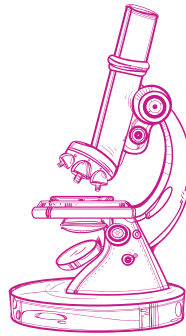
We are immensely proud of our Hebrew Language program that is well-researched and has a proven success record at Jewish Day Schools around the world. Our students learn to read, write, and speak Hebrew starting in Kindergarten, with the goal of achieving fluency by 5th grade. In addition to studying the Hebrew language, our students explore Jewish and Israeli culture, study Hebrew songs, and perform plays completely in Hebrew.

Studying multiple languages early in life benefits children's linguistic thinking and their ability to learn new languages later on. Studying Hebrew connects students to Israel and to the Jewish people, and it gives them direct access to understanding the Torah.



STEM

(SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AND MATH)



At OJDS, we don't just bring technology into the classrooms. Our Technology Integration Model ensures that laptops, tablets, and audio-visual devices are used to enhance learning and stimulate student thinking, rather than simply replacing teacher-guided studies. Our curriculum heads are always up-to-date on the best practices and uses for technology in the classroom, ensuring that the equipment is constantly used to expand student learning and create new opportunities.

Our unique Makerspace is a student invention lab that allows children to tinker with technology and gain important Engineering and Robotics skills as they build toys, gadgets, and computer games. Some of our student inventions include walking robots, flashlights, vibrating machines and animated cartoons.



Our Students are Inventors





"I can't believe an
8-year-old just taught
me how to code!"

—Sheriff Jerry Demings
of Orange County

Building Flashlights and Robots



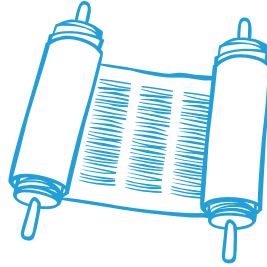
Our school is founded on the principles of Chabad and the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Chabad is a way of life that integrates knowledge and love of G-d, understanding of Torah, and appreciation for every individual's contribution to the community. The Rebbe's groundbreaking vision for Jewish education is the inspiration behind more than 3500 centers in 85 countries, educating nearly a million Jewish children each year.



Jewish Values



Celebrating Jewish Life



JUDAIC STUDIES

We believe that Judaism gives our students the grounding and perspective to deal with every life situation. It is the greatest gift we can give them, as it inspires joy, meaning, and a sense of purpose.

The goal of our Judaic Studies curriculum is to transmit a comprehensive knowledge of Judaism and to develop strong Jewish values along with a profound commitment to Israel and the Jewish people. Children experience Jewish traditions by celebrating the joy of Jewish living, Shabbat and holidays. Traditional Torah texts and the history of the Jewish people are studied as living, fundamental resources for developing ideas, beliefs, behaviors, and values to shape and inspire the lives of children growing up in modern times. Children acquire the skills to independently understand the meaning of Torah texts in their original language, as they interact with a warm and loving staff that models the very values being transmitted.



Holidays





GOING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our academic programs are fused with activities designed to enhance the curriculum and to enable the students to explore various interests and opportunities for creative outlet and expression.

Music classes, Physical Education, Sports, Art, Drama, Baking and Gardening are essential aspects of our school program and are offered on a regular basis at all grade levels. Performances and exhibitions are held throughout the year allowing the students to share their talents and achievements while developing their confidence to communicate in a public setting.



Sports



Music



School Productions

The Whole Child
approach recognizes
that children grow
physically, emotionally,
intellectually, and
spiritually.



Gardening



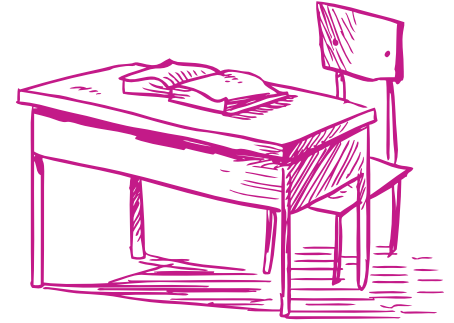


OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school values our parents as vital members of the school community and invites their participation in regularly scheduled events and schoolwide celebrations. Our active Parents Association coordinates opportunities for parents to socialize as well as to become actively involved in their children's school experiences.

Coming from a range of professions, backgrounds and Jewish affiliations, our parents form a distinctive community of families seeking to provide their children with a unique school experience: high-quality education, within a warm and nurturing environment, that will plant the strong roots of Jewish identity and values for their future.





APPLYING TO OJDS

PROCESS

Our admissions process includes submission of an application packet, a visit tour by prospective students and parents, as well as an interview and assessment of applying students by our Educational Director. We look forward to meeting you when you visit the school to experience the culture and philosophy that are the hallmarks of an Orlando Jewish Day School education. To make an appointment or to request an application, please call 407-544-3770 or email office@orlandojewishdayschool.com

HOURS

The typical school day is 9am-4pm. Beyond regular school hours, OJDS offers extended day programs for working parents, with options from 8am through 5pm.

FINANCIAL AID

OJDS is an approved participant in Florida's Step-Up for Students program for school scholarships. Additional tuition assistance is available to qualifying families of students in Kindergarten through Middle School. Our scholarship fund ensures that **No Child is Ever Turned Away Due to Lack of Funds.**



Our director, **Mrs. Chani Konikov**, is a lifelong educator, mentor, and mother of 7. She is always available to meet with you and talk about your child. E-mail her directly: Chani@Orlandojewishdayschool.com

LET **YOUR** JOURNEY BEGIN!





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