

MISSION

Kehila's mission is based upon the following values:

- the unity of the Jewish people and the importance of a vital Jewish culture
- respect for the diversity of contemporary Judaism and a non-judgmental approach to each family's religious practices
- the essential role of Hebrew as the language of our historical texts and of modern Israel
- an awareness of the ethical intent of Jewish observation and concepts of social justice
- a creative, dynamic and intellectually stimulating relationship with biblical, rabbinic, and modern Jewish texts
- knowledge of and loyalty towards Canada, its history and culture, and a synthesis of the best of Canadian and Jewish cultures
- the importance of being an active contributor to the cultural life of Hamilton-Wentworth, including social action to assist disadvantaged members of the community

Frequently Asked Questions...

1. *How does Kehila approach Jewish practice?*

Kehila's strong Judaic Studies curriculum presents Judaism from a pluralistic perspective. The students learn the origins of traditions and the different ways that they are practiced throughout the Jewish community. Kehila maintains a healthy relationship with all Hamilton synagogues.

2. *Does Kehila follow Ministry of Education guidelines?*

Yes. The Kehila general studies curriculum is designed to meet or exceed all objectives outlined by the Ministry of Education.

3. *Are tuition fees tax deductible?*

Yes. Kehila is a registered charitable organisation. Tuition fees are deductible under the Donations section of your income tax return.



Kehila offers Elementary and Middle school grades



Bursary assistance available.



Academic Excellence in an Intimate and Inclusive Jewish Community School



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VISION

The goals of Kehila Jewish Day School are to:

- create an institution recognised for excellence in secular and Judaic education
- cultivate in our students a strong sense of social responsibility, based on Jewish concepts of social justice such as *Tikkun Olam*, *Tzedakah* and *Gmitut Chasadim*
- promote an appreciation of the centrality of the State of Israel in Jewish life
- teach Hebrew as a living language and nurture in our students a facility in and love for Hebrew
- develop in students the lifelong capacity for independent thinking, ethical behaviour and academic achievements

Our goal is that our graduates will:

- develop an intimacy with and respect for Jewish values, traditions, history, culture, ceremonies and current events
- be critical thinkers, able to challenge others' opinions while being respectful of differing beliefs
- perform mitzvot as part of daily life
- have a strong sense of social responsibility based on their understanding of and commitment to Jewish concepts of social justice
- be independent learners, with good problem-solving skills and an enthusiasm for learning



Kehila Jewish Community Day School was founded in 1999 to offer the Hamilton area community a school in which the plurality of Jewish belief and practice was honored within an educative environment based on established and proven curricula. We combine secular studies, Judaica, Hebrew, arts, sports, and music to provide students with a rich, diverse, and intellectually stimulating programme in which each child is encouraged to reach the fullest of his or her potential. Kehila is a board-run school in which parental involvement in all aspects of the school's operations is welcome.



Educational Philosophy

Kehila's curriculum:

- is reviewed and adjusted according to learner and teacher experience.
- identifies key themes that will recur throughout the entire school programme
- has clearly defined goals and objectives for each year
- emphasises integration of all aspects of learning
- is cumulative and interactive

Kehila uses teaching approaches that:

- are hands-on and experience-based
- encourage problem-solving and critical thinking
- encourage collaboration among students
- aim for individualised, non-competitive teaching
- achieve a balance between intellectual and emotional growth
- reach beyond the classroom to involve the home, the family, and the community
- utilise creative and progressive educational methodologies



Where Every Student Shines