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DIRECTORY OF JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS WELCOMING CHILDREN OF INTERFAITH FAMILIES

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In the Summer of 2005 the InterfaithFamily.com Network announced that it was compiling a resource listing Jewish day schools that welcome children from interfaith families, including families where the mother is not Jewish. Schools were invited to submit their contact information, a short description of the school, and a brief statement about the school's attitudes/policies regarding children from interfaith families.

We are very pleased that more than 10% of the non-Orthodox day schools in North America responded, and to offer this Directory to interfaith families who are considering sending their children to Jewish day schools. The information included in this Directory was provided by the schools themselves. We recommend that parents contact the schools directly for information about their policies concerning children of interfaith families.

We regret any errors that the Directory may contain and encourage listed schools to contact us at network@interfaithfamily.com to correct or edit their entries. We intend to update the Directory and encourage schools that wish to be listed to submit their information to us.

ALABAMA

N.E. Miles Jewish Day School

4000 Montclair Road
Birmingham, AL 35223

Phone: 205-879-1068, Fax: 205-879-6183
Contact: Ms. Lauren Perlman, Director of Advancement

lauren@nemjds.org
www.nemjds.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

K-8 community day school; we have interfaith families currently attending our school and welcome all children.

ARIZONA

The Jess Schwartz Jewish Community High School

4645 E. Marilyn Road
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Phone: 602-385-5100, Fax: 602-385-5199
Contact: Dr. Janice Johnson

jjohnson@jessschwartz.com
www.jessschwartz.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Jess Schwartz Jewish Community High School is a coeducational pluralistic high school that integrates intensive Judaic studies with a rigorous college preparatory program. The school is committed to developing a community of learners who are critical thinkers. Our graduates will possess the skills to attend the finest universities and to be the future leaders of the Arizona Jewish community. We are a pluralistic 9-12 grade high school. We accept all Jewish students from all walks of life.

Pardes Jewish Day School

10460 North 56th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Phone: 480-991-9141
Contact: Ms. Jill Kessler, Head of School

jkessler@pardesschool.org
www.pardesschool.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Pardes Jewish Day School is a reform Jewish day school serving students in grades K - 8 in the greater Phoenix/Scottsdale area. An enriched core curriculum of language arts, social studies, math and science is complemented with Judaic Studies, Hebrew, Spanish (grades 4-8), music, art, physical education, and technology. Core values such as respect, caring for self and others, community service, and the study and appreciation of Israel are prized. Interfaith families are welcome and have a strong presence in the school.

CALIFORNIA

Tarbut V' Torah Community Day School

Elementary Address: 5200 Bonita Canyon Irvine, CA 92612

Middle & High School Address: 5 Federation Way Irvine, CA 92603

Phone: 949-509-9500, Fax: Elementary 949-856-2400 Middle & High 949-509-7866

Contact: Ms. Wendy Leberman, Director of Admissions

wleberman@tarbut.com

www.tarbut.com/

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Description: Elementary school, grades k-6; high school, grades 7-12 . Tarbut V' Torah is a non-affiliated community Jewish day school. Open to children of interfaith families, TVT will provide students with a comprehensive curriculum of Judaic studies and challenging academics. As a result, graduates obtain a knowledge of their history and tradition, as well as prepare for some of the best universities and colleges available.

Contra Costa Jewish Day School

P.O.Box 195

Lafayette, CA 94549

Phone: 925-284-8288, Fax: 925-284-8289

Contact: Ms. Amy Wittenberg, Director of Admissions

info@ccjds.org

www.ccjds.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

A community Jewish day school devoted to academic excellence in both Judaic and general studies. Small class sizes, supportive families, an outstanding teaching staff and leadership opportunities for students in grades K-8 are hallmarks of a CCJDS education. The Contra Costa Jewish Day School welcomes all families who wish to benefit from a Jewish community day school experience. CCJDS has cultivated a very supportive and welcoming environment for interfaith families. Over a third of our population come from interfaith families.

Jewish Community School of the Desert

73-251 Hovley Lane, West
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Phone: 760-340-2039, Fax: 760-340-2749
Contact: Ms. Evrille Bortz

jcsd-pd@juno.com
www.jcsdpd.com/

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

A private Jewish community day school catering to grades K-8. Full day Montessori kindergarten program, as well as enriched 1-8 programs, including Judaics, Hebrew, Spanish, technology, music and art, and daily physical education. Jewish Community School of the Desert admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

Shalom School

2351 Wyda Way, Suite 2
Sacramento, CA 95825

Phone: 916-485-4151, Fax: 916-485-3970
Contact: Ms. Lynette Otis, Coordinator for School Advancement, Admissions

lotis@shalomschool.org
www.shalomschool.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Shalom School was established in 1978, and is the only Jewish day school in the Sacramento region. We have programs for infants (as young as 6 weeks), toddlers, preschool, and kindergarten through sixth grade. The school campus is open from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. There is before and after school childcare available. A scholarship program exists for students, kindergarten through sixth grade. Shalom School offers equal opportunities in its programs for all students, including boys and girls of all races and religions. Shalom School has a non-discriminating policy. Mission statement: Shalom School is committed to the ideals of academic excellence, personal growth, social awareness, and Jewish and American values; our goals are to instill in children knowledge of Judaism and the world; to foster positive feelings about themselves as individuals and as Jews; to develop a sense of commitment to the diverse Jewish community and to society; and to prepare them for success in adulthood through the acquisition of knowledge and academic skills. The current total school enrollment is 242. Of the Shalom School's population, 17% are non-Jewish; of the remaining 83%, 32% are not affiliated with Sacramento area synagogues.

Congregation Beth Israel Day School

9001 Towne Centre Dr.
San Diego, CA 92122

Phone: 858-535-1144, Fax: 858-535-1164
Contact: Dr. Harvey Raben, Director of Education

hraben@cbisd.org
www.cbisd.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

We teach grades Jr. K-6. We are an all inclusive, very warm and welcoming school. We believe in teaching each child based on their individual learning styles. All children from any race or religious background are welcome.

Beth Hillel Day School

12326 Riverside Drive
Valley Village, CA 91607

Phone: 818-763-9148 x 108, Fax: 818-763-3865
Contact: Ms. Fanny Levy, Head of School

flevy@tbhla.org
www.bethhilleldayschool.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Beth Hillel Day School (BHDS) is a K-5 day school and affiliated with the Reform movement. At BHDS, we have a warm, welcoming community committed to supporting and nurturing the development of each child through a challenging secular studies, Judaic studies and Hebrew immersion program. We feature small classes and an arts focus. All students have an opportunity to explore the visual arts as well as vocal and instrumental music utilizing the acclaimed Orff Schulwerk system. Students also receive instruction in computers and P.E. BHDS offers afterschool care and enrichment classes, including a drama program that puts on a musical theater production each year. BHDS is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Bureau of Jewish Education. Beth Hillel Day School is one of the schools of Temple Beth Hillel (TBS), a Reform congregation serving the East San Fernando Valley. TBS is an inclusive community; TBS and BHDS welcome interfaith families and invite Jewish and non-Jewish family members to participate in the life of our school and temple. A broad array of religious, educational, social and community outreach programs are provided to families through TBH and BHDS.

COLORADO

Boulder Jewish Day School

7415 Lookout Road
Longmont, CO 80503

Phone: 303-449-5569, Fax: 303-530-0295
Contact: Mrs. Shoshi Krongold Bilavsky, Head of School

Shoshi_bjds@qwest.net; bjds@qwest.net (for enrollment info)
www.bjds.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Early Childhood program through 5th grade. BJDS is dedicated to providing a warm, safe "home away from home" for our children. BJDS empowers our children to develop intellectual curiosity while instilling within a love and excitement for learning, respect for self and others, and physical and emotional well-being. Our Mission: The mission of the Boulder Jewish Day School is educational excellence. We foster a passion for learning in secular and Judaic studies. We introduce and sustain a joyous appreciation of Jewish culture, text, and ritual, and instill the highest of ethical standards. It is our goal to provide a supportive and academically challenging learning environment that meets the developmental needs of each student. We serve all members of the greater Boulder community and promote an atmosphere that respects diversity. Goals: It is the goal of Boulder Jewish Day School to provide a warm Jewish environment that nurtures the whole child and enables each one to reach his or her highest potential. We recognize the unique nature of each student's aptitudes, interests, and learning modalities. The learning experiences at BJDS empower children to acquire knowledge and academic skills in a variety of disciplines. Students are encouraged to develop intellectual curiosity, experience the excitement of learning, gain understanding and respect for self and others, and build physical and emotional well being. At BJDS, children grow to be capable, competent, and caring individuals. Our students become avid readers, fluent writers, proficient mathematicians, scientific problem solvers, budding artists, and active members of the Jewish community. Future Plans: BJDS is proud to be a part of the future Boulder Jewish Commons. We look forward to our lovely new home.

CONNECTICUT

Solomon Schechter Academy of New London

660 Ocean Avenue
New London, CT 06320

Phone: 860-443-5589, Fax: 860-437-1487
Contact: Michele Snitkin, Director of Enrollment & Development

snitkin.ssa@snet.net
www.ssa-newlondon.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

SSA is an egalitarian Jewish day school that serves children in grades K-6 from a variety of Jewish affiliations, including children from families not affiliated with a specific Jewish religious movement. SSA welcomes any child who identifies as Jewish and who has at least one Jewish parent.

Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford

26 Buena Vista Road
West Hartford, CT 6107

Phone: 860-561-0700, Fax: 860-561-2329
Contact: Ms. Marcia Glickman, Director of Admissions

mglickman@ssds-hartford.org
www.ssds-hartford.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

SSDS educates students from 2-year-old preschool through 8th grade. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and by the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), SSDS offers a dynamic dual curriculum that challenges students to reach their highest potential. Small class size encourages individual attention. Our graduates are honors students and extra-curricular leaders in sports, music, student government, Jewish youth groups and community services. We welcome children from interfaith families at SSDS. We ask children whose mothers are not Jewish to convert (including a ritual Mikvah bath) under the supervision of a Rabbi within a year of starting at SSDS. Non-Jewish parents are included and involved in all aspects of the school and their child's education.

DELAWARE

The Albert Einstein Academy

101 Garden of Eden Road
Wilmington, DE 19711

Phone: 302-478-5026, Fax: 302-478-0664
Contact: Dr. Jack L. Sparks, Head of School

Sparks@aeacademy.org
www.aeacademy.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Albert Einstein Academy draws students from the entire State of Delaware, as well as lower Pennsylvania and nearby Maryland. A K-6 accredited school, Einstein has been a school of excellence for 36 years. In addition to an exceptional Core Curriculum (Language arts, math, science, social studies), Einstein has a full range of speciality offerings: music, art, technology, physical education including swimming, sports teams, drama, orchestra, choral society and student government. The Hebrew and Judaica program enriches all dimensions of critical thinkers and introduces key concepts

of theology, ritual practice, moral, ethical and spiritual behavior and life. Albert Einstein has a wide range of students and faculty. Our diverse population includes: students from non-Jewish homes (where neither parent is Jewish), homes where one parent is Jewish and one practices a different faith, as well as children from homes where all parents are Jewish. In addition we encourage blended and non-traditional families to feel the warmth of Einstein and expose their children to an outstanding general and Jewish education. In 2005 a home constituting two parents of the same faith, in a "traditional household" is most likely the exception, not the majority. To that end the Board, faculty and staff of Einstein welcome warmly all students and parents who desire an Einstein education.

FLORIDA

Brevard Jewish Community School

5995 North Wickham Road
Melbourne, FL 32940

Phone: 321-254-0607, Fax: 321-254-0607
Contact: Ms. Meisha Leibson, Director

mleibson@brevardjewishcommunityschool.org
www.brevardjewishcommunityschool.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Brevard Jewish Community school is a warm caring school that welcomes interfaith families as well as more traditional Jewish families. Nestled in the Space Coast this school affords students excellence in general studies as well as Judaic studies. It gives the students time and place to uncover and explore their roots while making connections to their present and future.

The Jeannette and Harold Jacobson Sinai Academy of Temple Sinai of North Dade

18801 N.E. 22nd Avenue
North Miami Beach, FL 33180

Phone: 305-932-9011, Fax: 305-932-5153
Contact: Ms. Debbie Bloomfield, Admissions Coordinator

debbie.bloomfield@jacobsonsinaiacademy.org
www.jacobsonsinaiacademy.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Jacobson Sinai Academy is a liberal Reform Jewish day school, from early childhood through eighth grade. Jacobson Sinai Academy is the only liberal Jewish day school in the northern area of Miami-Dade County, Florida. We are dedicated to providing our students with a warm and nurturing environment. Our curriculum integrates secular studies with our rich Jewish history and values and with the modern Hebrew language.

**Justin Lee Wiesner Early Childhood Learning Center
Goldie Feldman Academy at the Kane/Karp Educational Center Home of the
Temple Beth Sholom Schools**

1050 S Tuttle Ave
Sarasota, FL 34237

Phone: 941-954-2027 941-552-2770
Contact: Ms. Sandy Kahl, Assistant Director

gfainfo@aol.com
www.goldiefeldmanacademy.com

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Goldie Feldman Academy is a K-8 Jewish day school affiliated with Temple Beth Sholom (a conservative synagogue) where 50% of our student population are members of the Temple and the other 50% are members of other Temples or of another religion. Temple Beth Sholom is also home to a dynamic preschool program for children ages 15mo-PK. GFA at Temple Beth Sholom is a private Jewish school whose mission is to inspire in our students a love of learning in order to foster independent thinking, academic excellence, spiritual growth and compassion to serve humanity; and to provide an understanding and appreciation of the beauty and significance of Jewish heritage and practices while respecting religious and cultural diversity. GFA provides a full time secular education program incorporating Jewish education. GFA at Temple Beth Sholom is the only private Jewish school in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Students from every religion, race, and background are welcomed at GFA. GFA is accredited by the Florida Kindergarten Council and the Florida Council of Independent Schools. We keep a low student to teacher ratio that enhances opportunities for small group instruction and in-depth curricular studies.

Hillel School of Tampa

2020 West Fletcher Ave.
Tampa, FL 33612

Phone: 813-963-2242, Fax: 813-264-0544
Contact: Ms. Amy Wasser, Head of School

wasser@hillelschool.com
www.hillelschool.com

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

PK-8 community day school; we accept all children regardless of religion and have many interfaith families in our school.

GEORGIA

The Weber School

2012 Womack Rd., Atlanta, GA 30338
Phone: 770-352-0018, Fax: 770-352-0352
Contact: Ellie Klein, Director of Admissions

eklein@weberschool.org
www.weberschool.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Weber School is made up of grades 9-12 and teaches a full range of required and elective general studies, while also providing classes in Torah and Hebrew. It is a warm, nurturing environment that serves students who need the most challenging academic courses, and also students who need extra support. We have 4 tracks available to students (100% of our students go to college) - Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory, and College Preparatory 2.

We welcome children of interfaith families into our school. We are a "community school," which means that our families come from all different Jewish backgrounds and learn to dialogue together. No one movement of Judaism is taught here, instead students learn perspectives of all Jewish movements and find their own unique Jewish identities through personal exploration.

MASSACHUSETTS

Cohen Hillel Academy

6 Community Road, Marblehead MA 01945
Phone: 781-639-2880, Fax: 781-631-2832
Contact: Suzie Cheatham, Director of Admissions

suzie@cohenhillel.org
www.cohenhillel.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Cohen Hillel Academy, the North Shore's community Jewish day school for students in grades K-8. We are committed to academic excellence in general and Jewish studies, to building character and community.

Located in Marblehead, Massachusetts, Cohen Hillel Academy is a highly regarded Jewish day school serving students from 22 north shore communities. Academic excellence is the hallmark here, with a majority of class time focusing on a challenging curriculum that includes Language Arts, the Sciences, Hebrew Language, Computer Technology, Mathematics, History, Jewish Studies, Social Studies, Physical Education and the Fine and Performing Arts.

MetroWest Jewish Day School

29 Upper Joclyn Avenue
Framingham, MA 1701

Phone: 508-620-5554, Fax: 508-620-0945
Contact: Ms. Joyce Bohnen, Admissions Director

joyce.bohnen@mwjds.org
www.mwjds.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

MWJDS is changing the face of Boston's Metrowest area. Opened in 2003, MWJDS is a pluralistic school currently educating children in grades K-3, adding one grade annually through grade 8. Conveniently located for families in the 20 Metrowest cities and towns, our transdenominational environment provides an integrated Judaic, Hebrew, and general studies curriculum. Limited spaces are available grades K-3 for the 2005-2006 school year. As a pluralistic, community school, MWJDS accepts children from families of intermarriage.

Heritage Academy Jewish Community Day School

594 Converse Street
Longmeadow, MA 1106

Phone: 413-567-1517, Fax: 413-567-2167
Contact: Ms. Lara Tempkin-Pisani, Admissions Director

lpisani@heritageacademy.org
www.heritageacademy.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Heritage Academy is a 55 year old day school, serving students in grades k-8. The school has 114 students. About 10% of our students come from interfaith families, where either the mother or father is not Jewish. Students from interfaith families are not singled out in any way. They are treated like any other student in the school. We have numerous adopted children (i.e. China, Russia, etc.) not born to Jewish mothers. There is a Family Education Program at the school, that many families take part in.

The Rashi School

15 Walnut Park
Newton, MA 2458

Phone: 617-969-4444, Fax: 617-969-9949
Contact: Rabbi Joe Eiduson

rabbijoe@rashi.org
www.rashi.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Rashi School is an independent, coeducational, Reform Jewish day school for students in Kindergarten through Grade Eight that serves the Greater Boston area. Our mission is to create and foster an exceptional and integrated educational program that empowers children and adolescents to develop critical minds and compassionate hearts and to mature in a Jewish community animated by our five core values: Limud (Academic Excellence), Tzedek (Social Justice), Kavod (Honor & Respect), Kehillah (Jewish Community) and Ruach (Prayer and Spirit). The Rashi School accepts students from diverse family backgrounds and supports the choice of interfaith families to give their child the gift of a Jewish day school education. We welcome students from interfaith families and we provide educational and family programming to help these families integrate into the Rashi community.

MARYLAND

Aleph Bet Jewish Day School

1125 Spa Road
Annapolis, MD 21403

Phone: 410-263-9044, Fax: 410-263-5740
Contact: Ms. Jane Narrow, Head of School

info@alephbet.org
www.alephbet.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

We are a trans-denominational day school, supported by local synagogues representing the major Jewish movements. We welcome interfaith families to our school community; approximately 20% of our students are from interfaith families. An additional 15% of our students are not Jewish.

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Day School

7401 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21208-5490

Phone: 410-764-1867, Fax: 410-764-8138
Contact: Karie Falck or Stacy Simons

admissions@bhcds.org
www.bhcds.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The school provides an exceptional academic and Judaic education, fostering lifelong learning and community leadership. Co-educational, grades toddler- eight grade.

MAINE

Levey Day School

400 Deering Ave
Portland, ME 04103

Phone: 207-774-7676, Fax: 207-699-2780
Contact: Ms. Ellie Miller

leveyday@maine.rr.com
www.leveydayschool.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

We are a community day school with 43 students in K-5. We have Jewish students of all affiliations, Reform to Lubavitch. Currently, we have 3 non-Jewish students and 1 interfaith student. Our appeal to non-Jewish families is our small size, personal attention and excellent secular education. Non-Jewish families realize their children receive the complete Hebrew/Judaic curriculum that we offer. We are happy to accept interfaith and non-Jewish students who are willing to embrace the culture and curriculum of our school and participate fully in all events, secular and religious.

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis Jewish Day School

4330 Cedar Lake Road
Minneapolis, MN 55416

Phone: 952-381-3500, Fax: 952-381-3501
Contact: Mr. Abe Payton, Admissions and Outreach Director

rlevi@mjds.net
www.mjds.net

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Minneapolis Jewish Day School (MJDS) provides a strong K-6 academic program, artfully integrating general and Judaic studies. Children are immersed in an environment that nurtures intellectual curiosity and encourages the asking of questions. Students develop skills to pursue answers and communicate their discoveries in writing, through the arts, and in oral presentations. MJDS educates the whole child: anchoring pupils in the rich traditions of their heritage, helping them to develop a strong sense of personal and Jewish identity, and ultimately guiding them to make decisions that reflect positive morals and character. MJDS is a partner with the Twin Cities Jewish Middle School, offering a full program for students in grades 7-8. As a community Jewish day school, MJDS welcomes students from across the spectrum of Jewish practice, valuing pluralism in an egalitarian setting. The school challenges students to treasure rituals and respect the range of ways people choose to observe and practice religion. There are numerous opportunities for interfaith families to become active members of the school community and to participate in family education programming specifically designed for this target audience.

Talmud Torah of St. Paul Day School

768 Hamline Avenue South
St. Paul, MN 55116

Phone: 651-698-8807, Fax: 651-698-8912
Contact: Ms. Cindy Reich, Principal

cindy.reich@ttsp.org
www.ttsp.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Talmud Torah is a community day school offering an outstanding educational program for children in Grades K-6. Talmud Torah welcomes students from diverse families, and is an inclusive and respectful environment. The interfaith families in our school community feel comfortable and accepted.

MISSOURI

N.E. Miles Jewish Day School

11411 North Forty Drive
St. Louis, MO 63131

Phone: 314-569-2692, Fax: 314-569-2640
Contact: Ms. Marsha Grazman, Head of School

rjagrazman@aol.com
www.reformjewishacademy.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Saul Mirowitz Day School-Reform Jewish Academy is an elementary school that provides the highest quality secular and Jewish education empowering students to become life long learners and apply Jewish values to all aspects of life. We include students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade; our classroom size is about 15, allowing for lots of personal attention and individualized learning. We welcome all children and families who want to learn in a nurturing and caring environment. General studies and Jewish studies are integrated, allowing our children to see the world through a very unique lens. We celebrate and share our differences, with respect and consideration. We currently have about 10 children of interfaith families, and many families with non-Jewish extended family (Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins). We are a very diverse community, and proud of it!! We do not judge "who is a Jew."

NORTH CAROLINA

American Hebrew Academy

4334 Hobbs Road
Greensboro, NC 27410

Phone: 336-217-7070 (Admissions) 336-217-7100 (Main), Fax: 336-217-7011
Contact: Ms. Beth Socol, Associate Director of Admissions

bsocol@americanhebrewacademy.org
www.americanhebrewacademy.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The American Hebrew Academy is the nation's first and only pluralistic Jewish boarding school. Outstanding students in grades 9-12 enroll in rigorous college preparatory and Jewish studies courses, take part in countless extra-curricular activities, and live in a home-like boarding environment. We welcome students from all Jewish backgrounds and denominations, including children of interfaith families.

B'nai Shalom Day School

804-A Winview Drive
Greensboro, NC 27410

Phone: 336-855-5091, Fax: 336-855-1018
Contact: Judy Groner, Head of School

www.bnai-shalom.org
jgroner@bnai-shalom.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Our school offers an excellent, affordable education for toddlers through eighth grade. Our mission is to provide a caring, supportive school community in which students achieve academic excellence in a dual curriculum that inspires each student to develop his/her fullest potential as an inquisitive learner, critical thinker and future Jewish leader. Interfaith families for who are raising their children as Jews are welcome at B'nai Shalom; currently, almost one-third of our student body comes from interfaith families. The school sponsors an active interfaith couples' forum that meets regularly to discuss issues of special interest.

Maass Jewish Community Day School

7400 Falls of Neuse Road
Raleigh, NC 27615

Phone: 919-841-1206, Fax: 919- 676-0927
Contact: Ms. Judy Miller, Head of School

Info@mjcads.org
www.mjcads.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

MJCDS is a Community day school, embracing families across the spectrum of Jewish observance. We strive for excellence for all our Kindergarten through 5th grade children in general and Jewish studies. Students participate in classes in math, language arts, science, social studies, modern Hebrew language, Judaic studies, P.E., art and music. MJCDS is welcoming to Jewish children from

interfaith families. We enjoy helping all our students and families learn about the wonder of our beautiful heritage.

NEVADA

Milton I. Schwartz Hebrew Academy

9700 W. Hillpointe Road
Las Vegas, NV 89134

Phone: 702-255-4500, Fax: 702-255-7232
Contact: Ms. Camille Wright or Ruth Levy

cwright@lvhebrewacademy.org; rlevy@lvhebrewacademy.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Hebrew Academy is a non-denominational, non-profit Hebrew day school. Students range in age from Pre-K thru 8. In August, 2006, we will open our high school, beginning with grade 9 and add a grade each year. Our Mission Statement states: The Milton I. Schwartz Hebrew Academy blends the highest intellectual standards of a complete academic education with Judaic ethics, texts, language and heritage. We are dedicated to cultivating in our students a lasting love of learning, community leadership, and a sense of self-worth in an environment that encourages critical thinking and respect for all people and property. At The Hebrew Academy, Judaism is not just studied, it is lived.

NEW JERSEY

Solomon Schechter Academy of Ocean and Monmouth Counties

395 Kent Road
Howell, NJ 07731

Phone: 732-370-1761, Fax: 732-370-2122
Contact: Ms. Rivka Budelman, Principal

info@ssa-monoc.org
www.ssa-monoc.org

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Students come from Ocean and Monmouth counties for Preschool – 8th grade. The SSA family prides itself on welcoming all Jewish children to share in the learning experience. Their diverse backgrounds and religious affiliation, Reform, Conservative, unaffiliated and interfaith, create a rich and warm tapestry that is welcoming to everyone who enters the building. We believe Jewish children are Jews without “adjectives” (Reform, Orthodox, etc.) and that any Jewish child is welcome to attend SSA. Mom does not have to be Jewish as long as the child is converted. All parents, regardless of their religion, are encouraged to participate in all that the school offers: family programs, socials, committees, fundraisers, etc.

NEW YORK

Syracuse Hebrew Day School

5655 Thompson Road
Dewitt, NY 13214

Phone: 315 446 1900
Contact: Dr. Barbara Davis, Principal

shds@twcny.rr.com
home.twcny.rr.com/shds/

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Syracuse Hebrew Day School is a vibrant institution at the forefront of Jewish life in Syracuse, New York. The Day School enrolls 120 students in Kindergarten through 6th grade in an outstanding program of general and Judaic studies complemented by a full range of co-curricular programs in computer, music, art, physical education, and drama. Each child at SHDS is seen as a unique and special learner who is entrusted to our care for seven hours every day. We welcome all children who wish a day school education to enroll at SHDS. Our most important goal is the development of the child into a happy, confident, and committed learner, whose background in both general and Judaic studies is the foundation for a meaningful life.

OHIO

Jerome Lippman Jewish Community Day School

750 White Pond Drive
Akron, OH 44320

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Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Jerome Lippman Jewish Community Day School is a state-accredited school that offers exceptional learning opportunities in a warm, nurturing environment. Founded in 1965, it offers a rich curriculum that is child-focused to meet the diverse educational needs of our students. Our mission is to provide the highest quality education, Jewish and secular, which strengthens and promotes Jewish identity and continuity, academic excellence and good citizenship. Serving children in kindergarten through grade eight, Lippman Day School has outstanding faculty and resources. All Lippman teachers are state certified and participate in ongoing professional development. They promote a caring and motivating environment in their classrooms, fostering what is special in each child. They encourage students to share responsibility for their education and support a learning partnership based on mutual respect. A love of learning Hebrew and Torah, combined with a foundation of knowledge and a sense of community instills students with a positive Jewish identity.

Yavneh Day School

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Description of Program and Admissions Policies

Yavneh Day School is an independent, Jewish day school for children in pre-kindergarten through grade eight in Cincinnati, Ohio. Yavneh offers an academically rigorous college preparatory program, enriched by a nurturing environment. Students learn in a safe, supportive community that reinforces their Jewish identity and values and builds their self-esteem. A Yavneh education ensures that every student achieves high academic standards, knowledge, skills, and qualities required to become confident, productive citizens in a changing, diverse world. Yavneh Day School welcomes all children from interfaith families if one of the child's parents is Jewish.

OKLAHOMA

Heritage Academy of Tulsa

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Description of Program and Admissions Policies

In the fall of 1975, Heritage Academy proudly opened its doors. Today, Heritage Academy continues to build on its high academic standards and Jewish values. We provide students in Kindergarten through grade 5 with an excellent academic education in a supportive, yet challenging atmosphere. We nurture intellectual, spiritual, physical, social and emotional growth. We offer an integrated Jewish and general studies curriculum that inspires our students and gives them the skills and motivation to be active participants in shaping the future of their community. Heritage Academy welcomes children of all faiths. We presently have 48 students, 80% are Jewish, and most of our children are from interfaith families.

OREGON

Portland Jewish Academy

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Portland, OR 97239

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Description of Program and Admissions Policies

PJA is a community day school serving children from infancy through 8th grade. We accept all students whose families would like them to participate in all aspects of our program. Affiliation with all streams of Judaism is represented at PJA, as well as those who are not affiliated or who are not Jewish. Regarding interfaith families, it is important to us that the child who is our student is not receiving active training in another faith. Research continues to verify that this has an unhealthy impact on the child. We are respectful of family decisions, and strive to offer support and education to children and parents. Children are free to discuss other faith traditions they may experience.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Addlestone Hebrew Academy

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Charleston, SC 29407

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Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The school is a community day school founded by an Orthodox synagogue 50 years ago. More information can be found on the web site. We have no official policy regarding interfaith families. Our practice has been that any family wanting their child learning here, must support the practices of the school and commit to the best of their abilities to the norms of the school. We are more concerned about mixed messages that children hear or construct based on their learning. If we find that a child experiences difficulties in our school we usually counsel families out. Our primary objective is a safe environment for all children. Interfaith families come with the understanding they want to raise their children Jewish. We do have 2-3 meetings a year dealing with interfaith families and hear the various issues, voices etc. regarding their children's learning at the school.

TEXAS

The Wise Academy

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Dallas, TX 75230

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Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Wise Academy delivers academic excellence while transmitting our Jewish heritage in a caring and stimulating environment. Our highly experienced faculty uses a student-centered approach to facilitate the development of strategic and critical thinking skills. Small classes ensure individual attention and promote excellence at every skill level. The curriculum constantly evolves to incorporate opportunities for exploration, discovery and innovation. Our school-wide Science Program and Science Expo are testimonials to the commitment of our teachers and the skills of our student-scientists who demonstrate activities that explore the wonders of our world. We deeply believe in the importance of a strong Jewish community and understand that we are members of a larger, diverse and evolving world. Students from all backgrounds are invited to attend our school where they can learn to play leading roles in making the world a better place. We strive to shape the future leaders of our community.

El Paso Jewish Academy

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El Paso, TX 79912

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Description of Program and Admissions Policies

We are a community day school open to all Jewish children in our community. We accept all students to our school as long as they are eligible for membership at one of our synagogues (Chabad, Conservative, Reform).

The Shlenker School

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Houston, TX 77096

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Description of Program and Admissions Policies

The Shlenker School is a Reform Jewish day school offering a ten-year program, Child's-Day-Out through fifth grade. The Shlenker School provides an academically excellent education with an integrated secular and Judaic curriculum in a nurturing environment.

MANITOBA (CANADA)

Gray Academy of Jewish Education

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www.grayacademy.ca

Description of Program and Admissions Policies

With a school history dating back to 1902, Gray Academy offers an accelerated, university preparatory program that includes a dual track General Studies and Judaic Studies curriculum. As Western Canada's largest Jewish community day school, we provide our international student population with a double diploma program highlighted by rigorous academics, Advanced Placement, ESL instruction, performing and fine arts, sports, debating/public speaking, community service, student leadership and more. The committed staff provides opportunities to nurture the emotional well-being and spiritual development of all students enabling and inspiring them to become creative participants in the Jewish community and empowered members of Canadian society. For the last several years all graduates have been accepted to their first university of choice. Gray Academy of Jewish Education is a community day school that welcomes children of all faiths. All children are expected to follow the prescribed curriculum and will eventually graduate with two diplomas; one in Gray Academy Judaic Studies, which is recognized in the Province of Manitoba, and one in General Studies, which is prescribed by the Province of Manitoba. Grades: JK-12 (Senior 4) Coed.