



BEIS YAAKOV JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

BYJHS CURRICULUM 2020/21

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Curriculum Intent and Vision

Mission of the unique individual

We see each student, with her G-d-given individual identity, as having a unique contribution to make the world and we teach our students to reflect on their individual mission and purpose. The goal of our curriculum is to ensure that each student is able to develop the skills, knowledge and character to be fully prepared for every aspect of her unique role and purpose in the world.

The three key relationships

We teach our students to think of their mission in terms of continuously building the 'three key relationships': between me and myself; between me and others; and between me and my Creator.

Everything our students learn in school contributes to at least one of these three relationships:

Me and myself	Me and my Creator	Me and others
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-As lifelong learners, students recognise the transformative power that knowledge has on the learner.-Students recognise that high level literacy skills and mathematical fluency are the foundations for success in adult life.-Students understand the benefits to themselves of being well prepared for the world of work and appreciate the value of developing a broad range of transferable skills.-Students recognise that constantly working to develop strength of character and resilience is key to long term happiness and fulfilment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-As spiritually attuned learners, students see a divine spark in their knowledge of the created world.-Through prayer and Torah study, students develop a deep relationship of trust and dialogue with the Creator.-A moral framework grounded in responsibility to the Creator dovetails with civic responsibility to produce citizens who hold themselves to the highest moral standards in all of their activities and interactions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-As true givers, students understand how they can use their skills and knowledge to help others.-Students understand that to build relationships with others, they must work on understanding others, appreciating difference and understanding their place in broader society.-Students understand that their growing contributions to school life and to family life are preparation for the greater contribution that they will make to society in the future.-Students understand the notion of reciprocity and how it underpins ethical interaction in contemporary liberal democracy.

Understanding the 'why'

We want our students to understand the 'why' behind the curriculum, to understand that everything they learn in school will contribute to their fulfilling their unique purpose in the world. We believe that a deep understanding of the general and personal goals in learning will engender a sense of mission and help our students become highly motivated and fully engaged learners.

CURRICULUM

SUBJECTS STUDIED IN EACH ACADEMIC YEAR (Optional subjects are shaded)

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Art	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bas Mitzva	✓				
Biblical Hebrew			✓	✓	
Business studies				✓	✓
Chumash	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computer science	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dinim	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
English	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mechaneches Period	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Geography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
History	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Food preparation & nutrition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jewish History	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maths	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Modern Hebrew	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Nach	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ovos	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
P.E.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parsha	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science (double /single award)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tefillo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Textile Design	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

GCSE Art
GCSE Art textiles
GCSE Biblical Hebrew
GCSE Biology
GCSE Business Studies
GCSE Chemistry
GCSE Computer science
GCSE English Language
GCSE English Literature
GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE Maths
GCSE Modern Hebrew
GCSE Physics
GCSE Science (double award)
Mesiloh Ovos

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

- Year 7 orientation evening for parents
- Meet the Mechanchos events
- Parents evenings
- Option choices events for girls and parents in Years 8 and 9
- Option choice booklets published annually for Years 8 and 9