

Youth Visions

Hebrew High Registration is Now Online

Learn Why Your Teen Should Attend Hebrew High

Registration for the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte, aka Hebrew High, is now open and online. We are very excited that we have moved away from paper registration forms and are now completely online. Are you on the fence

if you want to sign up your son/daughter? Check out these top five frequently asked questions and then go to www.hebrewhigh.org to register.

1. My child is so busy, working hard in order to get into a good college, so they don't have time.

As reported by college personnel and former students, a transcript showing five years of class work from Hebrew High demonstrates to an admissions officer not only that the student has participated in an impressive educational endeavor, but also that s/he probably has the ability to follow through on commitments and has had time to develop a solid identity. Nationally, most students applying to universities have similar grade point averages and comparable examination scores. Extracurricular activities make the difference.

2. My child participates in varsity sports, s/he might need to be absent for several weeks during his/her sport season.

Many students at Hebrew High are in a varsity activities. We are always willing to work with you and your teen to work out an equitable solution. The goal is keep your child in this positive Jewish environment and the door is always open whenever s/he is able to attend.

3. My high school student is involved in youth group. I'm not sure that it is important for him/her to also spend time in an academic setting where there may be little time to socialize.

While the high school fulfills an educational function, and

youth groups fulfill a social role, the high school does offer many "social" experiences for teens. Beyond the time before and after classes and the 10-minute break between classes for "lounge," class time too can, in a sense, be considered "social time." It is often more healthful and less threatening to meet people in a national environment life a classroom than in an awkward social setting where everyone's motive is to "match up."

4. I always had to fight with my child to get him/her to go to Hebrew School. I'm not sure that this is a battle I want to fight.

The battle is worth fighting if quantitative as well as qualitative Jewish survival is important to you. All data indicates the more hours of Jewish education, the greater the likelihood of adult Jewish identification. Additionally, an education ended at an early age means that, as an adult, this person will understand Judaism in an unsophisticated and childish way. (It would be comparable to ending one's English or mathematics education at age 12 or 13.)

Regarding fighting battles with children, most psychologist and educators (whether secular or Judaic) point out that a child's lack of desire in attending a class or activity has little to do with the content or nature of the class and a lot to do with the child's recognition of the parent's ambivalence on the subject. More concretely, when a child knows that secular or Hebrew school is nonnegotiable, s/he generally will not bother arguing or fighting about attending.

5. My child is already a sophomore, junior, senior. Isn't it too late?

Adolescents have specific developmental tasks whether they are freshman or seniors. Their main task is that of figuring out and then establishing their fault identity. They have a need to explore, to challenge, and to question and then to fit all these puzzle pieces together to form an identity. We know that you want Judaism to be one of those pieces. Your child has an urgency and a right to explore all aspects of Jewish knowledge, beliefs, and to be exposed to a variety of Jewish role models. S/he also has a need to learn Jewish subjects with similar sophistication and comprehensives as s/he learns secular subjects. Hebrew High is the only opportunity in Charlotte that strives to meet these needs. It is never too late to begin to attend Hebrew High. ☆



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