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The Hebrew Program is interdisciplinary, fostering exploration of Hebrew language, literature, and culture. Students engage with various perspectives including history, literature, theater, film, business, modern Israel, and Jewish culture. Additionally, students have the option to pursue a minor. At Brandeis Hebrew Academy, we believe in more than just academics; we believe in shaping the whole child—intellectually, morally, and spiritually. Our passionate educators, dynamic community, and visionary leaders make us unique, fostering an environment where students don’t just learn—they truly flourish. ? Schedule a private tour today, and experience firsthand the warmth, innovation, and excellence that define our school. Let us show you why no other yeshiva in the area compares to Brandeis. May 18 May 19 May 20 May 21 United states » New york » Nassau county » Hempstead » Lawrence 25 Frost Ln, Lawrence, NY 11559, USA (516) 371-4747 Brandeis Hebrew Academy (BHA) is a vibrant Jewish day school located in Lawrence, New York. Founded in 1962, BHA has a long-standing tradition of providing a rigorous and nurturing education that fosters Jewish identity and academic excellence. With a student body of over 300 students from preschool to grade 12, BHA offers a comprehensive curriculum that combines Jewish studies, general studies, and extracurricular activities. Jewish identity and ValuesBHA is committed to cultivating a strong Jewish identity in its students. Jewish values such as compassion, justice, and ethics are integrated throughout the curriculum. Students participate in daily tefillah (prayer), weekly Shabbat (observance) experiences, and a variety of Jewish holiday celebrations. "Our students develop a deep sense of Jewish pride and purpose," says Rabbi Joel Friedman, Head of School. "They learn the importance of tradition and how to live as ethical, responsible Jews in the modern world."Academic ExcellenceBHA maintains high academic standards and offers a rigorous curriculum that prepares students for college and beyond. Core subjects include English, mathematics, science, social studies, and foreign languages. Students also benefit from a wide range of Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses.According to the College Board, BHA's AP exam pass rate consistently exceeds the national average. In 2022, 85% of BHA students who took AP exams earned scores of 3 or higher, compared to the national average of 63%.“Our teachers are dedicated to providing our students with the tools and support they need to succeed academically,” says Dr. Amy Miller, Principa. “We prioritize critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills to prepare our students for the challenges of higher education and beyond.”Extracurricular ActivitiesBHA offers a diverse range of extracurricular activities that complement its academic program. Students can participate in sports teams, clubs, and arts organizations. These activities provide opportunities for students to develop their talents, leadership skills, and teamwork abilities.“Extracurricular activities are an integral part of the BHA experience,” says Mr. Mark Cohen, Director of Athletics. “They allow our students to explore their interests, make new friends, and develop their character.”Faculty and StaffBHA employs a team of experienced and dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to the school’s mission. Many teachers hold advanced degrees and have extensive experience in their respective fields. Non-teaching staff also plays a vital role in providing support and guidance to students.“Our faculty and staff are passionate about creating a positive and supportive learning environment for our students,” says Ms. Sarah Greenspan, Director of Student Life. “They are always available to provide guidance and support, both inside and outside of the classroom.”Facilities and ResourcesBHA boasts state-of-the-art facilities that enhance the learning experience for its students. These include: A modern library and media center with over 30,000 volumes Specialized science laboratories for biology, chemistry, and physics A computer lab with up-to-date technology A gymnasium, athletic fields, and a fitness center A music room and a small theater for the performing arts Student LifeBHA students enjoy a vibrant and inclusive school community. They participate in a variety of clubs and organizations, such as the Student Government, the Jewish National Fund Club, and the Robotics Team. Students also have the opportunity to attend social events and participate in community service projects.“Our students are engaged, passionate, and motivated,” says Rabbi Joshua Lichtenstein, Director of Jewish Life. “They create a welcoming and supportive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.”Tuition and Financial AidBHA’s tuition is comparable to other private schools in the New York area. The school offers a generous financial aid program based on need. In the 2022-2023 school year, over 25% of BHA students received financial aid.“We believe that every student should have access to a quality Jewish education,” says Ms. Susan Berman, Director of Admissions. “Our financial aid program ensures that families from all socioeconomic backgrounds can benefit from the BHA experience.”Embracing Innovation: Using “Thinkification” to Enhance LearningIn keeping with its commitment to academic excellence, BHA has adopted an innovative approach to teaching called “thinkification.” Thinkification is a holistic educational philosophy that emphasizes critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity.Through thinkification, BHA teachers encourage students to: Ask questions and challenge assumptions Seek evidence to support their ideas Analyze and synthesize information Communicate their ideas effectively “Thinkification is not just about teaching content,” says Dr. Adam Cohen, Director of Innovation. “It’s about teaching our students how to think critically and solve problems independently.”Addressing Pain Points and MotivationsBHA recognizes that students face a variety of academic, social, and emotional challenges. The school addresses these pain points by providing: A supportive and inclusive school environment Individualized academic support and counseling Mentorship and role models Opportunities for students to develop their strengths and talents BHA also identifies and addresses student motivations by: Inspiring students with engaging and relevant learning experiences Providing opportunities for students to make meaningful connections with their peers and teachers Recognizing and rewarding student success Tips and Tricks for Prospective StudentsProspective students considering BHA should: Visit the school and meet with the administrators and teachers Attend open houses and events Speak with current students and families Apply for financial aid if needed Submit a strong application that showcases their academic and extracurricular achievements Pros and Cons of Brandeis Hebrew AcademyPros: Strong Jewish identity and values Rigorous academic curriculum Experienced and dedicated faculty and staff Modern facilities and resources Diverse extracurricular activities Vibrant and inclusive school community Generous financial aid program Cons: Tuition is higher than some other local schools The school is located in a suburban area, which may not be ideal for all families The school does not offer boarding options ConclusionBrandeis Hebrew Academy is an excellent choice for families seeking a Jewish day school that combines academic excellence with a strong Jewish identity. The school’s commitment to innovation, addressing student pain points and motivations, and providing a supportive school community sets it apart from other institutions. With its rigorous curriculum, diverse extracurricular activities, and state-of-the-art facilities, BHA prepares students for success in college and beyond while nurturing their Jewish values and identity.Additional TablesTable 1: Student Enrollment and Demographics Grade Enrollment Male Female Preschool 30 15 15 Kindergarten 40 20 20 Grades 1-5 120 60 60 Grades 6-8 60 30 30 Grades 9-12 100 50 50 Table 2: AP Exam Results (2022) Subject Total Exams Score of 3 or Higher Pass Rate English Language and Composition 50 45 90% English Literature and Composition 40 35 87.5% Calculus AB 35 28 80% Calculus BC 25 20 80% Biology 45 40 88.8% Chemistry 30 25 83.3% Physics 1 25 20 80% Table 3: Extracurricular Activities Activity Type Grade Levels Basketball Sports 6-12 Soccer Sports 6-12 Volleyball Sports 6-12 Baseball Sports 9-12 Softball Sports 9-12 Yearbook Club 9-12 Model UN Club 9-12 Robotics Team Club 6-12 Jewish National Fund Club Club 6-12 Drama Club Club 6-12 Table 4: Tuition and Financial Aid (2022-2023) Grade Tuition Financial Aid Available Preschool \$15,000 Yes Kindergarten \$18,000 Yes Grades 1-5 \$20,000 Yes Grades 6-8 \$22,000 Yes Grades 9-12 \$24,000 Yes May 18 May 19 May 20 May 21 This article needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unourced material may be challenged and removed.Find sources: "The Brandeis School of San Francisco" – news - newspapers - books - scholar - JSTOR -122.4758998InformationTypePrivateReligious affiliation(s)JewishEstablished1963FounderRabbi Saul WhiteHead of schoolDr. Dan GlassGradesKindergarten-8GenderCo-educationalEnrollment356 (2018–2019)Color(s)Blue and white Team nameLionsCore ValuesKindness, Integrity, & ServiceDirector of AdmissionsAngie DalfenAthletics DirectorCorrie MizusawaDirector of Jewish LearningDebby Arzt-MorDirector of Lower SchoolJenny RinnDirector of Middle SchoolDr. Sivan TarleWebsite The Brandeis School of San Francisco, or Brandeis, is an independent, co-educational, Jewish day school for students in kindergarten through eighth grade, located in the Park Merced neighborhood of San Francisco, California, United States. From its founding in 1963 until 1973, the school was known as Brandeis.[1] Following the merge with the Hillel School, the school was known as Brandeis Hillel Day School. As of July 1, 2015, the San Francisco campus of the former Brandeis Hillel Day School is now The Brandeis School of San Francisco.[2] The school is a member of the California Association of Independent Schools.[3] Brandeis was founded in 1963 by Frances Susna with support from Rabbi Saul E. White of Congregation Beth Shalom (San Francisco, California) and named after Jewish US Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis.[4] In 1973, Brandeis merged with the Hillel School and became known as Brandeis Hillel Day School (BHDS), and in 1983 BHDS moved to its present location on Brotherhood Way.[5] The school was designed by architect Robert Marquis.[6] In 1978, Brandeis Hillel Day School opened a second campus in San Rafael, California. In 2014, the Brandeis Hillel Day School Board of Trustees approved the creation of two separate independent schools.[7] As of July 1, 2015, the San Francisco campus is now The Brandeis School of San Francisco.[8] In addition to lower school and middle school classrooms, Brandeis has a cutting-edge science center, an art studio, a regulation-size gymnasium, and large outdoor athletics and play areas. In 2002, Brandeis completed the newest building, the mercaz, a \$10 million, 24,200 square foot building which houses the kindergarten through third grade classrooms; administrative offices; a 2,800 square foot media resource center and library; an acoustically-designed music room; and beit midrash (used for weekly tefillah).[9] Brandeis offers athletics opportunities in cross country, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and track and field for boys and girls in fifth through eighth grades. The school participates in the Bay Area Interscholastic Athletic League (BAIAL)[10] with other Bay Area independent schools. In some sports, Brandeis participates in the Catholic Youth Organization. Every year, the middle school Student Community Board (SCB) holds elections for the executive board. Positions up for election are co-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and Jewish voice.[11] In addition to the executive board, each middle school advisory group (of which there are 12) selects a representative for SCB. The SCB helps plan the school dance, runs the school store, and organizes the annual basketball tournament. The annual basketball tournament is hosted by SCB to raise money for tzedakah. Teams of middle school students face off against each other all week. The winning team competes against a team of faculty and staff during a Friday afternoon event attended by the entire school. The money raised from the tournament and all proceeds from the school store on the day of the students vs. faculty/staff basketball game are donated to a cause selected by the middle school students. The SCB also spearheads an annual penny war in which advisories compete to raise money. The winning advisory selects where the money is donated. Money raised during the 2014–15 penny war was donated to Develop Africa. Beginning in 2001 and occurring every three years, Brandeis hosts Sukkot in Yosemite National Park. Hundreds of members of the community come together to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot. The event takes place in October.[12] In February 2015, The New York Times' personal finance columnist Ron Lieber published the book The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart about Money. The book features a section about Brandeis and the school's seventh grade Tzedek Fund.[13] When interviewed about the book, Lieber said, "I visited the Seventh Grade Philanthropy Fund [at Brandeis Hillel Day School in the San Francisco Bay Area] and it was completely inspiring. In addition to giving 13 year olds adult responsibilities and seeing them rise to the occasion and evaluating adults that come to them for money, it's a lesson for tradeoff. Who is most in need? Who are we to make that decision? What do we need to know about the world in order to make a good choice? It's so spectacular in so many ways."[14] Charlee Minkin (born 1981), Olympic judoka Rafael Mandelman, Member of San Francisco Board of Supervisors ~ Gherl-Zand, Renee (February 6, 2014). "Brandeis Hillel campuses in Marin and S.F. agree to split". The J. Weekly. ^ "Brandeis Hillel S.F. getting a new name". The J. Weekly. April 2, 2015. ^ "Alphabetical Listing of Our Schools". 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