



JEWISH UPPER SCHOOL OF NASHVILLE

PROFILE OF OUR SCHOOL



IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

Over the past sixty years, the landscape of Jewish day school education in Nashville, Tennessee, has witnessed a significant transformation. As the local Jewish community has expanded and evolved, so too has the demand for comprehensive Jewish education. Akiva School, established in 1964 as a K-6 school, has seen enrollment double in the last three years.

Expanding on the vision of providing a world-class pluralistic Jewish education, Rabbi Saul Strosberg founded the Jewish Middle School (JMS) in 2015. With a deep understanding of the needs of the growing Jewish community and a vision for K-12 Jewish education in Nashville, Kehilla High School launched the inaugural Genesis Fellows class of ninth grade in Fall 2022. We are now seeking the inaugural head of the Jewish Upper School of Nashville, comprised of both the Jewish Middle School and the Kehilla High School. The Jewish Upper School of Nashville is accredited by Cognia and governed by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Upper School of Nashville.

With an anticipated enrollment of over 50 students for Fall 2024, the search is on for an innovative and dynamic leader of the Jewish Upper School of Nashville.



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In less than a decade, the Jewish Middle School of Nashville has cemented its expertise in educating students in the middle school years in a safe and nurturing environment. This vibrant school is deeply rooted in both Jewish tradition and contemporary learning. With a commitment to academic excellence, the Jewish Middle School of Nashville places a strong emphasis on cultivating critical thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning in its students.

At the Jewish Middle School of Nashville, a sense of community and Jewish identity is fostered through a dynamic curriculum that affirms students from all faith backgrounds. Students engage in meaningful Jewish studies, Hebrew language instruction, and an array of extracurricular activities while preparing them to thrive in a diverse and interconnected world. With a dedicated faculty and a warm atmosphere, students can not only excel academically but also develop and begin to act upon strong moral and ethical values that will guide them throughout their lives.



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Established in 2022, Kehilla High School is the newest member of Nashville’s family of community day schools, joining Akiva School and the Jewish Middle School. Open to families of all faith backgrounds, Kehilla is proud to offer a unique school experience in our welcoming and diverse community. Kehilla High School is committed to providing an exceptional education in both General and Jewish Studies while creating a strong sense of community and intellectual growth.

Kehilla currently includes the ninth and tenth grades. Looking ahead, eleventh and twelfth grades will roll out in 2024 - 2025 and 2025-2026, respectively. The school size is anticipated to be approximately forty students by the time the inaugural cohort graduates in Spring 2026.



NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Nashville, Tennessee, known as the Athens of the South, has experienced unprecedented economic growth in the last decade. Quality of life ranks high with a lower cost of living compared to other major metropolitan areas. The city is home to several universities and colleges and has a growing tech and healthcare sectors. Nashville offers a vibrant cultural scene, including arts, music, and dining. The city has a growing entrepreneurial ecosystem, with numerous co-working spaces, incubators, and accelerators that support startups and innovation. Beautiful parks, green spaces, and proximity to natural wonders like Fall Creek Falls and the Great Smoky Mountains provide ample opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts.

The Nashville Jewish community of approximately 11,000 families is collaborative, engaged, innovative, and growing. With a history dating back to the early 19th century, Nashville is home to several synagogues, including Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, and Chabad. The Gordon Jewish Community Center (GJCC) serves as a hub for various community activities, fitness programs, cultural events, and educational opportunities. The Jewish Federation of Greater Nashville is the central voluntary communal organization of the Jewish community. Through its fund-raising, planning, and community relations efforts, either independently or in partnership with other Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, the Federation works to promote the general welfare, viability, and cohesiveness of the Jewish and non-Jewish community of Greater Nashville.

