



The Shoshana S. Cardin School Academic Profile 2009-2010 CEEB/ACT Code: 210206

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THE SCHOOL

The Shoshana S. Cardin School, founded in 2003, is the first pluralistic independent Jewish high school in Baltimore. Cardin began with 32 students in grade 9.

Currently there are 58 students enrolled in grades 9-12, The school integrates Judaic studies with a challenging college-preparatory program.

A teacher student ratio of 1:2 enables each student to develop meaningful relationships with the faculty, providing students with opportunities for significant interactions with superior educators.

A Cardin School education combines academic excellence with individual discovery. All courses—AP, Honors, and Standard—are grounded in structure and integrity while challenging students to create their own meaning. Cardin students are inspired to explore beyond the classroom.

The Shoshana S. Cardin School is accredited by the State of Maryland. The school is a member of: the National Association of Independent Schools; the Association of Independent Maryland Schools; RAVSAK: The Jewish Community Day School Network; Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE); National Staff Development Council; Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations; and the Independent School Management Consortium.

THE FACULTY

- 30 faculty members, both full and part time, teaching from 1 to 6 classes
- 4 teaching Rabbis on faculty
- Professionally affiliated with NCTE, NCSS, NSTA, NCTM, NACAC, PCACAC, ASCA, NIAAA, MSADA, CAC

GRADING INFORMATION

- Three trimesters
- The school does not rank due to small class size.
- 4.3 scale, not weighted:

A+ 98 and up (4.3)	A 93-97 (4.0)	A- 90-92 (3.7)
B+ 88-89 (3.3)	B 83-87 (3.0)	B- 80-82 (2.7)
C+ 78-79 (2.3)	C 73-77 (2.0)	C- 70-72 (1.7)
D+ 68-69 (1.3)	D 60-67 (1.0)	F 59/below (0)
- Students are named to Head of School's List with a minimum GPA of 3.7 and no grade lower than a B+, or the Honor Roll with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and no grade lower than a B-.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Mathematics
- 3 credits History
- 3 credits Science
- 4 credits Hebrew
- 3 credits Judaic Studies: *Mikra v'Aggadah*
- 3 credits Judaic Studies: *Netivim v'Halakhot*
- 2 credits Arts and Electives
- 1 credit Judaic Studies: Senior Colloquium
- 1 credit Integrated Studies: Senior Seminar
- 1 credit Physical Education
- Senior Civics (or place out)
- Personal Finance
- 4 credits Romance Language recommended

2009-2010 COURSE OFFERINGS

(* denotes further explanation on next page)

ENGLISH

English 9: Classic Literature and Composition—
Standard & Honors
English 10: European Literature—
Standard & Honors
English 11: U.S. Literature—*Standard & Honors*
English 12: British Literature—
Standard & Honors
AP English Literature
Writing Workshop

HISTORY and SOCIAL SCIENCES

History 9: Western Civilizations, pt.1—
Standard & Honors
History 10: Western Civilizations, pt.2—
Standard & Honors
History 11: U.S. History—*Standard & Honors*
AP US History
Psychology
AP Psychology
Senior Civics
Personal Finance

INTEGRATED SENIOR SEMINAR*

*100 Years of Change: 20th Century Political,
Social, and Cultural History—Honors*

LANGUAGES

Hebrew* I-X and Independent Studies
Biblical Grammar
Spanish I-V
Latin I-III

FINE and PERFORMING ARTS

Instrumental Lessons
Vocal Ensemble
Music Appreciation
Surrealism and Art
Studio Art

ELECTIVES (include, but not limited to)

Chess
SAT Prep
The Science of Happiness
Sign Language
The Supernatural in Literature and Film
Yearbook

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I—*Standard & Honors*
Algebra II—*Standard & Honors*
Geometry—*Standard & Honors*
Pre-Calculus—*Standard & Honors*
College Algebra & Trigonometry
Probability & Statistics
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC

SCIENCE

General Science
Biology—*Standard & Honors*
Chemistry—*Standard & Honors*
Physics—*Standard & Honors*
AP Physics C: Mechanics
Forensics

JUDAIC STUDIES*

Mikra v'Aggadah: Biblical Literature
Mikra 9 Introduction to Genesis
Mikra 10 Introduction to Exodus and Numbers
Mikra 11 The Prophets and Social Justice
Netivim v'Halakhot: Rabbinic Literature
Netivim 9 Introduction to the World and
Literature of our Sages
Netivim 10 Jewish Law: Evolution and
Application—*Standard & Honors*
Netivim 11 Jewish Theology—*Standard & Honors*
Netivim 11 Advanced Rabbinic Literature
Netivim 12 Senior Judaics Seminar—
Standard & Advanced

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education
Core Fitness
Health
Israeli Dance
Israeli Self Defense
After-school athletic teams and clubs

DESCRIPTIONS OF UNIQUE CARDIN CURRICULUM

JUDAIC STUDIES

At the core of Cardin's academic program in Judaic Studies are two, three-year sequences of text-based courses that explore the narrative, legal, philosophical, and communal heritage of the Jewish people. Elective seminars offer seniors the opportunity to delve deeply into Jewish texts and thought.

Mikra v'Aggadah

Texts and Telling selects from a vast field of sacred Jewish narratives to teach the foundational stories of the Jewish people. Students discover that meaningful Judaism begins with how these narratives are studied, told, and lived.

Netivim v'Halakhot

Paths and Practices focuses on Jewish thought, practice, and laws. Students join in the rabbinical approach to debate and dispute in examining major ethical and legal dilemmas in Jewish tradition and contemporary society.

HEBREW LANGUAGE

Cardin uses the NETA Hebrew curriculum, an innovative program that sets a new standard for Hebrew language instruction. Each lesson engages students by incorporating Jewish tradition, modern Israeli culture, and general knowledge. Hebrew classes range from beginner to advanced.

INTEGRATED SENIOR SEMINAR

History Seminar: This class studies the 20th Century, a time of tremendous development and ignominious events, from multiple perspectives—political, economic, social, cultural, artistic, and intellectual—with special emphasis on these phenomena from a Western/Jewish perspective. Every student concludes the year with a Senior Seminar Thesis of significant length.

ISRAEL TRIP

Cardin seniors participate in a three week Israel experience after the AP exams. This Senior Israel Experience engages students in understanding Israel's past, present and future against the backdrop of how the students self-define as Jews. In addition to visiting religious, historical, political and cultural landmarks throughout Israel, students participate in *mifgashim* (partnerships) with Israeli teens from Ashkelon, perform community service projects, participate in recreational activities, and celebrate traditional *Shabbatot* (Sabbath celebrations).

INTERIM WEEK

Interim Week is the period between 2nd and 3rd trimesters where the entire school participates in a creative and non-traditional interdisciplinary learning exploration. This year's theme is storytelling, Rabbinic literature, and oral tradition. The title for this year's Interim Week is "...But We Can Tell The Story..." and it will involve our surrounding community.

CLASS OF 2009

- 15 students
- 13 out of 15 seniors are taking one or more AP courses during senior year
- Seven seniors are members of the National Honor Society
- Students are leaders of SGA, NHS, and several varsity sports teams.
- Students held summer internships at noteworthy institutions including NASA, The Greater Baltimore Urban League, Johns Hopkins labs, and various local businesses.

COMMUNITY SERVICE and CLUBS

Community service at The Shoshana S. Cardin School is both school sponsored and student initiated. Although there is no formal service requirement, community service is an integral part of the Cardin education. Students created a community service club and developed programs throughout the city. Students have volunteered at local schools, been peer tutors, and have led several Jewish-themed programs in the greater Baltimore community.

Extracurricular clubs are entirely voluntary and student run, encouraging involvement beyond the Cardin community.

College Acceptances 2006-2009

Albert A. List College *	Hofstra University	Radford University
Alvernia College	Hood College*	Ramapo College of New Jersey*
American University *	Howard Community College*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Arcadia University	Hunter College	University of Richmond
Arizona State University	Indiana University at Bloomington*	Rider University
The University of Arizona *	Ithaca College	University of Rochester
University of Baltimore	Johns Hopkins University*	Rochester Institute of Technology
Beloit College*	Juniata College*	Roger Williams University
Binghamton University *	Kalamazoo College	Rollins College*
Brandeis University *	Knox College	Salisbury University
Brooklyn College	Lafayette College	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Bryn Mawr College	Landmark College	Smith College*
Bucknell University	Lehigh University	Springfield College
Carnegie Mellon University	Lycoming College	St. John's College
Carroll Community College*	Lyndon State College	St. Mary's College of Maryland
Case Western Reserve University	University of Maine, Orono	Stevenson University*
University of Cincinnati	University of Mary Washington	Stony Brook University
CCBC - Catonsville*	UMBC*	Susquehanna University
Clark University	UMBC - Honors Program	Syracuse University
Clarkson University	University of Maryland, College Park *	University of Tampa
The College of William and Mary	University of Maryland, College Park Honors*	Temple University
College of Charleston	University of Maryland, College Park Honors Humanities *	Towson University*
College of Wooster	University of Maryland, College Park Gemstone*	Tufts University
Columbia University *	Marymount University	Tulane University
University of Connecticut	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Union College
Cornell University	McDaniel College	Ursinus College
The Culinary Institute of America	Millersville University	Vanderbilt University
Curry College*	Mt. Holyoke College	Wagner College
Dartmouth College*	Muhlenberg College*	Washington College*
University of Delaware*	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology*	Wesley College*
University of Denver	North Carolina State University	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Dickinson College*	Northeastern University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Drew University*	Ohio Wesleyan University	Yeshiva University*
Drexel University	Pace University, Honors*	York College of Pennsylvania*
Earlham College*	Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg*	York University
East Carolina University	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	
Emory University	Philadelphia University	
Fairleigh Dickinson University*	University of Pittsburgh*	
Florida Southern College	Queens College	
Franklin & Marshall College*	Queens University, Honors	
Franklin & Marshall College*	Quinnipiac University	
Frostburg State University*		
The George Washington University*		
Gettysburg College		
Goucher College*		
Guilford College		
Hampshire College		
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Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University*		

* College attended by one or more students from the Classes of 07-09

Several members of the Classes of 2007-2009 enrolled in the following Israel programs before continuing their higher education:

Habonim D'ror Workshop

Yeshivat Maale Gilboa

IDF (Israeli Defense Forces)

Yeshivat Shvilei Hatorah

Ohr Somayach—Derech Institute for Torah Studies

Young Judaea Year Course

The Shoshana S. Cardin School is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and complies with the NACAC *Statement of Principles of Good Practice*.