



## The Shoshana S. Cardin School Academic Profile 2010-2011 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 51 students enrolled in grades 9-12, The school integrates Judaic studies with a challenging college-preparatory program.*

*A teacher student ratio of 1:3.5 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; and Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations*

### THE FACULTY

- 4 teaching Rabbis on faculty
- Professionally affiliated with NCTE, NCSS, NSTA, NCTM, NACAC, PCACAC, ASCA, NIAAA, MSADA, CAC

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*.

### 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

## 2010-2011 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

### 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*  
Senior Civics  
Personal Finance  
Psychology  
AP Psychology

### INTEGRATED SENIOR SEMINAR\*

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

### LANGUAGES

Hebrew\* I-X  
Advanced Hebrew  
Spanish I-IV  
Latin I-IV  
AP Latin Vergil

### FINE and PERFORMING ARTS

Vocal Ensemble  
Painting with Pastels  
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  
Creative Writing/Literary Magazine

### MATHEMATICS

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

### SCIENCE

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

### 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  
*Netivim* 11 Jewish Theology  
*Netivim* 11 Advanced Rabbinic Literature  
*Netivim* 12 Senior Judaics Seminar—  
*Standard & Honors*

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education  
Core Fitness  
Health  
Yoga  
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. The senior colloquium offer seniors the opportunity to delve deeply into Jewish texts and thought. Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, *Mikra* and *Netivim* courses will no longer have any Standard or Honors distinctions.

#### *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. The title for this year's Interim Week is "A Capital Week" and will focus on exploring the rich history of Washington, DC.

### CLASS OF 2011

- 22 students
- 13 out of 22 seniors are taking one or more AP courses during senior year
- Nine seniors are members of the NHS
- 1 National Merit Semifinalist
- 1 MD Distinguished Scholars Finalist
- 1 MD Distinguished Scholar Honorable Mention—Arts (vocal)
- 3 Distinguished Scholars Honorable Mentions—Academic
- 1 2010 AP Scholar

### 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 2007-2010

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Akron *</li> <li>• Albert A. List College *</li> <li>• Alvernia College</li> <li>• American University *</li> <li>• Arcadia University</li> <li>• Arizona State University</li> <li>• The University of Arizona *</li> <li>• University of Baltimore</li> <li>• Beloit College *</li> <li>• Binghamton University *</li> <li>• Boston University</li> <li>• Bowling Green State University</li> <li>• Brandeis University *</li> <li>• Brooklyn College</li> <li>• Bryn Mawr College</li> <li>• Bucknell University</li> <li>• Carnegie Mellon University</li> <li>• Case Western Reserve University</li> <li>• Champlain College</li> <li>• University of Cincinnati</li> <li>• Clark University</li> <li>• Clarkson University</li> <li>• College of Charleston</li> <li>• The College of William and Mary</li> <li>• College of Wooster</li> <li>• Columbia University *</li> <li>• University of Connecticut</li> <li>• Cornell University</li> <li>• The Culinary Institute of America</li> <li>• Curry College*</li> <li>• Dartmouth College *</li> <li>• University of Delaware *</li> <li>• University of Denver</li> <li>• DePaul University</li> <li>• Dickinson College *</li> <li>• Drew University *</li> <li>• Drexel University</li> <li>• Earlham College *</li> <li>• East Carolina University</li> <li>• University of Edinburgh</li> <li>• Elizabethtown College *</li> <li>• Emerson College *</li> <li>• Emory University</li> <li>• Fairleigh Dickinson University *</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida Southern College</li> <li>• Franklin &amp; Marshall College *</li> <li>• Franklin College in Switzerland *</li> <li>• Frostburg State University *</li> <li>• George Mason University</li> <li>• The George Washington University *</li> <li>• Gettysburg College</li> <li>• Goucher College *</li> <li>• Guilford College</li> <li>• Hampshire College</li> <li>• Florida Atlantic University *</li> <li>• Hofstra University</li> <li>• Hood College *</li> <li>• Hunter College</li> <li>• Indiana University at Bloomington *</li> <li>• Ithaca College</li> <li>• James Madison University</li> <li>• Johns Hopkins University *</li> <li>• Juniata College *</li> <li>• Kalamazoo College</li> <li>• Keene State College</li> <li>• Kent State University</li> <li>• Knox College</li> <li>• Lafayette College</li> <li>• Landmark College</li> <li>• Lehigh University</li> <li>• Lycoming College</li> <li>• Lyndon State College</li> <li>• University of Maine, Orono</li> <li>• University of Mary Washington</li> <li>• University of MD, Baltimore County*</li> <li>• University of MD, College Park *</li> <li>• Marymount University</li> <li>• University of Mass, Amherst</li> <li>• McDaniel College</li> <li>• Millersville University</li> <li>• Mt. Holyoke College</li> <li>• Muhlenberg College *</li> <li>• New Mexico Tech *</li> <li>• North Carolina State University</li> <li>• Northeastern University *</li> <li>• Ohio Wesleyan University</li> <li>• Oxford College of Emory University</li> <li>• Pace University *</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pennsylvania State University</li> <li>• Philadelphia University</li> <li>• University of Pittsburgh *</li> <li>• Queens College</li> <li>• Quinnipiac University</li> <li>• Radford University</li> <li>• Ramapo College of New Jersey *</li> <li>• Randolph-Macon College</li> <li>• Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*</li> <li>• University of Richmond</li> <li>• Rider University</li> <li>• University of Rochester *</li> <li>• Rochester Institute of Technology</li> <li>• Roger Williams University</li> <li>• Rollins College *</li> <li>• Salisbury University *</li> <li>• University of the Sciences in Phil.</li> <li>• Simmons College *</li> <li>• Smith College *</li> <li>• Springfield College</li> <li>• St. John's College</li> <li>• St. Mary's College of Maryland</li> <li>• Stevenson University *</li> <li>• Stony Brook University</li> <li>• Susquehanna University</li> <li>• Syracuse University</li> <li>• University of Tampa</li> <li>• Temple University</li> <li>• Towson University *</li> <li>• Tufts University</li> <li>• Tulane University</li> <li>• Union College</li> <li>• Ursinus College</li> <li>• Vanderbilt University</li> <li>• Wagner College</li> <li>• Washington College *</li> <li>• Wesley College *</li> <li>• West Chester University of PA</li> <li>• Worcester Polytechnic Institute</li> <li>• Yeshiva University *</li> <li>• York College of Pennsylvania *</li> <li>• York University</li> </ul> |
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- \* College attended by one or more students from the classes of 07-10

**Several members of the Classes of 2007-2010 enrolled in the following Israel programs before continuing their higher education:**

*Habonim D'ror* Workshop, IDF (Israeli Defense Forces), *Nativ*, *Ohr Somayach*—Derech Institute, *Yeshivat Maale Gilboa*, *Yeshivat Shvilei Hatorah*, Young Judaea Year Course