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Under the direction of some of the most respected preschool consultants, educators and practitioners, Associated's preschool is a cutting edge facility for both Judaic and General studies. Associated's preschool experience is unique in the following ways:

### THE CENTRE FOR DIVERSE LEARNING

Every child is an individual with his or her unique talents and challenges. Through the involvement of in-class consultants and focused professional development, we are identifying individual needs and invoking a variety of strategies to help every child reach his or her full potential.

### LITERACY

Literacy teaching in the Bet Hayaed begins at the earliest stages of reading and writing and encompasses many skills such as letter learning, text reading, building comprehension skills, daily writing experiences and oral language development. Ongoing assessment allows our teachers to provide a program that meets each child's need at his/her own level. Literacy teaching is integrated into everything we do including play, drama, personal and social development, science, social studies and even math! In addition, through our *Bet Hayaed Literacy Coaches* program, parent volunteers are trained to use play-based activities to help reinforce literacy skills taught in the classroom.

### JUDAIC STUDIES AND HEBREW LANGUAGE

In Bet Hayaed one of our goals is to build a solid communicative Hebrew language foundation. Hebrew language consultants and the classroom teacher work together to offer communicative Hebrew language instruction using the *Chalav U'Dvash* Program in addition to learning Hebrew as it relates to holidays and thematic studies. The children benefit from a cutting edge Hebrew language program developed specifically for use in the Diaspora.

We also offer the option of Hebrew Immersion in our JK and SK full day classes. Children are immersed in Hebrew language for a half day, participating in a rich experiential program.

The study of Jewish Holidays and Shabbat is integrated into the weekly themes and is interwoven through literacy, math, the arts, drama and science. The children learn through a variety of experiences in a meaningful, fun environment. *Derech Eretz* (treating others appropriately) practices are modeled and lessons are infused into the curriculum. *Tefilla* (prayer) is introduced to best suit the age level of the children.

### TECHNOLOGY

With one foot placed firmly in history, Associated meets the challenges of the future through the use of technology which is an important part of every child's world. Bet Hayaed uses classroom computers, SMARTboards, internet-based programs and, in the process, teaches our youngest students to use and apply technology in their learning.

### SPECIALTIES

As an integral part of the Bet Hayaed program, each class has gym and music on a weekly basis. Our JK and SK students visit the computer lab every week for more enhanced computer-based learning.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### HALF-DAY TIME & ACTIVITY EXAMPLE

9:00-9:35	Tfillot	
1:00-1:35	Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared writing, shared reading</li> <li>Oral language skills</li> </ul>
Group Discussions	Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calendar</li> <li>Reasoning &amp; proving</li> <li>Problem solving</li> </ul>
Group Learning	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental awareness</li> <li>Weather</li> </ul>
Group Sharing	Judaics & Hebrew Language	
	News	
	Whole Class Reflection and Connecting	
	Character Education	
9:35-10:30	Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guided reading, interactive writing, literacy centres, word study</li> </ul>
1:35-2:30	Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graphing, sorting, measuring, problem solving</li> </ul>
	Hebrew	
	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observing, questioning, communicating findings</li> </ul>
	The Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual Arts, Music, Drama</li> </ul>
	Fine Motor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sand, water, cutting, pasting</li> </ul>
	Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer</li> <li>SMARTBoard</li> <li>Listening Centre</li> </ul>
	Judaic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chagim</li> <li>Parashat Hashavua</li> </ul>
	Puzzles & Construction	
10:30-11:00	Music	
2:30-3:00	Gym	
Special Weekly Programs	Hebrew Library	
	Shabbat/holiday celebration	
	Cross-grade learning communities	
11:10-11:30	Outdoor Play	
3:20-3:45	Sand Box	
Outdoor Physical Play	Gross Motor Games	
	Social Skills	
	Tikkun Olam	
	Outdoor Environmental Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>planting, Shabbat herb garden</li> </ul>

# Bet Hayaed



## Partners in Education

Parental involvement is and will increasingly become a cornerstone of the Associated preschool experience. Parent workshops provide detailed information about what is being taught in the classroom and how parents can support it. Parents play an important role in the classroom by working with children on a variety of group and individual projects. It is our belief that when parents understand what their children are doing in the classroom and the educational approaches that are being used, they can then support their child and their child's teacher to provide the best possible early years education.

## Nursery, JK & SK

Associated's strong knowledge-based curriculum is unique in the community. Through a strong emphasis on academic achievement along with accompanying individual support, we are providing children with a foundation for future learning.

# Elementary School

## Grades 1-5



Our educational program is differentiated to allow us to meet the academic and social emotional needs of a broad range of students. We offer specific supports that allow us to treat each child as an individual, including ESL & HSL (Hebrew as a second language) groups, enrichment programs, social emotional support, reading or language boost groups, and more individualized attention through classroom accommodations and assistance.

Our program is infused with experiential learning opportunities that support both General and Judaic Studies. Informal learning opportunities such as trips, visitors, special events and family education sessions enhance and enrich the learning experience. Holidays, special events and community programs are integrated into curriculum through hands-on activities and presentations. Music and art play a vital role in supporting our academic goals. We also offer an integrated use of computer technology both in the lab and in the individual classrooms. Physical and Health Education are highly regarded. Students engage in vigorous physical activities and skill-based team and individual sports.

Running a successful dual language program means that our children receive the best education and support equally in both English and Hebrew. Not only do we have English and Hebrew teachers, but we also have English and Hebrew librarians, computer specialists, special needs support, and music instruction. Our Judaic Studies curriculum was developed by some of the finest Jewish educators and Rabbis in Canada and around the world.

### GENERAL STUDIES

In the General Studies Division, our academic requirements meet or exceed the guidelines of the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training.

We have adopted Ministry curricula and learning expectations in:

- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science and Technology
- French
- Physical Education
- Library
- Computers
- Music
- Visual Art

### JUDAIC STUDIES

Our Judaic Studies curriculum was developed by some of the finest Jewish educators in Canada and around the world. The Hebrew language curriculum reflects the most current research in language acquisition and in curricular development. The curriculum is constantly refined, enhanced and expanded to provide meaningful learning of Jewish life and customs.

The Judaic Studies curriculum teaches our children:

- Communicative Hebrew – reading, writing, speaking, listening
- Love of Israel
- Jewish History
- Torah values through discussions, interactive programs, and formal and informal study sessions
- Jewish Way of Life
- Our responsibility for the environment
- Our responsibility to our community and to committing to "acts of Kindness"
- Chumash (Bible) and other commentaries
  - Navi (Prophets)
  - Derech Eretz character education based on values
  - Music
  - A respect for and understanding of Jewish culture, tradition and ritual practice



We divide the school day into AM and PM sessions, dedicating half of our teaching time to the General Studies curriculum, and half to the Judaic Studies curriculum.

# Who We Are



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**The Mission of Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto is to continue our long and proud history of providing students with an outstanding Jewish and General Studies education, based on Torah values, in a safe and supportive learning environment.**

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

- Utilizing the best available means to educate our students
- Assisting each of our students to reach his or her potential
- Nurturing a love of learning
- Teaching the social and educational skills necessary for future success
- Providing a Judaic Studies program taught *Ivrit B'Ivrit* (classes conducted in Hebrew to promote fluency in the Hebrew language) and based on classical Jewish sources
- Continuously evaluating and improving all facets of the program including educators, curriculum and student performance
- Ensuring regular dialogue between educators and parents regarding curriculum, academic and behavioral expectations and individual student achievement

## EDUCATION BASED ON TORAH VALUES

- Fostering a commitment to a Jewish way of life based on Jewish law, values and practice
- The State of Israel
- *Klal Yisrael* (The Jewish People)
- Instilling a love and respect for Torah
- Preparing our students to be responsible members of society
- Providing a solid foundation for continued learning
- Promoting high moral and ethical standards

## A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Welcoming students from the entire Jewish community regardless of religious affiliation or economic means
- Promoting mutual respect among students, staff and parents
- Fostering open communication among students, parents, educators, administrators and the Board of Directors
- Encouraging parents to take an active role in the school and in their children's education

Financial assistance is available for qualifying families. At Associated, no child will be denied a Jewish education because of an inability to pay.

# What We Stand For

The minute you set foot in the Danilack Middle School at the Hurwich Education Centre, you sense something special. The halls are filled with energy and evidence of a very active and inspired student body abound.

In Grade 6, students from Associated's Kamin (north) and Posluns (south) campuses join together at the Danilack Middle School at our Education Centre on Finch Avenue. Having Toronto's only freestanding Jewish middle school provides Associated with the unique opportunity to introduce more responsibility and freedoms to our students. Our students move from classroom to classroom, have lockers and more independence. They are also expected to take greater responsibility in planning and scheduling their own homework and assignments.

Our Middle School provides an outstanding preparatory program for high school. Our students excel in a variety of disciplines and have recently placed first in the National Bible Contest (*Chidon HaTanach*). Our students successfully competed in the Canadian National Mathematics League National Competition, CHAT Science Fair Challenge, and the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Public Speaking Contest. Our graduates go on to achieve great success at CHAT, Or Chaim, Ulpanat Orot, and other public and private high schools.

Middle School also offers a special Bar/Bat Mitzvah program that enhances students understanding of responsibility.

At the Middle School, the Centre for Diverse Learning (CDL) offers a range of in class and withdrawal supports for General and Judaic studies in order to address the diverse strengths and needs of our students. Some of these supports include: remedial, Individual Education Plans, English as a Second Language (ESL), enrichment and social work. Our skilled team of professionals work with classroom teachers in planning and delivering these programs.

Middle School is also a time to enjoy school life. Because we amalgamate our two elementary campuses, students have the opportunity to meet many life-long friends and have great opportunities for extra-curricular involvement including team sports, school plays, concerts and special programs. Associated students involve themselves in *Chesed* and communal activities for the Jewish community, community at large, and Israel. Our students have a variety of opportunities to develop leadership skills through student and athletic councils and the mentorship program.

Middle School is a wonderful culmination of the Associated experience and students leave with knowledge, experiences, memories and a sense of community that will last them a lifetime.

# Danilack Middle School



## Grades 6-8