



Downtown Jewish Community School

REGISTRATION 2011-2012

REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

SAVE \$100/child -- IF YOU REGISTER BY MAY 1, 2011 – ALL forms and applicable tuition fees must be received by May 1. This enables the school to plan for teachers, programming and space needs. We strongly encourage families to take advantage of the early bird rate to help us provide an optimal learning experience for your child.

No exceptions -- if the school does not receive the completed forms and payments by May 1, 5:00 pm no discount will be applied.

NEW! DJCS Referral Incentive Program

Refer a new child that registers and receive one DJCS Gift Pac per child registered. Ensure they write who referred them on Form 1 of the Registration Form so that you are eligible for your incentive

Instructions for Submitting Registration Forms and Payment

Submit forms 1, 2 and 3 with applicable fees, **payable to DJCS**. Mail to:

**Downtown Jewish Community School
Attention: Joan Schoenfeld
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2J2**

- We would appreciate full payment for each applicant at time of registration. However, if payment in installments is required, the school will accept up to three cheques for the full amount. The first cheque must be dated May 1, 2011 and the full registration amount paid by July 1, 2011.
- An administrative fee of \$5 per post-dated cheque will be charged and must be paid when your registration forms are submitted.
- Cheques returned as NSF are subject to a \$40 fee per cheque.
- If you require assistance with tuition payment, contact Principal Joan Schoenfeld 416-924-6212 #112; joan@djcs.org to discuss in confidence.

Registration Checklist: Ensure you have submitted the following with your application:

- 1) REGISTRATION Form 1 _____ (one per child)
- 2) PERMISSION Form 2 _____ (one per child)
- 3) PAYMENT SUBMISSION Form 3 _____ (one per family)
- 4) Tuition fee (**save \$100 if you pay by May 1**) _____
- 5) Additional Charitable Donation (optional) _____

FREE Miles Nadal JCC Child's Membership

DJCS students are automatically entitled to a free MNJCC child's membership.

Charitable Tax Receipts

DJCS is a non-profit organization. All tuition fees plus any charitable donations are fully tax deductible. Tax receipts are provided in February 2012.

Tuition Rates

	Until May 1	After May 1
JK-Grade 1 (Sunday)	\$975	1075
Grades 2-7 Jewish Studies only (Sunday)	\$1450	1550
Grades 2-7 Jewish Studies plus ALEF Hebrew Stream(Sunday and Wednesday)	\$1795*	1895*
Grades 2-7 Jewish Studies plus BET Hebrew Stream (Sunday only)	\$1660*	1760*
Grades 8-12 (Sunday brunch once per month)	\$400	500

FOR GRADES 2 and HIGHER

Hebrew Language Program Options (for more details see Q & A on p. 6)

Beginning in Grade 2, Hebrew language instruction is as an option in addition to the Jewish Studies program. While it is recommended that students register for Hebrew in Grade 2, the option of beginning in Grade 3 is available.

Students may take one or two Hebrew Language classes per week as follows:

1. **ALEF stream** - twice per week on Sunday and Wednesday
2. **BET stream** - once per week on Sunday only

Typically it is not suitable for children beyond Grade 3 to begin Hebrew language classes without prior education in this area.

Included Hebrew Resource Material Fees*

- Hebrew resource materials fees are INCLUDED in all HEBREW registration (both Alef & Bet).
- Hebrew BET students, who meet Sundays only (1 hr/week), also receive an interactive CD specific to their Hebrew level to use at home, included with tuition. [Usually: Hebrew 1 Bet = **Shalom Uvracha**; Hebrew 2 Bet = **Hineni 1**; Hebrew 3 Bet = **Hineni 2**; Hebrew 4-6 Bet = **Hineni 3**]
- If you already own the CD specific to the Hebrew class your child is entering, you may opt out of its purchase & save \$25 on tuition when you register (see Form 3). **No refunds once registration is complete & CDs are ordered.**

Cancellation Policy

After September 1, 2011 tuition is completely non-refundable and considered a charitable donation. No exceptions will be made to this policy. Cancellation fees are as follows:

Withdrawal date with applications in writing	Fee charged
Prior to August 1, 2011	\$100 admin. fee per child
Between August 1 and August 30, 2011	50% of tuition fee per child
After September 1, 2011	Full fee per child (No refund)

The Azrieli Bursaries- Application Deadline May 1, 2011

Through the generosity of the Azrieli Foundation subsidies are available for families requiring financial support to attend the school. Applications are accepted in confidence at the school office and may be obtained by contacting the school principal. The completed bursary form must be submitted, along with a \$150 deposit/child and Forms 1 – 3, by the deadline.

Additional Charitable Donation Request

For parents registering by May 1, there is NO TUITION FEE INCREASES THIS YEAR. Our tuition fees are intended to be accessible to families of varying incomes. Our high quality program costs are not entirely covered by tuition fees. Therefore, we encourage each family to consider an additional suggested donation of \$100 per child or an amount that you choose, over and above the set tuition fees.



Form 1. REGISTRATION FORM 2011

This form must be FULLY completed and returned with Forms 2 & 3 by your due date.

Student's Last Name: _____
 Student's First Name _____
 Hebrew Name _____
 Date of Birth _____
 (Year/ Month/ Day)
 Year of Entrance to DJCS: ____-____-____
 Public School _____
 OHIP # _____

Address _____
 City _____
 Postal Code _____
 Home Phone _____
 Gender F/M _____
 Email* _____
 * Most school notices are emailed home.
 Synagogue Affiliation (if any) _____

EXCLUDE? _____ To EXCLUDE your child's name & contact information from class lists distributed to all parents, print YES.

NEW FAMILIES: How did you hear about the DJCS? If referred by a current DJCS parent, please indicate name & email address or phone # of referring family:

2011/12: *ENTER CLASSES for which you are registering*

Jewish Studies Class _____ Enter Jewish Studies Class = Public School grade
Hebrew Option _____ Enter "Alef", "Bet" or "No" Hebrew
Hebrew Level _____ Enter Hebrew class level Heb 1 is for students entering Grd 2 or 3

PARENT #1 Name: _____
Work Phone _____
 CELL phone _____
 Profession: _____
 E-mail _____

PARENT #2 Name: _____
Work Phone _____
 CELL phone _____
 Profession: _____
 E-mail _____

If Different from Child, Fill Info Below

Address _____
 Postal Code _____
 Home Phone _____

If Different from Child, Fill Info Below

Address _____
 Postal Code _____
 Home Phone _____

Emergency Contact Names & Phone #'s

#1 _____
 #2 _____

Tax Receipt to: _____

Confidential Medical Information: Please include whatever we need to know about your child.
 Educational, Medical or Psychological needs, restrictions or disabilities; Allergies:

Medications:
Symptoms requiring emergency treatment (describe treatment required):

Siblings Enrolled	Year of Birth
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____

Siblings Waitlisted	Year of Birth
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____

Parent Participation: Parents are encouraged to become involved in our school community. Please indicate your preferred area of involvement. INDICATE "M" (MOM) OR "D" (DAD)

Adult Education _____ Class Parent _____ Fundraising _____ Board of Directors _____
 Holiday Celebrations/Events _____ Marketing/Website _____ As Required _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: SCHOOL YR. _____ Date Received _____ Tuition Cost _____ Fee Pd _____
 Contri _____ #.Cheques: _____ Cheque fee _____ Bursary _____ Check dates: _____

Form 2. PARENTAL PERMISSION FORMS for 2011/12

1. TRIP PERMISSION: I give permission for _____
to participate in Downtown Jewish Community School field trips. I understand that transportation will be either by car pool, school bus, TTC, or by foot.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date** _____

2. PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE:

I give permission to the Downtown Jewish Community School to photograph or videotape my child _____ during school hours or at any school related activity, and to use such photographs in school communications or publicity of any kind, including but not limited to newsletters, event flyers and on the school's website.

This permission does not include use of my child's photograph for any purpose other than to communicate information about the Downtown Jewish Community School. Names will not be published unless consent is given to use the name.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date** _____

3. REQUIRED WAIVER OF DJCS RESPONSIBILITY RE: ARRIVAL & PICK-UP OF STUDENT

Our children are in danger when they have to weave through traffic congestion created by cars double parked on Spadina Avenue in front of the MNJCC.

Children attending our school are supervised only up until the time that they are dismissed from their classrooms. Parents are responsible for their children after they leave the classrooms. To ensure our concerns have been understood, the DJCS Board stipulates that each family must sign the form below as a requirement of your child's admission to class.

I assume full responsibility for the safe arrival and pick up of my child _____ and waive all responsibility of the Downtown Jewish Community School in this regard.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date** _____

4. PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS:

a. **Younger Children (Grades JK-2 and Hebrew 1 classes)** will be dismissed only to their parents or guardians as named on your registration form. **If you wish your child to be picked up by someone other than the parents or guardians named on your application form, please specify below the name and relationship to your child.**

b. **Older Students (Grades 3+ or Hebrew 2+)** will be dismissed on their own unless special instructions are stipulated below.

I do NOT wish my Grade 3 or older child dismissed on his/her own: _____ Check if applicable and specify dismissal instructions here: My child should wait in the classroom for pick-up by:

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date** _____

5. Second Cup/Snack Bar PERMISSION (for Grade 7 and older ONLY)

We are requesting that students bring their own snacks. However, students of Grade 7+ have the option to purchase a snack at the Second Cup or other snack facilities within the Miles Nadal JCC. The Downtown Jewish Community School cannot accept responsibility for students outside regular class activities. If you wish to permit your child to leave the classroom under these conditions, please complete the following.

My child _____ has my permission to be dismissed from class during snack time for the 2011/12 school year. I understand that should my child leave his/her classroom during school time, he/she will not be supervised and the Downtown Jewish Community School will not be responsible for his/her safety.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date** _____

Form 3. PAYMENT SUBMISSION FORM 2011

This form must be included with your payment.

ISSUE RECEIPT TO:

PRINT name exactly as it should appear on Charitable Tax Receipt

Parents' Names _____

Address (for mailing receipt) _____

City & Postal Code _____

Residence Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Student 1 Name _____ Student 2 Name _____

Student 3 Name _____ Student 4 Name _____

Tuition Rates (see *Registration Overview* for details and class times)

	Until May 1	After May 1, 2011	TOTAL
JK-Grade 1	\$975	1075	_____
Grades 2-7 Jewish Studies only	\$1450	1550	_____
Grades 2-7 Jewish Studies plus ALEF Hebrew Stream	\$1795	1895	_____
Grades 2-7 Jewish Studies plus BET Hebrew Stream	\$1660*	1760*	_____
Grades 8-12	\$400	500	_____

Additional Charitable Donation - Suggested minimum **\$100/child** = _____

Post dated Cheque Premium (if paying in installments) ___ @\$5.00/cheque = _____
 (Maximum 3 cheques with final cheque dated no later than July 1, 2011.)

* **Hebrew BET (Sundays only) Stream** Included CD Fee
 (If you already own the interactive CD specific to the Hebrew Bet class your child will be entering, you may opt out & deduct \$25 here. NO REFUNDS ON CD'S ONCE REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.) - _____

Make cheque payable to "DJCS" Total Payment = _____

Registration will not be processed without payment of applicable tuition fees.
 Sorry -- No credit cards accepted.

DJCS Hebrew Options Q & A

Q: When should my child start Hebrew classes?

A: DJCS Hebrew classes begin in Grade 2. A minority of students delay the start until Grade 3. DJCS Hebrew classes are grouped by Hebrew level, not age, so a Hebrew Level 1 class is usually composed of grade 2 and 3 children. Students waiting to start Hebrew until grade 3 will graduate with one less year of Hebrew experience.

Q What is the difference in curriculum between the two Hebrew streams?

A: The ALEF stream has 2.5 hours of Hebrew language study per week with attendance on Sunday and Wednesdays. The BET stream is one hour of Hebrew language study per week, on Sundays only. The BET stream curriculum covers less than half the material per year than the ALEF stream.

The ALEF Stream curriculum includes Siddur Hebrew, some Modern Hebrew language and some conversational Hebrew. The BET stream is significantly less intensive and focuses only on Siddur Hebrew. To maintain the Hebrew learning skills, BET stream students typically require more review at home during the week.

Q: My child is just starting Hebrew. How do I know which Hebrew option to choose?

A: The ALEF stream is considered the advanced level of Hebrew at the DJCS. If your child is just starting Hebrew (entering grade 2 or 3 in September) and can attend classes on Wednesdays, the ALEF stream is encouraged to support greater advancement in Hebrew learning. Students attending the ALEF stream will learn significantly more Hebrew than BET, due to the increased number of instruction hours. Parents who wish their child to have a stronger Hebrew background for Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation are advised to choose the ALEF stream.

Q: Is Hebrew Language instruction Offered without the Jewish Studies program?

No. If you do not wish any Hebrew language instruction for your child, please indicate this on the registration form.

Q: Will students in the BET stream qualify for Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

A: Synagogues vary in their requirements. For synagogues that require a minimum of 100 contact hours of Jewish education per year, the BET stream will qualify as total hours are just over this amount. Check with your synagogue to confirm the criteria.

Q: Will there be a separate Hebrew class for each stream at every Hebrew level?

A: No. To ensure minimum class size, Hebrew levels are often combined. However, ALEF students will always study in a separate smaller group on Wednesdays, for their additional weekly class. Hebrew Level 5 & 6 classes are usually combined every year. When classes are combined, a TA may be provided as needed.

Q My child is currently in the BET stream. May she change to the more intensive ALEF stream for next year?

A: Ability level is considered on an individual basis in order to change from BET to the more intensive ALEF stream. Typically private tutoring is required to facilitate this. Application must be made on an individual basis. Contact your child's current Hebrew teacher or our Principal.

Q My child is currently in the ALEF stream and we find Wednesdays difficult. May she change to the once/week BET stream next year?

A: The DJCS recognizes personal situations may change with regard to the ability to attend twice weekly for ALEF students. However, Changing from ALEF to BET is only recommended for students who are significantly behind in the ALEF stream. Because ALEF Hebrew stream has more than twice the contact hours of BET, students in ALEF Hebrew may be advanced in their level by one or more years than BET stream. Note that once annual registration fees are paid, no rebate will be provided. See cancellation policy.