



## Admission Checklist

**PLEASE KEEP THIS CHECKLIST FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

**IT IS A GOOD WAY TO TRACK YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS.**

- FIRST STEP - COME FOR A VISIT:** Call the Admission Office at 818.368.5781 x510 and arrange a visit to our school.
  - ✓ Elementary School Open Houses: Tuesday, November 8, 2011; Wednesday, December 7, 2011; Thursday, January 19, 2012: 9:30AM-11:30AM
  - ✓ Middle School Open House: Sunday, December 4, 2011: 10:00AM-12:30PM
  
- SECOND STEP - THE APPLICATION:** Complete the application form and return to Heschel no later than February 3, 2012. Your application is not complete without the following items:
  - ✓ Completed application
  - ✓ Non-refundable application fee of \$125.00
  - ✓ Copy of birth certificate
  - ✓ Completed Student Questionnaire (Middle School applicants only)
  - ✓ Small recent photo (optional)
  
- THIRD STEP - THE INTERVIEW:** Once your admission application is submitted you will be scheduled for:
  - ✓ A parent interview
  - ✓ A student assessment - Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten assessments take place in groups in our classrooms. Elementary and Middle School students are assessed individually.
  
- FOURTH STEP - LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Print your child's name, age, and date of birth on the forms and fill out the top portion. After December 1, 2011, give the following documents to your child's current school:
  - ✓ Parent authorization for release of student records (all applicants)
  - ✓ Confidential Recommendation form (TK-K)
  - ✓ Confidential Teacher and Administration Recommendation forms (1st - 8th grade applicants)
  - ✓ Return envelopes (all applicants)Official transcripts will be sent to us directly from schools. These documents must be returned to Heschel no later than February 3, 2012.
  
- FIFTH STEP - ADMISSION TEST:** For 6th - 8th grade only - Register your child to take the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) listing Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School as a score recipient. The school code for AJHDS is 054172. Please go to [www.erbtest.org](http://www.erbtest.org) and click on ISEE. The ISEE may be waived if an applicant submits his/her Educational Records Bureau (ERB) Independent school scores for two consecutive years prior to application, along with a writing sample to be taken at the time of the student's interview.
  
- SIXTH STEP - ADMISSION DECISION:** Admission decision letters will be mailed on March 23, 2012. Contract and enrollment deposits are due back April 2, 2012 to guarantee your child's space.
  
- LAST STEP - FINAL REPORT:** For 1st - 8th grade only - In order for your child to start school in September, your school office needs to send Heschel a copy of your child's final June report card, cumulative records, standardized test scores, and student health forms (where applicable).



**Application for Admission - page 1**

**Optional  
Student or Family Photograph**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ in September of (year): \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)      Male      Female

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth (city, state): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages other than English: \_\_\_\_\_



Application for Admission - page 2

PARENT INFORMATION

Applicant lives with: Mother Father Stepmother Grandparents
(circle all applicable) Mother Father Stepfather Other

Parent One

Parent Two

Parent Names:
Relationship to Applicant:
Home Address:
City, State, Zip:
Home Phone:
Cell Phone:
Email Address:
Occupation:
Employer:
Business Phone:
Business Address:
City, State, Zip:

APPLICANT'S SCHOOL HISTORY

School Name: City:
Grade(s): Dates Attended: Phone:
School Name: City:
Grade(s): Dates Attended: Phone:
School Name: City:
Grade(s): Dates Attended: Phone:



**Application for Admission - page 3**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Please list any relatives who have attended Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any siblings NOT currently enrolled at Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Present School/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Present School/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School?

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Are you currently affiliated with a synagogue or Jewish community center? If so, which one(s)?

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Please complete this application and return in the enclosed envelope with a non-refundable application fee of \$125.00.

I/We certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate.

Parent One Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Two Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Student Information: About Your Child

**Application for Admission - page 4**



**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT(S)**

What would you like us to know about your child?

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Please describe the educational environment at your child's current school.

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Why are you interested in Heschel for your child and family?

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Does your child have any special interests/talent in music, art, religion, athletics, academics, etc.?

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Please provide any other information you feel would be useful in the application process.

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I/We certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT ONE SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT TWO SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE



**Student Questionnaire - page 1**

Students, please respond in your own handwriting.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ in September of (year): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What school do you currently attend? How long have you been there?

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What do you like to do outside of school? Explain your answer.

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What is your favorite thing to do at home? Explain your answer.

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What do you like best about school? Consider both your areas of strength and the areas that are your greatest challenge.

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What do you feel are some of the qualities of a leader?

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What in your life Judaically is most important to you?

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**Student Questionnaire - page 2**

What makes you happy? What makes you angry?

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What qualities do you look for in a friend?

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This is what a teacher did last year that I really liked:

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School would be better if:

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Tell us something about yourself that you would like us to know that is not included in the questions above.

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What Math textbook(s) do you currently use?

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What English textbook(s) do you currently use?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Release of Student Records

**Parent Authorization**



In order to complete your child's application, we need to receive information from his/her current school.  
**Please complete the information below and submit this release to your child's current school.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization is hereby given for the transfer of all necessary information for the above student.  
This may include written and verbal recommendations, evaluations, copies of report cards,  
official transcripts of grades, and standardized test results. I/We understand and agree  
that all recommendations and evaluations are confidential and will not be disclosed to me/us.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please send all records to:***

Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School  
Admission Office  
17701 Devonshire Street  
Northridge, CA 91325



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**Administrator Recommendation - Page 1**

**TO THE PARENT:**

Please complete the information requested below and submit this form to your child's current school.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ in September of: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your completion of this evaluation will help us ensure that the child's next school be an appropriate one for both student and family. Your valued observations will be used solely for the admission process. The professional comments you share will be held in STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. Thank you for providing your insights.

In the space below, please share with us your observations relating to this student's academic ability, work habits, initiative, divergent thinking, relationships with peers, classroom behavior, attitude, and emotional maturity. If you need additional space, please feel free to attach a separate letter.

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**Administrator Recommendation - Page 2**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. A number of local independent schools are using a common form for the Administrator Recommendation. Please feel free to photocopy this checklist in the event that this student is applying to more than one school. Though each school may vary in the emphasis it places on the qualities listed below, every school is interested in the descriptive profile of a student that this checklist provides. Your judgements are used solely for the admission process and are held in strictest confidence.

**STUDENT INFORMATION:** *(Please circle your answers)*

1. Academic achievement	below expectations	fair	good	outstanding
2. Conduct	poor	occasional misconduct	usually good behavior	good conduct
3. Integrity	questionable	usually trustworthy	trustworthy	highly developed
4. Consideration of others	rarely considerate	usually considerate	considerate	unusually thoughtful
5. Social adjustment with peers	relates poorly	has occasional problems	healthy relationships	extremely popular
6. Stability	easily frustrated	seeks much attention	somewhat tense	stable

**FAMILY INFORMATION:** *(Please circle your answers)*

1. Communication with school	rarely	sometimes	usually	always
2. Attendance at school functions	rarely	sometimes	usually	always
3. Cooperation with school rules	rarely	sometimes	usually	always
4. Cooperation with faculty/administration	rarely	sometimes	usually	always
5. Fulfillment of financial responsibilities	n/a	sometimes	usually	always
6. Participation in school community	never	seldom	when given opportunity	very helpful
7. Participation in child's education	rarely involved	overly involved	sometimes involved	appropriately involved
8. Parent expectations for student	unknown	unrealistic	realistic	other:

Check here if you would like us to call you to discuss this student in greater detail.

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

First date of enrollment in your school: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Teacher Recommendation - Page 1**

**TO THE PARENT:**

Please complete the information requested below and submit this form to your child's current school.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ in September of: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE TEACHER:**

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ o Math o English o Hebrew Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONFIDENTIAL - Middle School Grades 6 - 8

**Teacher Recommendation - Page 2**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. A number of local independent schools are using a common form for the Teacher Recommendation. Please feel free to photocopy this checklist in the event that this student is applying to more than one school. Though each school may vary in the emphasis it places on the qualities listed below, every school is interested in the descriptive profile of a student that this checklist provides. Your judgements are used solely for the admission process and are held in strictest confidence.

**ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL EVALUATION:** *(Please circle your answers)*

1. Academic achievement	below expectations	fair	good	outstanding
2. Ability to work in a group	has great difficulty	sometimes has difficulty	usually effective	always works well
3. Ability to work alone	needs much help	needs help frequently	needs help occasionally	always works well
4. Participation in discussion	rarely contributes	wants to dominate	contributes occasionally	joins in readily
5. Classroom conduct	frequent disruptions	occasional misconduct	usually good behavior	good conduct
6. Written expression	poor	limited	good	excellent
7. Ability to express ideas orally	limited	has some difficulty	good	exceptional
8. Daily preparation	poor	fair	good	excellent
9. Use of time	uses poorly	occasionally wastes	usually uses well	always uses well
10. Follows directions	rarely	needs much explanation	occasionally needs help	quickly and effectively
11. Critical thinking	limited	consistent with age	often perceptive	exceptionally perceptive
12. Seeks help when needed	rarely	occasionally	usually	always
13. Effort/drive	limited	sporadic	usually good	maximum
14. Attention span	easily distracted	occasionally distracted	usually good	exceptionally attentive
15. Leadership potential	a follower	leads when given responsibility	seeks opportunities and uses them well	a natural leader
16. Initiative	never initiates	rarely shows initiative	occasionally initiates	often initiates
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18. Curiosity	little	occasional	consistent	marked
19. Imagination	little	fair	active	highly imaginative
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How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

What textbook(s) do you currently use? Math: \_\_\_\_\_ English: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Payment Plans: 2011-2012

**Tuition and Fees**

GRADE		SINGLE PAYMENT	EXTENDED PAYMENTS
<b>Transitional Kindergarten</b>	Tuition	\$12,989	\$13,548
	Tuition Refund Plan	130	135
	Security	575	575
	Program/Activity Fee	275	275
	<b>RETURNING FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>13,969</b>	<b>14,533</b>
	New Family Fee	1,350	1,350
	<b>NEW FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>15,319</b>	<b>15,883</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Tuition	\$18,517	\$19,357
	Tuition Refund Plan	185	194
	Security	575	575
	Program/Activity Fee	375	375
	<b>RETURNING FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>19,652</b>	<b>20,501</b>
	New Family Fee	1,350	1,350
	<b>NEW FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>21,002</b>	<b>21,851</b>
<b>Grades 1-5</b>	Tuition	\$21,248	\$22,219
	Tuition Refund Plan	212	222
	Security	575	575
	Program/Activity Fee	375	375
	<b>RETURNING FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>22,410</b>	<b>23,391</b>
	New Family Fee	1,350	1,350
	<b>NEW FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>23,760</b>	<b>24,741</b>
<b>Grades 6-7</b>	Tuition	\$24,991	\$26,149
	Tuition Refund Plan	250	261
	Security	575	575
	Program/Activity Fee	475	475
	<b>RETURNING FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>26,291</b>	<b>27,460</b>
	New Family Fee	1,350	1,350
	<b>NEW FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>27,641</b>	<b>28,810</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	Tuition	\$24,991	\$26,149
	Tuition Refund Plan	250	261
	Security	575	575
	Program/Activity Fee (incl. graduation)	750	750
	<b>RETURNING FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>26,566</b>	<b>27,735</b>
	New Family Fee	1,350	1,350
	<b>NEW FAMILY - STUDENT TOTAL</b>	<b>27,916</b>	<b>29,085</b>



## Application Request Form

# Financial Assistance



If you are interested in applying for financial assistance for the 2012 – 2013 school year, please complete this form and return it with your child's application and the \$125.00 application fee.

**Please fill out one form per family, not per applicant.**

I/We are interested in applying for financial assistance.

Name of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying to Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying to Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please note:

1. Upon receipt of this form you will be contacted via email to receive assistance regarding the application process.
2. You may also access the necessary forms through our website at [www.heschel.com](http://www.heschel.com).
3. In the case of divorced or separated parents, it is the policy of Heschel Day School that both parents and/or guardians will contribute to the costs of educating their child. Please note that the deadline for receipt of financial assistance paperwork for new applicant families is February 3, 2012.

**Please be assured that all information submitted will be kept in the strictest confidence.**