

PUTTING OUR FAITH IN OUR CHILDREN



מב"מ Maimonides School

“Judaism is ... an experience of  
intoxicating beauty, enriching man’s life,  
inspiring his heart. ... We try our best  
to create such an atmosphere.”

—RABBI DR. JOSEPH B. SOLOVEITCHIK,  
FOUNDER, MAIMONIDES SCHOOL





# THE MAIMONIDES *mission*

In 1937, the door opened on a bold experiment in Jewish learning. Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, zt"l, founded **Maimonides School** to engage the hearts and teach the minds of Jewish children.

The school's ambitious dual curriculum would pair proficiency in Torah education with **excellence** in general studies, preparing students to contribute to the modern world while fostering their attachment to Judaism and the halachic way of life. Its atmosphere would inspire both boys and girls to a love of learning, *mitzvot*, *chesed*, *Am Yisrael*, and *Eretz Yisrael*.



From its first class of six students, Maimonides School has blossomed into an energetic educational center of more than 600 students, learning together from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Students from Greater Boston and beyond, and from a range of religious backgrounds, are welcomed into a school community by teachers who reach out to motivate and educate.

From its infancy, our school has been committed to “developing young people within whom Judaic and general education, devotion to Judaism, and the desire to contribute to society are organically linked.”

For over 70 years, Maimonides students have brought the Rav's vision to life.

תורה ומדע  
TORAH U'MADAH

“TORAH AND WORLDLY KNOWLEDGE”—

THE PRINCIPLE OF *integrated* JUDAIC AND GENERAL EDUCATION



Maimonides students learn to link what they read in books with what they see around them. Building critical thinking skills means they learn *how* to learn.



## GRADES K-5: BUILDING A *foundation*

What do concentration, intellectual curiosity, and learning sound like? Come to Maimonides Elementary School and listen.

You might hear third graders studying Rashi, or kindergarteners learning *brachot*, or students of all grades celebrating Rosh Chodesh. You might hear students discussing early American history, preparing for an astronomy field trip, or practicing lines for a skit in Hebrew.

A Maimonides elementary education is designed to nurture the many facets of a child's development.

At Maimonides, we endeavor not only to provide a foundation for English literacy, but also to inspire our children's creativity.



First grade students receive their own *siddurim* in February. By the end of Grade 3, they are studying Rashi's commentary.





Writing, reading, hearing and speaking Hebrew each school day gives our students the skills they need to communicate on a higher *Ivrit* level, and to study both sacred and modern texts



## GRADES 6-8: MEETING *changing needs*

Middle School years are marked by significant developmental growth in academic, religious, physiological, and social realms.

Most notably, during this time each Middle School student will reach the milestone of becoming a *Bat* or *Bar Mitzvah*. The Middle School faculty are deeply invested in promoting and embracing each student's individual growth both inside and outside of the classroom.

Maimonides strives to foster this growth by offering a comprehensive school experience that recognizes the unique needs of Middle School students.

By generating questions, then working together to seek answers, Maimonides students learn science in a way that reflects real-world scientific inquiry.



Extracurricular life thrives on our students' irrepressible energy—filling every moment with a spirited interest in the world around them.





Our students' connection to Eretz Yisrael is interwoven through our entire curriculum.



"Religious life" at Maimonides knows no boundaries—it provides the framework for every aspect of a Maimonides student's life experience.



## GR. 9-12: COMMITMENT TO *excellence*

Maimonides Upper School students are defined by a commitment to excellence. They are well acquainted with intensive study, academic achievement, and schedules brimming with activity.

Their commitment also extends beyond classroom walls—to a *chesed* project, a class trip, or a new extracurricular club. Excellence in both *Limudei Kodesh* (Judaic Studies) and General Studies defines the Maimonides School curriculum.

Maimonides' "M-Cats" athletes compete in interscholastic regular-season and tournament games throughout the state.



Students join together in daily *tefillah*, encouraging the development of both the skill and the *kavanah* (attitude) necessary for heartfelt expression.

# admissions

Our goal is to make the application process as simple and friendly as possible. We look forward to the opportunity to get to know you and your family. **Please come visit us** to experience the warmth and *ruach* of our very special school!

**Tuition and Financial Aid:** Maimonides School is committed to maintaining affordability for all families who seek a Maimonides education for their children. Our tuition has always been among the lowest of Boston's Jewish day schools, a direct result of the efforts of our Board of Directors to preserve financial accessibility. Moreover, our program of **need-blind admissions** means that we accept qualified students regardless of their ability to pay. To that end, Maimonides encourages any family for whom cost is a significant barrier to apply for financial aid.

**Applying for Admission:** Admissions applications for each academic year are due by the preceding February 1. For an application packet, contact our Office of Admissions, or see our website, [www.maimonides.org](http://www.maimonides.org) (click on **Admissions**).

## Average Class Sizes

- Elementary School: 16
- Middle School: 16
- Upper School: 17.5

## Financial Aid

- 55 percent of Maimonides families receive need-based financial aid each year.

## Student Support Services

- About 18% of our students receive some kind of academic support
- These students consistently graduate, and most go on to succeed in college.
- Caring staff of 13 full- and part-time teachers

## Elementary School Enrichment

- Grades K–5 have art at least once a week and music at least once a week. Students have the opportunity to participate in Chorus or Orchestra, as well as private lessons during the day.
- Students work in the computer lab at least once a week.
- Weekly extracurricular activity sessions include Israeli dancing, newspaper, languages, cooking.

## After School (Grades K–7)

- More than 20 after school enrichment classes include science,

## MAIMO AT A GLANCE: *quick facts*

guitar, sports, art, karate, fencing, chess, circus, engineering, *Mishmar*, theater, and woodworking.

## Middle School Highlights

- Emphasizes student-centered programming while building a solid foundation of study skills.
- The BRAVE anti-bullying initiative, developed at Yeshiva University, begins with Grade 6.
- Eighth grade highlights include an in-school Shabbaton, *chesed* projects, holiday activities, and an annual Washington DC trip.
- Weekly electives range from ping pong to drama; our Middle School art program has been expanded to twice a week.

## Upper School Highlights

- Talmud classes meet seven times a week, allowing students to build deep relationships with their Talmud teachers.
- In the past few years Maimonides has sent over a half-dozen finalists to the National Bible Contest (*Chidon HaTanach*) U.S. finals in New York, with national champions in 2009 and 2010.

- *Chesed* activities include Gittel's Kitchen, the region's only kosher soup kitchen.

## Interscholastic Athletics

- *Fall:* Boys' and girls' soccer, girls' volleyball
- *Winter:* Boys' and girls' basketball (varsity, junior varsity, Middle School)
- *Spring:* Baseball, softball, tennis

## Post-Graduate Year in Israel

- 70-80 percent of graduating seniors each year defer their college acceptance to spend a year studying in Israel

## SAT Scores

- Mean SAT scores (over last 3 years): range of 620 to 672
- Subject scores (class of 2011) range from 669 to 725

## Top College Acceptances

Barnard, BU, Brandeis, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, MIT, NYU, Northwestern, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Rice, Tufts, Union, Wellesley, Yale, YU



“We believe that the Jewish child is able to study and comprehend the universal and the specific Judaic ... and to excel at both.”

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## ממבם Maimonides School

### **Elementary School**

#### **Grades K–5**

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fax 617-739-8683

### **Middle School**

#### **Grades 6–8**

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### **Upper School**

#### **Grades 9–12**

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