



Hillel Academy was founded in 1962 by a group of Dayton parents seeking to provide their children with a strong Jewish identity and an excellent education. Today, Hillel Academy remains true to that vision by being the only school within six counties to offer Judaic and secular studies instruction to children in kindergarten–6th grade.

Hillel plants the seeds of Jewish engagement, cultivates the development of Jewish values, and produces individuals who remain committed to Jewish life. Through involvement with the local Dayton community, the greater Jewish community, and Israel, our students develop strong Jewish identities and become stewards of our Jewish heritage.



Hillel children are independent and passionate learners. They investigate authentic, real-world projects, collaborate on workable solutions, explore ideas with local experts in the field, create imaginative work through the arts, take ownership of their own learning, and communicate their goals and achievements. Hillel students demonstrate academic excellence, year after year, as they consistently perform above grade level.

Hillel children learn to speak, read, and write Hebrew. They strengthen connections, student to student, and develop a rich understanding of Israeli culture by collaborating with the Hofey Hagalil School in Israel.

Hillel children engage with Judaic tradition through daily prayer, study of Torah, Parsha lessons applied to daily life, Rosh Chodesh luncheons, and holiday celebrations. They are active in local synagogues, temples, and Chabad. Hillel children and their parents actively engage with the larger Jewish community, become leaders and committed participants in Jewish life, and proudly carry on Jewish tradition in Dayton and beyond.



It has been well documented that attending a day school plays a powerful role in the development of a strong Jewish identity and lifelong participation in the Jewish community. At Hillel, Jewish wisdom and Jewish values are completely integrated into each student's daily activities. Hillel graduates have pride in their Jewish heritage, a sense of spiritual wonder, are poised to continue to grow and develop their Jewish learning, and approach the world with confidence in their ability to apply Jewish teachings to problems they confront in their journey through adulthood.