

STATEMENT OF MISSION AND VALUES
FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF TORAH ACADEMY

TORAH ACADEMY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA educates boys and girls from nursery through high school. With a curriculum rooted in Torah and general studies characterized by academic excellence and providing skill proficiency in all areas, Torah Academy provides a dynamic Jewish education that fosters intellectual as well as spiritual understanding and love of Torah through a commitment to its mitzvos and values. An emphasis on midos Tovos infuses all aspects of school life.

Torah Academy will make every reasonable effort to provide tuition assistance to those families who demonstrates financial hardship.

By creating a climate of active intellectual inquiry in both Judaic and general studies, Torah Academy:

- Encourages exploration and understanding of the world.
- Emphasizes the responsibility of each Jew towards G-d and all people.
- Instills in its students *Ahavas Yisroel* – love of Israel and the Jewish people- as embracing the Land and State of Israel, and fellow Jews.
- Inculcates in its students the ideals of the American democratic heritage of freedom, justice and human dignity.
- Views each child as an individual and provides a stimulating education for students with different levels of academic ability and learning styles.
- Partners with parents to nurture each student to develop as an entire person.
- Enables and encourages students, through critical thinking, skill proficiency and substantive knowledge, to discover and excel in fields in which they can lead meaningful lives.
- Prepares its students with the skills to pursue their Judaic and general studies ant the next level of learning and throughout life.

In sum, Torah Academy provides the foundation for its students to mature as Torah-observant Jews and role models who are contributing members in Jewish and general society. Torah Academy works in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

The creation of the State of Israel is one of the seminal events in Jewish history. Recognizing the significance of the State and its national institutions, we seek to instill in our students an attachment to the State of Israel and its people as well as a sense of responsibility for their welfare.