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Thank you for your interest in San Diego Jewish Academy, a pluralistic community day school. We hope you will find our Admission material helpful as you begin the application process.

This is an exciting time in the history of our school. In 1979 we opened our doors with 80 students. Thirty years later we have grown to our 56-acre site in Carmel Valley that has the capacity for 1000 students with facilities that encompass a state-of-the art, secure campus.

Our school is unique in many ways:

- Our dual curriculum provides our students with an outstanding education in both general and Judaic studies.
- Our students are diverse religiously, academically, economically and geographically and we pride ourselves on our pluralistic approach to Jewish learning.
- Our faculty is talented and dedicated. The strong personal bonds between our teachers, students and parents create a caring and supportive environment.
- Our graduates are very successful in college and become active, involved members of their communities--during and after their college years.

A SDJA education shapes the minds, hearts and spirits of students. Children develop a love of learning that drives them to seek and acquire knowledge while gaining an integrated Jewish identity. They learn Hebrew, Jewish traditions, texts and values within a diverse environment that breeds acceptance and understanding.

Please call our Admissions Office at 858-704-3716 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Renee Sherman  
Director of Admission  
rsherman@sdja.com  
858-704-3716

## Golda Meir Lower School Application Checklist

Please use the following checklist to ensure that you have completed all the necessary steps for the application process.

- Complete and return the application.
- Include a non-refundable application fee of \$100.
- Request that your child's current school fill out the Teacher and Administrator Recommendation Forms and return them to the San Diego Jewish Academy Admissions Office.
- Request that your child's current school send a copy of all report cards, standardized tests and academic records.
- Contact the Admissions Office at 858-704-3716 to schedule a parent tour and your child's shadow day.
- If applicable, complete the Tuition Assistance application.

The Tuition Assistance program at SDJA is available to families with documented financial need. SDJA uses the services of FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) to process Tuition Assistance applications. You can find the link for our online application and more information about Tuition Assistance at [http://www.sdja.com/admissions\\_affording.php](http://www.sdja.com/admissions_affording.php). Financial need is not a factor in determining admission. You will be notified of your Tuition Assistance award after your child is accepted to SDJA.

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:**  
Admissions Office  
San Diego Jewish Academy  
Phone: 858-704-3716  
Email: [admissions@sdja.com](mailto:admissions@sdja.com)



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# GOLDA MEIR LOWER SCHOOL

## Student Information

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Preferred Name

Hebrew name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ I-20 Required (Int'l Student)  yes  no  
Month Day Year

Native language: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary language spoken at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's race/ ethnicity:

White  African American  Native American  Latino or Hispanic  Asian  Pacific Islander  Other  
*While optional, this information is helpful for SDJA as we seek to better serve our community.*

Applicant's religious affiliations and/ or synagogue membership(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Academic Information

Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Year 20\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_

Current school: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous school(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grades: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grades: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grades: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Has student: Previously applied to SDJA? If yes, grade and academic year \_\_\_\_\_  
Skipped a grade? If yes, grade and academic year \_\_\_\_\_  
Repeated a grade? If yes, grade and academic year \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to properly place your child in a Hebrew class, please rate his/her knowledge of Modern Hebrew based on the following scale:**

0= no knowledge/skills 1= limited knowledge/skills 2= significant knowledge/skills 3 = fluent knowledge/skills

Reading comprehension \_\_\_\_\_ Speaking ability \_\_\_\_\_ Writing ability \_\_\_\_\_ Oral Comprehension \_\_\_\_\_

## Family information

Please check all that apply. (Parent or Guardian = PG)

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married   | <input type="checkbox"/> PG 1 remarried |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single    | <input type="checkbox"/> PG 2 remarried |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separated | <input type="checkbox"/> PG 1 deceased  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced  | <input type="checkbox"/> PG 2 deceased  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnered |   |

Parent or Guardian 1

Parent or Guardian 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to  
Student: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**With whom is the applicant living?**  Parent or Guardian 1  Parent or Guardian 2  Both

### Please list other children in the family

Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	School _____
Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	School _____
Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	School _____

Please share with us why you chose San Diego Jewish Academy:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about SDJA?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Who was the primary person who referred you to San Diego Jewish Academy?**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name and relationship of any friends/relatives who attend or have attended San Diego Jewish Academy:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

**Parent Questionnaire**

**(Please complete all sections and use additional paper, if necessary)**

What are your child's strengths and weaknesses? (Please comment on social characteristics: e.g., self-reliance, sense of humor, shyness, assertiveness, etc.)

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Has your child had any tutoring?

Yes  No

If yes, please list subjects and timing:

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Has your child undergone any visual, hearing, I.Q., special education, or other educational assessment?

Yes  No

If yes, please give details:

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Has your child ever had emotional, social, or behavioral problems that required special help?

Yes  No

If yes, please give details:

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Has your child ever had an IEP, 504 or formal written accommodation plan?

Yes  No If yes, please explain and provide a copy.

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Is there any additional information concerning your child about which SDJA should be aware?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

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**Current Teacher Recommendation Grades 1-5**  
 (Please use additional paper, if necessary)

Please describe this student's ability with regards to the subject of mathematics. (Consider ability to retain mathematical relationships and principals, drawing generalizations, applying basic principles in word problems, and relying on memory versus conceptual processes.): \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe this student's ability with regards to the subject of language arts (Consider writing skills, reading comprehension, oral communication and oral reading.): \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on this student's study habits (Consider initiative, drive, ability to organize, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on this student as a person (Consider maturity, integrity, behavior, respect for others, self-discipline, individuality, sense of community service, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments and remarks: (Are there any traits, good or bad, not mentioned above that are worthy of noting?): \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend this student:

Not at All      With Reservation      Mildly      With Confidence      Enthusiastically

Academic ability and promise					
Character and personal promise					
Integrity					
Overall					

Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation?       Yes       No

Hours you are available: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM      Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please return this completed and signed form to:**

**San Diego Jewish Academy ■ Director of Admissions**



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**GOLDA MEIR LOWER SCHOOL**  
**Confidential Administrator Recommendation Grades 1-5**

This recommendation will be used only for Admissions purposes, held in strictest confidence and will not become part of the student's permanent record file

**To the Parent**

Please type or print your child's name and give this form your current Head of School, Principal or Guidance Counselor with the pre-addressed SDJA envelope.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying to enter grade: \_\_\_\_\_ in the fall of: 20 \_\_\_\_ - 20 \_\_\_\_  
First Last

**To the Administrator**

Please complete both sides of this form so we can evaluate this applicant effectively. Your observations assessing both academic and personal qualities of a student are useful. In thinking of the student, please comment on his/her work habits, classroom behavior, integrity, and respect for others.

**Applicant Information**

No Opportunity To Observe		Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best Ever
	Academic achievement						
	Conduct						
	Integrity						
	Consideration of others						
	Social adjustment with peers						
	Stability						
	Attendance						

**Family Information**

No Opportunity To Observe		Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best Ever
	Communication with school						
	Attendance at school functions						
	Cooperation with school rules						
	Cooperation with faculty/administration						
	Fulfillment of financial responsibilities						
	Participation in school community						
	Participation in child's education						

How long have you known this student and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this student ever been subject to any disciplinary action while attending your school? If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**(over)**

## Current Administrator Recommendation Grades 1-5

Please share with us your observation about this student's academic ability, work habits, relationships with peers, classroom behavior, attitude and emotional maturity: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please comment on this student's contribution to your school community and potential for leadership:

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Please comment on the parents' expectations for their child. Please explain the way in which the family supports the policies of your school: \_\_\_\_\_

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I recommend this student:

Not at All      With Reservation      Mildly      With Confidence      Enthusiastically

Academic ability and promise					
Character and personal promise					
Integrity					
Overall					

Please make any additional comments on this student: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation?       Yes       No

Hours you are available: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM      Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please return this completed and signed form to the address below:**

**San Diego Jewish Academy ▪ Director of Admissions**

11860 Carmel Creek Road, San Diego, CA 92130 ♦ (858) 704-3716 ♦ [www.sdja.com](http://www.sdja.com)



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**TRANSCRIPT REQUEST**

This recommendation will be used only for Admissions purposes, held in strictest confidence and will not become part of the student's permanent record file

**To the Parent**

In order for SDJA's Admissions Office to receive your child's records, **please complete the top portion of this form and submit the entire form to your child's current school office**, along with the pre-addressed SDJA envelope. This form must ONLY be submitted to San Diego Jewish Academy by your child's school.

Student's name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)      First                                      Middle                                      Last

Name of current school: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read and sign the statement below.

For the student named above, I authorize the release of school records, including an official transcript of all grades for the current semester and past two academic years, as well as the results of standardized testing for the same time period. I waive my right to read the confidential teacher recommendations and the school report.

Student's Parent or Guardian's name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Last  
(Please print)                                      First

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student's Parent or Guardian                                      Date

**To the Student's Current School**

Please send this student's official transcript for the current semester and past two completed academic years. This should include all grades earned for courses taken to date, attendance, scores for aptitude and achievement tests. Please note that this form must be included with the transcripts.

Name of School Official:

\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)      First                                      Last                                      Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Official                                      Date

Should you have any questions, please contact our **Admissions Office at 858-704-3716**.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Please mail transcripts to:**

**San Diego Jewish Academy ■ Director of Admissions**