



Desert Torah Academy—
Ohel Menachem



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Mission Statement

The mission of Desert Torah Academy is to provide the Jewish children of Southern Nevada with an outstanding Judaic/Hebrew and Secular education.

DTA staff will promote students' growth as active learners; respectful, responsible citizens; and independent thinkers. Through a stimulating and safe learning environment, our students will grow in appreciation of Jewish tradition and culture while being prepared for success in high school and life in the world community.



Robert Cohen Educational Campus

Our 65,000 sq. ft. campus was dedicated in 2010. The \$10 million facility serves students and teachers with a multimedia library, state of the art computer lab, gymnasium, science lab, art room, game room and spacious classrooms fitted with SmartBoard technology.



Preschool



Media Center



Classroom

Welcome to the Desert Torah Academy

Since 1999, the Desert Torah Academy of Southern Nevada has educated a diverse student body in expansive general studies, Jewish traditions and Hebrew language.

Our caring and non-judgmental environment, rigorous academic program and low student-to-teacher ratio consistently lead to advanced grade equivalency scores and highly successful graduates. DTA students are inspired by teachers who live the values they impart.



Our school is founded on the principles of Chabad philosophy and the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Chabad is a way of life that integrates knowledge and love of G-d, understanding of Torah, and appreciation of every individual's contribution to the community.

Chabad has more than 3,300 branches in 75 countries. Nearly a million Jewish children participate in Chabad schools, centers and summer camps each year.

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Torah Tots Preschool



OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that children learn best by doing. Active participation and play lead to a depth of learning that goes beyond knowledge to life experience.



The Torah Tots experience starts with a safe, joyful and nurturing Jewish environment in which young children develop socially, emotionally, and cognitively.

Torah Tots Toddlers

AGES 12 MO. – 2 YEARS

Program Highlights:



Gross and fine motor skills



Self-help skills



Social interaction



Jewish identity, joy & curiosity



Emotional growth

Torah Tots Preschool

AGES 3 – 4 YEARS

Program Highlights:



Personal space and sharing



Goal-setting



Language development



Torah and Jewish Heritage



Early literacy & math skills

The preschool classroom is guided by professional and responsive teachers who model Jewish values and introduce emergent curriculum materials through songs, art, free exploratory play, structured games and conversation. Extensive age-appropriate supplies and classroom activity centers give our children the hands-on tools to expand their imaginations and explore the vast opportunities for learning within their environment. Outside, an ergonomically-designed playground helps children develop coordination and confidence.

Elementary School



OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that all children deserve a curriculum that empowers them to succeed and focuses on individual strengths. DTA provides learning opportunities and customized goals for all our students.



K – 4th Grades








AGES 5 – 9 YEARS

With the benefit of a low teacher/student ratio, teachers have the ability to use these formative years to help children identify paths to academic achievement and emotional growth.

Your child will be part of a community that cares for its members as well as for people throughout the world.

Our approach to elementary education is comprehensive and integrated. In this way, our students learn to independently apply each new discovery to all subjects and interactions. In addition to a strong academic program, we engage our students in many extra-curricular programs such as physical education, art, computers and library.

Program Highlights:

	Critical thinking/decision making		Chumash program based on building sequential skills
	Self-esteem and teamwork		Focus on reading comprehension, math, science and social studies/history
	Intensive secular studies program		Judaic program based on a love for Jewish tradition
	Instruction that is differentiated to meet students' needs		

Middle School



OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that the study of Torah and Talmud gives our youth the tools for critical thinking and confident communication, benefiting them in all areas of academics.

5th – 8th Grades

AGES 10 – 13 YEARS

As children become pre-teens, the curriculum at DTA expands their horizons and responsibilities.

From Hebrew fluency to digital technology, school government to charity events, our students succeed because their teachers have instilled an excellent, can-do attitude in tandem with rigorous academic expectations.

Middle School students volunteer their time to community activities and after-school clubs, tutoring younger students and benefiting those less fortunate around the world. Instilling our students with a foundation of Chesed (kindness) ensures that they will grow to be active participants and leaders in the Jewish and global communities.



Dual Track Judaic Program:

- › **Academic Track:** Navi-Prophets, Mishna, Jewish History and Introductory Talmud
- › **Yeshiva Track:** Navi-Prophets, Mishna, Halacha/Law and Intensive Talmud/Commentary

Program Highlights:



History, language arts/literature, math and science



Mastery of Chumash/Rashi skills



Development and implementation of personal philosophy



Tzedaka & community involvement



Leadership and public speaking



Physical education / team sports



Focus on reading comprehension, math, science and social studies/history



Leadership



**Rabbi Shea
Harlig**
Dean



**Mrs. Dina
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Director



**Rabbi Moishe
Rodman, MAd**
Principal



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*Secular Studies
Principal*



**Mrs. Yocheved
Shapiro, MEd**
*Torah Tots
Assistant Direcotr*

Why Choose Desert Torah Academy?



Our teachers are committed to providing the best Judaic and secular education for each of our students



Our Sycamore online school program allows parents to continuously observe progress and communicate with teachers



Our students are motivated to achieve by a sense of curiosity, possibility and responsibility



We welcome students with learning differences and individualize the curriculum to meet the needs of both gifted and challenged learners



Our parents form a supportive community for an even better social, academic and Jewish life in Southern Nevada



We recognize the growing costs of Jewish education and offer scholarships to qualifying students

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Our state-of-the-art facilities provide for the use of cutting edge technology and a variety of learning opportunities



We respect and welcome families of all levels of Jewish observance. We believe that values should be shared with students without being imposed upon them

What our parents are saying...

"Morah Dina, Morah Yocheved and the Torah Tots teachers are professional, calm and attentive to the individual needs of our son."

— Dr. Adam & Caline Schwartz



"The teachers at Desert Torah Academy have given our children the passion to work hard and the confidence to succeed."

— Jackie & Jay Hafter



"My son and daughter joined DTA in the middle of the year and it has been a seamless transition for them. The tremendous love and dedication which the teachers instill in the children towards learning certainly carries forward into their home lives as well."

— Dr. Yosef & Talia Kahn

"We moved Michael to DTA from a public school when he was 9. What a great positive change in his personality."

— Julie & Paul Josephson

"Our son and daughter are proud graduates of DTA. They are now in all honors and AP classes in high school. Their peers can sense in them a deep wisdom that clearly is attributed to the awesome education they received at DTA. We know we can send them out into the world prepared to do well, and to make an impact and better our society. Thank you, DTA, for helping us to fulfill our Jewish obligation."

— Goldie & Phil Scheinman

"We commute over an hour every day because we believe that Desert Torah Academy excels in the balance of academics, warmth and personal attention."

— Susie & Ray Koroghli

"We learned a lot about our world and our heritage by listening to our sixth-grade son."

— Molly & Steven Michelman





Come for a visit.
Talk to our families.

Choose Desert Torah Academy for your child
and join our learning community!

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