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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in San Diego Jewish Academy. We know that choosing the right school for your child is among the most important decisions you can make. The SDJA Admissions office is here to assist you as you make that decision and support you throughout the application process. Welcome!

For 35 years, SDJA has been a premier independent Jewish day school educating students (and their families!) to reach their fullest potential. Through close attention to each student's learning profile, our children develop and grow in a rigorous academic environment that always focuses on the whole child. Students benefit from experiencing joy in their learning and in being part of a supportive social and emotional environment that prepares them well for college and beyond. Our graduates are overwhelmingly accepted into their first or second choice of colleges and universities, and many have gone on to distinguish themselves in national and international competitions in science and technology.

Our school has a deeply engaging curriculum, giving students a strong foundation in both core academics and in Jewish literacy. Faculty members are chosen for their mastery of teaching and their love of students. They continue to evolve here at SDJA, incorporating innovative and creative teaching in their classrooms. In this environment, students become critical thinkers, confident in their abilities and encouraged to develop their own talents and passions for changing the world. Simply put, our graduates are future focused.

An education at San Diego Jewish Academy is an investment in your child's future. We hope to take that journey with you.

If you have any questions, please call our Admissions office at 858-704-3716. We'd be happy to talk with you about your future at SDJA.

Sincerely,

Leslie Cohen Kastner
Director of Admission
lkastner@sdja.com
858-704-3716

Golda Meir Lower School Grades 1 - 5 Applying for Admission to San Diego Jewish Academy

- Complete the online application at:
http://www.sdja.com/admissions_applications.php
Applications received by February 3, 2014 will receive priority consideration.
- Submit a non-refundable application fee of \$100.
- Request that your child's current school fill out the Teacher and Administrator Recommendation Forms. Please be sure to fill in the applicant's name and sign each form.
- Request that the applicant's current school send a copy of all report cards, standardized tests and academic records. Please be sure to fill in the applicant's name and sign the release.
- Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport.
- Contact the Admissions Office at 858-704-3717 to schedule a parent tour or attend an admissions event
- 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

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: 858-704-3717
Email: admissions@sdja.com



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Current Teacher Recommendation

To Parents: Please print child's name and give this form to your child's current teacher who will complete it and return it directly to the Admissions Office.

Student's name: _____ Applying for Grade _____ in Fall 20_____

Our signatures below indicate that understand that this is confidential recommendation is a required and important part of our child's admission application and we will not have access to it.

Parent/Guardian 1 Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To the Teacher:

Please complete this form below. Feel free to photocopy your complete recommendation for your files. This recommendation will remain confidential and will not become part of the student's permanent record. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

Math

Academic Qualities

Poor Fair Average Good Excellent One of the Best Ever

Study habits						
Attention span						
Ability to work independently						
Ability to organize & communicate ideas						
Motivation						
Intellectual aptitude						
Intellectual curiosity						
Critical and abstract thinking skills						

Language Arts

Academic Qualities

Poor Fair Average Good Excellent One of the Best Ever

Study habits						
Attention span						
Ability to work independently						
Ability to organize & communicate ideas						
Motivation						
Intellectual aptitude						
Intellectual curiosity						
Critical and abstract thinking skills						

Personal Qualities

Creativity						
Self-confidence						
Leadership potential						
Reaction to criticism						
Reaction to setbacks						
Concern for others						
Personal conduct						
Personal integrity						
Ability to act independently						
Ability to work cooperatively						
General level of maturity						
Sense of humor						

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(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>I recommend this student:</i>	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: _____ Email address: _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

School address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send this recommendation via mail, fax or email to:

San Diego Jewish Academy
Admissions Office
 11860 Carmel Creek Road, San Diego, CA 92130
 Phone (858) 704-3716 ♦ Fax (858) 704-3850
 admissions@sdja.com



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Current Administrator Recommendation

To Parents: Please print child's name and give this form to your child's current Principal, Head of School or Guidance Counselor who will complete it and return it directly to the Admissions Office.

Student's name: _____ Applying for Grade _____ in Fall 20_____

Our signatures below indicate that understand that this is confidential recommendation is a required and important part of our child's admission application and we will not have access to it.

Parent/Guardian 1 Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 will assist us in our evaluation of this applicant. Feel free to photocopy your complete recommendation for your files. This recommendation will remain confidential and will not become part of the student's permanent record. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

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:

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(Please use additional paper, if necessary)

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

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

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

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:

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: _____ Email address: _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

School address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send this recommendation via mail, fax or email to:

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