

What is Different About SDJA?
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SDJA is different from other school because we have such diversity between the students and we are all accepting of each other. Everyone knows everyone and you can walk down the hallways comfortably in your own skin and confident that no one will harass you or pick on you because of what you look like, how you dress, or what ethnicity you are. We are all living in coexistence and together as a community, we care for one another.

To me, it is important to learn in a Jewish environment because I love to engage in the teachings of my religion and it is important for me to know where I came from, who my ancestors were, and why they are so great. For example, learning Hebrew only benefits me in the long run because I am now able to understand and participate in discussions when I go to Israel.

I have many favorite SDJA memories, but the greatest one so far was when the junior class had a lockdown (meant for bonding) and we all came together as a class and had the best night of our lives just enjoying everyone's company.

Ms. Stark's AP Art History has been my favorite class because she encourages us constantly and always challenges us. With art history, she has shown me that everything in our lives relates back to art. Art is something so important in our lives and usually we never take the time of day to appreciate its beauty. Because of Ms. Stark, I now understand art and love it.

SDJA teachers take the time to get to know their students and are always available to help kids with academic problems or even personal dilemmas.