



Levey Day School Fast Facts

Our Mission: Levey Day School provides a nurturing community and a challenging, personalized curriculum infused with Jewish values and Hebrew language. Students of all backgrounds become lifelong learners committed to *tikkun olam* (improving our world)

Established in 1952 as Portland Hebrew Day School. In 1976 the name was formally changed to the Abraham S. and Fannie B. Levey Hebrew Day School. In the early 1990s Levey transitioned from being an Orthodox school to a pluralistic community day school.

Location: Portland, Maine

Facilities: Large, sunlit school wing of the Temple Beth El building at 400 Deering Avenue

- Four brightly lit, large classrooms
- A library/music room and an art room
- Playground and grassy field area, with small gardens planted by students
- Social hall and sanctuary available for indoor recess and performances
- Large kosher kitchen available
- Smartboards, iPads, and computer technology

Grades: Pre-K through grade 5

Enrollment and Class Size: Levey currently has 31 students in classes of 9–14 students each

Faculty and Staff: Each class has one lead teacher, plus we have a Hebrew/Judaics teacher and specialists in art, music, and physical education

Head of School: Gerri Chizeck, assisted by an office administrator

Board of Directors: Levey is a nonprofit corporation led by a diverse board of parents, educators, and community members. David Freidenreich is the current President.

Academics: Levey offers an enriched, integrated curriculum characterized by personal attention and creative and critical thinking. Core general academic studies are enhanced with art, music, PE, and intensive Hebrew language studies as well as Judaic studies which emphasize a celebration of Jewish values, culture, and traditions.

Demographics:

- Levey serves families from as far south as Saco and as far north as Gray.
- Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of Levey students come from Jewish or interfaith families, while about $\frac{1}{4}$ come from families of other faiths or no religious affiliation.
- Jewish families affiliate with Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform synagogues, or none at all.

Our Graduates: Levey graduates go on to attend local public schools, charter schools, and prestigious private schools, including Breakwater School, Cheverus High School, North Yarmouth Academy, and Waynflete. Students are consistently accepted to the schools of their choice and often place into accelerated classes. Their curiosity, zest for learning, dedication to studies, ability to advocate for themselves, and high level of participation are documented through communications and surveys of graduates and their families.