



THE DAVID CARDOZO ACADEMY



REVITALIZING JUDAISM **BRINGING THE JEWISH NATION TOGETHER**

THE CARDOZO-KAGAN JEWISH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

AT THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER HERZLIYA

KNOWING THE PAST, LEADING THE FUTURE

LEADING

The Cardozo-Kagan Jewish Leadership Program was launched in response to the pressing need for Jewish identity among today's young generation in Israel. This program is presented by The David Cardozo Academy – headed by its founder and dean, Rabbi Dr. Nathan Lopes Cardozo – in association with Hillel at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya.



"All of us appreciate the interesting syllabus and unconventional approach you have used in providing an enriching program to students at IDC Herzliya... Your open-minded and tolerant way of approaching these subjects has a strong impact on the students... I am sure this will influence them... as they become top professionals in the State of Israel. The values which you instill in students during their university studies are critical in helping shape their lives; it is a shot in the arm to these youngsters, to the State of Israel, and to the Jewish people..."

Jonathan Davis, Vice President for External Relations, IDC Herzliya;
Head of the Raphael Recanati International School



Relevance

Subjects are taught and discussed in an interdisciplinary manner, combining Jewish studies with each student's chosen field of study, bringing a new, Jewish perspective to the student's awareness and lifestyle. From dormant tradition and ambiguous identity, Judaism becomes an integral part of the student's life and framework of thinking. Students learn about business ethics and economic principles in Talmudic and other Jewish sources, as well as the fundamentals of Jewish law and a variety of other issues that Jews have contemplated and debated throughout the ages. They discover that the origins of many modern theories can be found in the writings of original Jewish thinkers, contributing to their appreciation of Judaism's contemporary relevance, and instilling in them a sense of pride in their rich heritage.

Pluralism

Establishing a Jewish identity for the State of Israel requires not only a great deal of tolerance, but also finding the most comprehensive common denominator. The program educates toward acceptance of a broad definition of identity that is able to contain diverse and even opposing interpretations. The program's lecturers come from across the ideological spectrum.

Continuity

Upon graduating the program, each student becomes a member of the program's alumni society, a vital post-program component of great importance. Much emphasis is placed on the developing and maintaining of a community among the graduates. Together with its mentors, the alumni society aims to create a network that will assist Cardozo-Kagan Jewish Leadership Program graduates throughout their careers, beginning from the job search phase, to finding partners and resources in their chosen professions. Periodic seminars and events enable the program to keep in touch with its former students as they emerge as tomorrow's leaders.

The annual program consists of lectures, discussion groups, seminars, study tours and workshops, all geared to enabling students to experience, in open and creative discourse, the richness and relevance of Jewish identity. In addition, it offers a "havruta" program in which prominent Israeli figures mentor students in their respective fields of study.

Quality

Out of hundreds of applicants each year, 25 outstanding, motivated students with leadership potential are carefully selected. Those who apply study government administration, law, communications, media, business and economics at IDC Herzliya, one of the most distinguished private institutions of higher education in Israel. Academic excellence alone, however, is not the only criterion for acceptance; only candidates volunteering in some capacity in their communities will be considered for the program.

Program lecturers are leaders in their respective fields, among them Nobel Laureate Prof. Yisrael Aumann; Justice Minister, Prof. Yaakov Neeman; and President of the World Union of Jewish Studies and Director of the School of History at Hebrew University, Prof. Joseph Kaplan, to name a few.

Mentors in the "havruta" program include former Deputy Prime Minister, Justice Minister, and Finance Minister, Attorney Moshe Nissim; television and radio host, Avri Gilad; Vice CEO of The Strauss Group, Attorney Michael Avner, and others.

Building future
leadership
based on
solid Jewish
consciousness
and identity.



In memory of Benjamin and Joseph Kagan



"In answering the question of what Judaism means to me, I come across so many new things. The Cardozo-Kagan program has given me food for thought that I was unable to get anywhere else. There is no doubt that in the future, as I continue on my way along any path I will choose, the things I've learned here will remind me who I am and where I'm headed."

Sarit Frange

"Rabbi Cardozo's lectures fascinate me; I thirst for these kinds of lectures. It allows me to feel how much power there is in my origins, how much wisdom..."

Lital Rashi



"The Cardozo-Kagan program has helped me find the core of what constitutes my identity."

Hagai Avraham

"The Cardozo-Kagan program has provided me with tools that guide me and help me to form an opinion, even in my academic studies. (For instance, do I support the realists, or the liberals, in international politics...?)

Rabbi Cardozo used a metaphor, saying that many Jews keep a box on which the word 'Jew' is written. They know it's important; they can't dispose of it, since it's a part of them; but they have no idea what it contains. I'm proud to say that I do know what is in my box, but while participating in the Cardozo-Kagan program I discovered in it a whole new world..."

Adi Slama



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