



MAKOM AFTERSCHOOL

Jewish Learning Reimagined



Makom: Creative Downtown Judaism is an inclusive community fusing Jewish tradition and progressive values through spirituality, learning and culture. Makom inspires diverse participants to explore together how Judaism can meaningfully enrich our lives.



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Vision

Every Jewish child in downtown Toronto has access to high-quality Jewish and Hebrew education, supporting their development as ethical, engaged, and empowered Jews within the diversity of religious and cultural approaches to Jewish life.



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Mission

Makom Afterschool provides high-quality, pluralistic Jewish and Hebrew-language education in neighbourhood public schools to students in JK through Grade 5. Children from the diversity of downtown Jewish families find their place in our warm and welcoming community.

Why choose Makom Afterschool?

Focus on Hebrew

Conversational Hebrew, reading & writing taught by native Hebrew speakers

Pluralism

We embrace traditional, liberal & cultural approaches to Judaism
Interfaith/intercultural & LGBTQ families welcome!
No synagogue membership required

Community

Family programs & holiday celebrations

Locations

With 3 different sites, find us in a TDSB school near you!

Convenience

We meet immediately after school, and offer transportation from some nearby schools

Schedule

Two afternoons per week, Sept through June, maximizing learning time and leaving weekends free



Our Locations

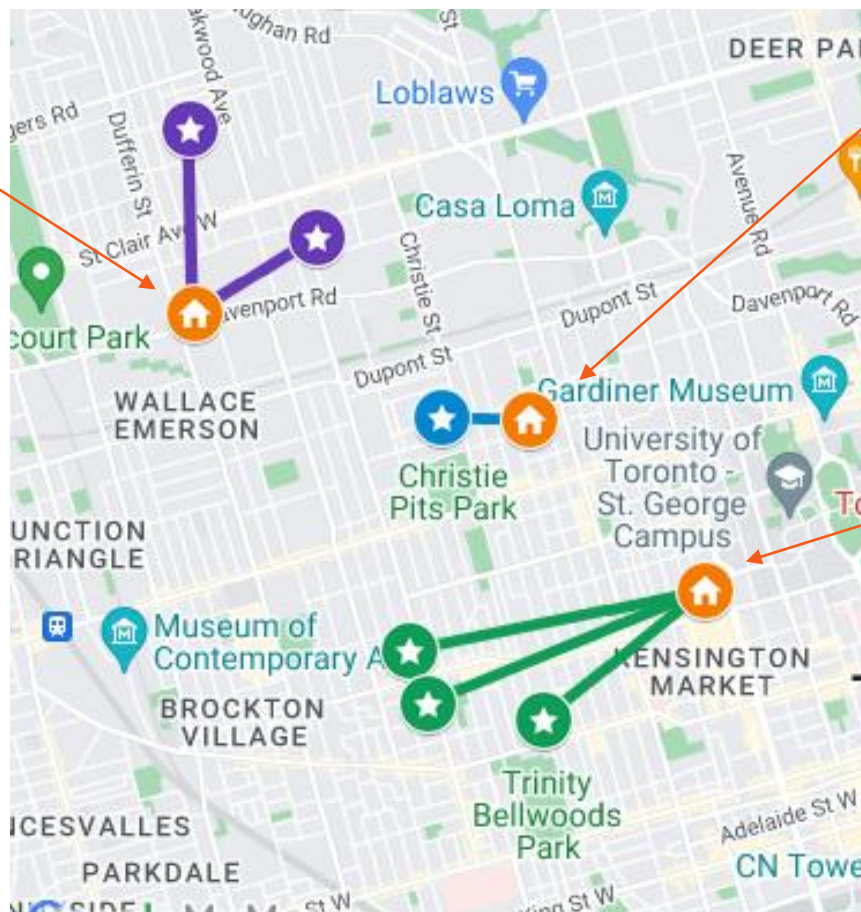
Regal Road Public School

Davenport & Dufferin
Mon & Wed

Transportation

We pick up kids from nearby schools and bring them to Makom Afterschool on foot or by TTC.

Pick-up locations depend on enrolment & staff availability, so register early and spread the word!



Palmerston Avenue Public School

Bloor & Bathurst
Mon & Wed

Lord Lansdowne Public School

College & Spadina
Tues & Thurs



Our Classes

Students attend Makom Afterschool two afternoons per week, immediately after school. We have three age groups: JK-SK, Grades 1-2, and Grades 3-5.



TDSB Bells
(2:20-3:45)

Supervision begins for students on site; Students arrive from other schools; Makom Afterschool staff collect students from designated schools; outdoor playtime

3:45

Welcome and snack time incorporating Hebrew vocabulary

4:15

Hebrew & Jewish learning, including through art, music, movement, drama & games

5:35

Closing activity; tidy up & get organized

5:45

Pick up



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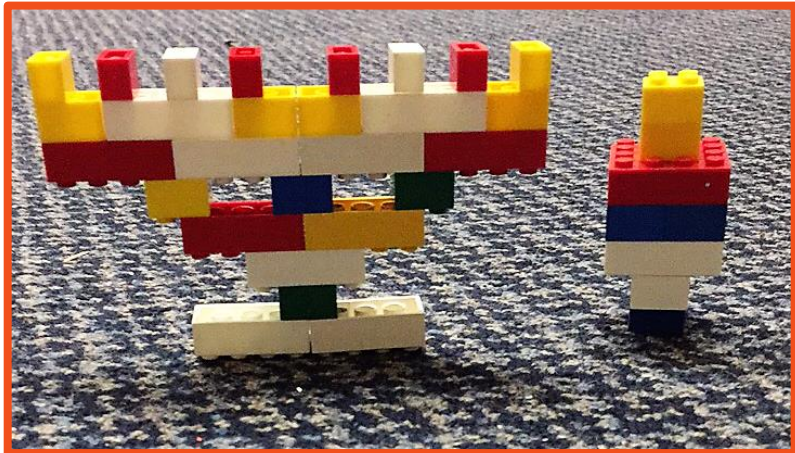
Hebrew

- Hebrew language is a major focus of Makom Afterschool
- Spoken Hebrew incorporated as much as possible
- In JK-SK, kids work on listening to, understanding & speaking conversational Hebrew
- Having built a foundation of Hebrew vocabulary, Grades 1-2 begin reading and writing
- Grades 3-5 continue conversational Hebrew & decoding – learning to read unfamiliar words phonetically



Curriculum

Our spiralling, integrated Hebrew & Jewish Learning curriculum builds towards *enduring understandings*:



- **Hebrew** is a language that connects me to the Jewish people around the world, past, present, and future.
- When I celebrate **Shabbat and holidays** through the cycle of the Jewish year, I am part of the ongoing Jewish story.
- The **texts and stories of our tradition** can help us reflect on our own lives and think about how we want to live.
- **Jewish values and mitzvot** (Jewish responsibilities) can guide the way I live my life with my family, friends, and community.



Tuition & Registration

2023-2024 Tuition
\$3300

Transportation Fee
\$550
(if applicable)



June 1

Deadline to guarantee a spot and be prioritized for transportation routes

Aug 1

Transportation fees due (if applicable)

Aug 15

Financial aid applications due

Sept 1

Full Tuition due

Sept 11

Classes begin

Makom Afterschool tuition is **fully tax-deductible**.

Estimated* tax credit: \$1285

Net tuition: \$2015

*based on www.redcross.ca/donate/donation-tax-credit-calculator



We are committed to ensuring that **finances are never a barrier to participation**. If the full tuition is not feasible for you, financial assistance is available.

Register Now! www.MakomAfterschool.org



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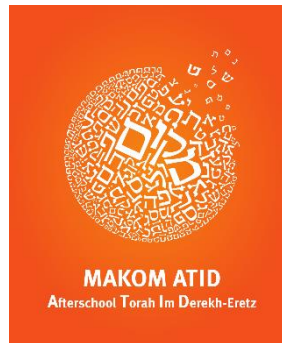
Beyond Grade 5: Makom ATID

Makom ATID* students engage in spirituality, learning, and culture as they discover the wisdom Judaism holds for their maturing minds and bodies in today's world.

*ATID – literally, future in Hebrew; acronym for Afterschool Torah Im Derekh-Eretz – Torah with Ways of the World



- **Grades 6-8**
- At Makom's storefront (College & Bathurst)
- **Jewish Learning** taught by Rabbi Aaron Levy:
 - **Mitzvot:** Jewish ritual & ethical practices; Diverse approaches to mitzvot & Jewish life
 - **Jewish calendar & holidays** through the year
 - The **Torah's** structure, narrative arc, and overview of its weekly portions
 - **Jewish history, heroes & books**, from ancient to modern times
- Optional **Hebrew Language** classes



Learn more:
makomfamilies.org/b-mitzvah



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Questions

We welcome your
questions!



Thank you!



We hope to see your
kids in Makom
Afterschool next year.

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