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The New Jewish School – An Innovative Approach to Education *New Name, New Approach for local Jewish Day School*

(Rockville, MD) “We asked our parents, teachers and Board of Directors to close their eyes and imagine the day school of their dreams and after months of discussion, debate and self reflection what has evolved is a new, clearly defined mission that embraces our current student body and opens our doors to families who may not have thought about attending our school,” states Head of School Bini W. Silver. “After close examination, we felt that it was necessary for our school name to reflect who we are today,” said Jeffrey Freedman, Board President.

The New Jewish School is not your typical day school. Collaborative, hands-on exploration happens every day across the disciplines. Students in grades 5 and 6 are utilizing a cloud-based operating system on their very own Chromebook laptops; students are re-interpreting Chagall’s finest works of art; students are enthusiastically solving math word problems, and on a typical day even the youngest students are exploring other cultures, customs and histories.

Formerly known as Hebrew Day Institute, the school has undergone a variety of transitions and changes throughout its 38 year history. Once an Orthodox day school, The New Jewish School has been a community day school since 2005, when the school joined RAVSAK: The Jewish Community Day School Network. “We want our students ‘to see the world through a Jewish lens’, understanding that most of our students will not ultimately become a rabbi or cantor or even a Jewish communal professional. But, if we influence the way they approach a situation and come to a ‘Jewish’ conclusion, then we will have done our job,” affirmed Silver passionately.

“The personal attention my daughter receives at school is the number one reason she is thriving,” said Dr. Sherry Marlowe, mother of Dara and also Secretary of the Board of Directors. “I truly believe that Dara would have been successful anywhere she went to school, but I can confidently say that her teachers know her really well and that fact has undoubtedly contributed to her success,” continued Marlowe.

Renee Salzberg, school Advancement Director emphatically states, “Visit us in action and you will see what an extraordinary school we have here. Our students love learning, and become successful, confident leaders upon graduation, typically placing in advanced and AP level classes in Science, Math and Hebrew.”

“It feels like home when I am at school,” said Rina Torchinsky a current 6th grade student, “I love my teachers and my school and I know they love me.”

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