



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to ATiD! We're delighted to have your child joining us this semester and look forward to a wonderful experience.

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS SEMESTER

- **Skills & Learning Outcomes:** Students will deepen their understanding of Jewish traditions, values, culture, and holidays through hands-on, interactive learning. They'll also strengthen their Hebrew language skills or explore creative expression through rotating arts electives—including music, dance, and visual arts—while building confidence, curiosity, and community.
- **Semester Goals & Projects:** Throughout the semester, students will engage in meaningful discussions, creative projects, holiday celebrations, and experiential activities that connect Jewish learning to their everyday lives. Rather than memorization, ATiD encourages students to ask big questions, think critically, and develop a personal connection to Jewish identity.
- **Special Events & Celebrations:** Families can look forward to community celebrations throughout the Jewish calendar, opportunities to share in students' learning, and special events that bring Jewish traditions to life in fun and engaging ways. Students' creative work and accomplishments may be showcased during select family programs throughout the year.
- **Tips for a Successful Semester:** Regular attendance, active participation, and arriving ready to learn will help students get the most out of ATiD. We encourage families to continue conversations at home about what students are learning each week and to celebrate Jewish holidays together whenever possible, reinforcing the connections made in the classroom.

CLASS INFORMATION

You can view your child's particular class information in your **92NY patron portal**.

BEFORE YOUR FIRST CLASS

- **What to Wear:** Students can wear the same clothes they wear to school.
- **What to Bring:** Please send your child with a labeled water bottle. All classroom materials and supplies are provided unless otherwise communicated by your child's teacher.
- **Arrival:** Parents and caregivers should bring their child to the 6th Floor of the North Building for drop-off. We recommend arriving a few minutes early on the first day to allow time for building security and to help your child settle into the classroom.
- **92NY Afterschool Participants:** If your child is enrolled in 92NY Afterschool, there is no need to drop them off. ATiD staff will coordinate pick-up directly from their Afterschool classroom and escort them to their ATiD class.
- **Building Entry:** Please enter through the main entrance and proceed to the 6th Floor of the North Building. Please allow a few extra minutes for building security upon arrival.
- **Dismissal:** Students will only be released to parents, guardians, or authorized pick-up contacts listed on their registration. If someone new will be picking up your child, please notify the ATiD office in advance.
- **First-Day Tips:** Label all personal belongings, review your child's dismissal plan before the first day, and ensure your emergency contact information is up to date. If your child will be absent or there is a change to their dismissal routine, please notify the ATiD office as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE AND PROGRAM POLICIES

To help every student have a meaningful and successful experience, we ask families to review the following program policies:

- **Attendance:** Regular attendance helps students build friendships, participate in ongoing projects, and fully engage in the ATiD community. If your child will be absent, please notify the ATiD office as soon as possible.
- **Drop-Off & Pick-Up:** Students should be dropped off on the 6th Floor of the North Building. Students will only be released to parents, guardians, or authorized pick-up contacts listed on their registration. Please notify the ATiD office in advance if there is a change to your child's dismissal plan.

- **92NY Afterschool Participants:** If your child is enrolled in 92NY Afterschool, ATiD staff will escort them from their Afterschool classroom to ATiD. Families do not need to provide a separate drop-off.
- **Behavior Expectations:** We strive to create a welcoming, inclusive, and respectful environment for every student. We ask all participants to treat classmates, staff, and shared spaces with kindness and respect while following classroom expectations.
- **Photography:** From time to time, photos may be taken during ATiD classes and special events for use in 92NY publications, social media, and marketing materials. We also try to take photos each week to share in our family emails. If you have questions about your family's media preferences, please contact the ATiD office.
- **Facility Guidelines:** Please help us maintain a safe and enjoyable environment by supervising children until they are checked in, respecting shared spaces throughout the building, and following all 92NY building policies and security procedures.
- **Make-Up Classes & Cancellations:** ATiD does not offer make-up classes for missed sessions. In the event of a program cancellation due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, families will be notified as soon as possible by the ATiD team.

IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for our special holiday celebrations throughout the year! Younger siblings and grandparents are welcome to join!

- Rosh Hashanah: September 15
- Sukkot: September 29
- Chanukah: December 8
- Tu B'Shevat: January 19
- Purim: March 23
- Passover: April 13
- Last Day/Graduation: May 25

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We're excited to partner with your family throughout the semester! Below are a few helpful reminders to ensure a positive ATiD experience.

- **Stay Connected:** Keep an eye on your email for weekly ATiD updates, upcoming events, holiday celebrations, and important program announcements. These emails will also include photos from the week's activities whenever possible.
- **Jewish Holidays:** Throughout the semester, students will celebrate Jewish holidays through hands-on learning, music, art, cooking, and other interactive experiences. Families are encouraged to continue these conversations at home and celebrate together whenever possible.
- **Questions or Schedule Changes:** If your child will be absent, arriving late, leaving early, or has a change in dismissal plans, please contact the ATiD office as soon as possible so we can ensure a smooth and safe experience.
- **What if My Child Is New to Jewish Learning?** ATiD welcomes students from all Jewish backgrounds and levels of experience. Our educators create an inclusive environment where every child can learn, ask questions, and explore Judaism at their own pace.
- **Family Engagement:** Throughout the year, families will be invited to participate in special celebrations, holiday programs, and community events. We look forward to celebrating with you!
- **Need Assistance?** If you have questions before or during the semester, the ATiD team is always happy to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to support your family and ensure your child has a joyful, meaningful, and successful year at ATiD.

If you have any questions before your first class, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

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