



Jüdische Schule
Noam Zürich

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Welcome

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OUR SCHOOL

Jüdische Schule Noam (NOAM), our innovative, modern-orthodox Jewish day school in the heart of Zurich, has been providing Jewish and secular education at a consistently high level since 1979.

Experienced and dedicated Jewish and non-Jewish teachers educate the students. The school is recognized as a private school by the Department of Education of the Canton of Zurich since it complies with all state regulations.

Tolerance and respect for other people and the environment are key educational values at every level in the school. We emphasize a solid general education that enables our students to move seamlessly to the next stage of school or training.

Thanks to our ongoing commitment to the TaL Am program (Ivrit b'Ivrit), most NOAM students speak and write fluent Hebrew by the end of grade 6, and have a sound grounding in Jewish studies.

Students in our middle school years (grades 7 to 9) are challenged by an intensive curriculum of expanded secular, Jewish and Hebrew studies, tailored to their individual needs.

The school has around 180 students and 40 teachers. This means it is an ideal size to ensure that every child receives personal attention from their teachers. At the same time, NOAM is sufficiently large to be able to support a variety of enriching programs, as well as to form a unique meeting place within the Jewish community.

OUR VISION

We aim for all Jewish children to be well-versed in traditional Jewish and modern secular knowledge. We want our students to be independent and committed, and to have the skills to play a meaningful role in the Jewish and wider community in the 21st century.

OUR VALUES

- We promote integrity, respect, responsibility and love of learning in an open-minded atmosphere with a Zionist orientation. The Jewish education in our school is based on the principles of modern-orthodox identity and a strong interest in the culture and history of Israel.
- We are committed to ensuring that our students emerge after six years in the NOAM primary school able to communicate competently in German, Hebrew and English, as well as in French at the end of the middle school, regardless of their mother-tongue.
- We are determined that every child will receive an excellent secular education that prepares them for the rapidly changing globalized world. The educational goals and skills we aim for are in accordance with the curriculum of the Education Authority of the Canton of Zurich. This ensures that our students can switch at the end of their primary and middle school years into a state school (e.g. high school), or take up an apprenticeship.
- We encourage modern and diverse teaching methods that support our students to achieve individual learning success, with our motivated and well-qualified teachers working in teams to advance our students' education. We are focused on creating an exciting and dynamic atmosphere that encourages

our students to learn and expand their core study skills in an attractive and stimulating Jewish environment.

- Our objective is to maintain small classes even as the number of students rises. We provide parents and guardians with regular opportunities to discuss their children's progress with their teachers.
- We are dedicated to creating and strengthening an identity that facilitates an open, tolerant and thoughtful approach to Judaism, the Jewish community, and Jewish life in all its diversity – also in the wider community – independent of the family's level of Jewish observance or learning.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

A NOAM education is open to every Jewish child, and should be accessible for every Jewish family. According to the school constitution only children that are Jewish according to Halacha can be accepted at the NOAM.

Application

In order to apply to the NOAM you'll have to send in an application form with some enclosures. As soon as we receive the necessary documents we'll start the admission process.

Admission

Students are admitted to the school when it is felt by the administration that the student can benefit from the school's program and that the school has a sufficient staffing and program capabilities to meet the needs of the child.

For our assessment you'll have to enclose some Information about the child and yourself. We need:

- Confirmation that your child is Jewish
- Last year's report card
- School feedback form (filled in by former school)

The admission process will only start once we receive all the documentation.

Please feel free to contact our school office for any questions or inquiries.

School fees

The NOAM Stipendienfonds can provide assistance in cases of particular financial difficulty (s. further information about Stipendien at the end of section "Additional information about NOAM").

- If you are member of a Jewish Community which supports NOAM, your fee would be for the following years:

School year 2019/2020

Primary School: CHF 18'720 per year (CHF 1'560 monthly)

Secondary School: CHF 19'080 per year (CHF 1'590 monthly)

For all others:

School year 2019/2020

Primary School: CHF 27'120 per year (CHF 2'260 monthly)

Secondary School: CHF 27'480 per year (CHF 2'290 monthly)

Each payment needs to be paid by the first day of each month.

The school fee includes books, school materials and a warm lunch.

Additional fees

Students which have academic deficits in one of the official School languages (German, Hebrew) are entitled to receive support lessons twice a week.

Students which know very little German are required to attend intensive courses to acquire the necessary languages skills for their grade level. Parents will have to pay the fees for the additional courses.

Admission process

After sending in the application form with all necessary enclosures, the application process is completed. The school management will check the documents and clarify any questions with you or your child's former school. Usually this process will take up to two weeks. Whenever possible we will meet the child and make our own assessments as well.

Students are admitted to the school when it is felt by the administration that the student can benefit from the school's program and that the school has a sufficient staffing and program capabilities to meet the needs of the child.

In general the following admission requirements are adhered to:

- After two years of Kindergarten the child moves to primary school.
- Grades 2 - 6 students are placed in a class compatible with their age on evidence of successful completion of the preceding grade or year.
- Grades 7 - 9 students applying from outside NOAM are admitted after a meeting with the student and a review of his/her recent school history.

The NOAM School Leadership Team reserves the right to refuse admission to a student if:

- it is determined that the student would not benefit educationally from attending the school
- the student has a scholastic/behavioural record which indicated s/he may be unsuitable for the NOAM school community
- the school cannot meet the special educational needs required by the student.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOAM

1. The school was founded over 30 years ago and has established itself as a leading Jewish modern-orthodox primary school in Switzerland and in Europe.
2. NOAM has a strong reputation for excellence on both the religious and non-religious side and consistently scores above average on the number of pupils who go to the gymnasium (grammar school) after grade 6. Many of our students opt to continue their education at NOAM by attending the NOAM Sekundarschule (grades 7-9).
3. NOAM strictly adheres to the State (Stadt Zürich) curriculum for General Studies and follows the world-recognized TAL AM program for Hebrew and religious studies.
4. There are extra German lessons offered to students for whom German is a new language. The school covers the cost of 2 additional German lessons per week. Should children arrive without any German, we demand an intensive 8-10 week course at a language school in order to help the children acclimatize and learn the language intensively. This might delay the date of school entry.
5. Children who are having difficulties within the regular classroom environment will receive ongoing support from our Mitriya department. מטרייה (Mitriya) is the Hebrew word for umbrella. This department is the umbrella organization which includes the Integrative Förderung (IF) department, the Sonderschule children, for those children who have been identified by the State educational department as having special needs, as well as the support work of the school psychologist. The Mitriya Department is led by Tamar Muallem (Schulleitung Sonderschule), who coordinates with the school Principal, School Psychologist(s), IF teacher(s).
6. The school is conveniently located a block or two from one of Zurich's main train stations, Bahnhof Enge. It can also be reached by tram number 7.
7. The school has its own dedicated building for the primary and secondary school, close to the ICZ community center and its own kosher dairy kitchen. A full, hot lunch is served daily to all the students.
8. NOAM has a gym hall
9. Families who are members of the ICZ or IRG communities receive a tuition fee discount. Families who are considering a move to the community are encouraged to register with one of the communities as soon as possible. Once you are registered, the community informs us. The contact for the largest community is: Israelitische Cultusgemeinde Zürich (www.icz.org).
10. Children have weekly gym and art/craft classes ("Handarbeit").

11. The school brings two B'not Sherut Leumi to live in our community and volunteer in the school each year. The B'not Sherut Leumi form part of Israel's National Service, and we are fortunate to have them with us. Through classroom instruction, assisting with Ivrit language and Jewish Studies, and creating meaningful experiences for our students each and every day, our B'not Sherut enhance our school's Jewish identity and our students' connection to Israel.
12. There is also a Grant Fund (Stipendienfonds) which can provide financial assistance in cases of particular financial difficulty. The Stipendienfonds operates independently from the school in order to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of families. The president of the Stipendienfonds is Denise Feldman and she can be reached via email at: denise.feldmann@aquila-florentina.ch.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SWITZERLAND

Approximately 17,000 Jews are living in Switzerland at present, most of whom are members of the 17 communities comprising the SIG. Jews in Switzerland lead a very active religious, cultural and social life, particularly in such urban centres as Zurich, Basel, Bern, Lausanne and Geneva.

History

The first Jews probably arrived in the area we now call Switzerland along with the Romans. In the Middle Ages, Jews living in many Swiss towns were subject to special discriminatory legislation. By order of the Pope and the urban authorities, they had to wear a special identifying symbol on their clothing and were not allowed to work as merchants or farmers or in any of the trades. Since the levying of interest was regarded as immoral by Christians, the Jews were obliged by the authorities to loan money subject to interest, pledges and guarantees. In many places during the plague years of 1348/1349, they were tortured, driven away or murdered. In the 15th century, however, the church cancelled the prohibition on interest for Christians, and so the Jews were no longer needed and expelled from the country. Since that time until the 19th century eased the Jewish population of Switzerland was very low.

It wasn't until 1874 that Jews in Switzerland were granted full equality with civil rights and duties enshrined in the Federal Constitution. Henceforth they were free to choose their abode and profession and were no longer subject to special discriminatory regulations. Jewish cultural communities developed in around 20 locations. By the First World War, the Jewish population had grown to around 20,000 through immigration from the surrounding countries and Eastern Europe. After the First World War, also Jews in Switzerland were under threat from anti-Semitism both at home and abroad and were unsettled by the negative asylum policy pursued by the authorities against Jewish refugees. Despite the protests of churches, politicians and parts of the population, asylum seekers were too often turned away and deliberately sent to their deaths. The business of warding off anti-Semitism and caring for refugees was, by order of the authorities, for a long time at the sole expense of Jews living in Switzerland. This placed a heavy burden on them between 1933 and 1945. The period after the Second World War in Switzerland was generally marked by a strong commercial upswing and major social changes. Against this backdrop which created a more pluralistic Switzerland with greater understanding for different faiths and ways of living, Jews in Switzerland gained acceptance as a well-integrated minority.

The various communities in Zurich

The Zurich Jewish community is the largest Jewish community in Switzerland. It is nonetheless relatively small but vibrant with about 2,000 families belonging to four main communities, being the Israelitische Cultusgemeinde Zürich (ICZ), the Israelitische Religiöse Gemeinde (IRG), Agudas Achim and the Jüdische Liberale Gemeinde (JLG) . The ICZ is the largest of the four communities and celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2012. Chabad is also active in Zurich.

Each official community will offer key facilities to its members, including kindergarten, burial grounds, old age homes, etc. NOAM is the main (but not the only) Jewish primary school and pupils from families belonging to all of the communities attend our school. Many of our students also join youth groups which meet on Shabbat and provide camps during camps and holidays (eg., Bne Akiwa, Hashomer Hatzair and Hagoshrim).

ZURICH – ONE OF THE BEST CITIES IN THE WORLD

Zurich is one of the world's great cities in the heart of Europe with superb connections by air, road or rail. The city of Zurich is the capital of the canton of the same name. It lies on the river Limmat where it flows out of Lake Zurich, and is the largest city and business centre in Switzerland. Lake Zurich, the Limmat and Sihl rivers, generous green tracts of land and of course the panorama of the Alps all offer an attractive natural backdrop and a multitude of opportunities for recreation and sport. Everything is close by, with beautiful hiking and skiing areas less than an hour from the city centre.

The Bahnhofstrasse is one of Switzerland's prime shopping streets but in the city centre, you will find elegant boutiques belonging to all of the famous international fashion designers, while the very popular Niederdorf and the vibrant Kreis (district) 5 areas have countless little stores filled with avant-garde fashion and trendy street wear. Zurich combines the advantages of a cosmopolitan city with all the trappings of a place where you can feel truly safe.

Zurich has an outstanding global reputation, both as a stock exchange and as a location with an all-inclusive range of financial services. The city is home both to Zurich University and to one of Switzerland's two prestigious Federal Institutes of Technology, the ETH. Between 1975 and 2002 the ETH alone produced 7 Nobel science laureates and it is rated as the best university in the German-speaking world according to the Shanghai Jiao Tong list of world university rankings. However, this is not the only institute where world-class research is carried out: the entire economic area is like a densely networked science park, with countless private and public research facilities.

Canton:	Zurich
Area:	99.88 km ² (38.56 square miles)
Population (city):	349,012 (2013)
Population (agglomeration):	1,190,000 (census 2013)
Height above sea level:	408 m (1339 ft)
Language/s:	Zurich dialect of Swiss German, Standard German

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- School Office, Corinne Held, info@noam.ch

Jewish Kindergarten

- Israelitische Cultusgemeinde Zürich, Lavaterstrasse 33, 8002 Zürich
- Childcare Zipi (Monday to Friday until 2:00 pm) at Israelitische Cultusgemeinde Zürich from the age of about 18 months
- Day care (full or part time), Maon Jom, Tagesheim für Kinder, 8002 Zürich

Kosher restaurant

- Olive Garden, Lavaterstrasse 33, 8002 Zürich
- Fein und Schein, Schöntalstrasse 14/Hallwylstrasse, 8004 Zürich

Kosher food stores

- Kosher City, Weststrasse 115, 8003 Zürich
- Le Shuk, Waffenplatzstrasse 53, 8002 Zürich

Jewish Old Age Home

- Hugo Mendel Stiftung, Billeterstrasse 10, 8044 Zürich
- SIKNA, Sallenbachstrasse 40, 8055 Zürich