

My name is Maxx Sproehnle, I go to Goodnoe Elementary School in Newtown, Pa. I've been there for one school year. It's ok but I don't feel like I fit in. Only two other kids in my class are Jewish out of 32. Also, I like wearing my yarmulke but feel embarrassed to wear it at my current School.

It is important for me to go to Jewish Day School because it's better for me to be around my Jewish heritage where I feel comfortable. I want to have more Jewish friends and be around more people who are like me.

It's important for me to learn more about Judaism because I want to be more involved in my religion. I like reading Hebrew but I want to become better in my reading. My cousins in Connecticut go to a Jewish Day School and they know a lot more about our religion than me. They seem to have a lot of fun learning about our heritage and I want to do the same thing.

I go to Hebrew School now and love everything. I enjoy learning about David and other Jewish leaders. It feels good to hear about my ancestors and the good things they've done. Also the examples they set and how they followed what Hashem told them. Going to Hebrew School every Sunday for two hours is good but its not enough. I think I can learn a lot more.

The teachers at Hebrew school are so nice and they never yell at me. They always help you to do your best and they never give up. The way they teach and how they don't just focus on one person but all of us is the type of place I want to be. I think Jewish Day School will be very similar to my Hebrew School.

Learning about the holidays is exciting and it makes me feel so good when I can participate and understand the holidays services.

My brother and I recently decided to be Kosher as another way for us to be involved in our religion. When I'm in Hebrew School, it is much easier to be Kosher, that's all that's served. This is another reason why I prefer to be in Jewish Day School instead of my current school.

It is important and I feel good and proud when I follow our traditions and be more involved in the Jewish community. Going to Jewish Day School will make me feel welcomed and a part of something, just like in Hebrew School. It will help me practice every day and reach my goals of being prepared for my Bar Mitzvah and reading and understanding Hebrew.