



UNITED HERZLIA SCHOOLS

בתי"ס המאוחדים הרצליה

UNITED HERZLIA SCHOOLS ("UHS") **IDEOLOGICAL POLICY**

1. The UHS is a traditional Jewish Community School which promotes Jewish learning and education based on Jewish National traditional lines in accordance with UHS values. It is aligned to South African Orthodox Judaism and embraces the Zionist vision of a Jewish State living at peace with its neighbours within safe and secure borders.
2. The UHS promotes Jewish learning and education with the aim of developing its children into tomorrow's responsible Jewish adults.
3. The ideological purpose of the UHS is to promote and nurture Jewish identity and pride by instilling a love for the Jewish religion, the Hebrew language and the values of *Menschlichkeit*, as well as a love for the State of Israel.
4. The UHS serves as a "Community School" that accepts and welcomes all Jews within the Community, whatever their ideological affiliations. Broadly, these can be defined as:-
 - those who are affiliated to Orthodox synagogues;
 - those who are affiliated to Progressive/Reform temples;
 - those who are unaffiliated to any congregation.

Whilst the ideological direction is aligned to Orthodoxy, it does so in a non-coercive, non-extremist manner.

5. The UHS aligns with Orthodox Judaism by observing:-
 - the laws of Shabbat and Chaggim, with a complete cessation of non-religious activity under the auspices of the UHS on these days;
 - two days for Torah prescribed Chaggim and the adequate preparation time for these festivals on Erev chag;
 - all fast days;
 - Rosh Chodesh;
 - the laws of Kashrut as set out in the UHS Kashrut Policy;
 - prayers and other religious services that follow the traditional liturgy of Orthodox Judaism. There is a physical separation of boys and girls during prayers. Kippot are required to be worn by boys at all prayer services, all formal school events and for religious studies. Boys who have reached Bar Mitzvah age are encouraged to wear Tefillin at Shacharit services.
6. Jewish Life and learning educators should be positive role models congruent with Cape Town traditional Judaism, within a South African Jewish Community context.
7. The UHS sensitively recognizes the diversity of the Jewish Community it serves and promotes Jewish unity and inclusivity without uniformity.