



## **Ironi Hey High School, Haifa**

### ***Who are we?***

Ironi Hey High School, Haifa, was the first six year public high school, on the Carmel. It was established in 1962. Today, it is the largest public high school in Haifa. The number of students currently studying at Ironi Hey, both in the middle school and in the high school is around 1600. There are around 160 faculty members.

The students population is quite diverse. The majority of students are Jewish, including new immigrants from the Ex-Soviet Union and Ethiopia, but there are also Druz and Arab students..

The safety, well being of our students and an open dialogue between educators and students are the core values that direct us in our work at Ironi Hey.

Ironi Hey is committed to academic excellence. The doors to the most prestigious faculties at the university are open to our graduates thanks to the high level of learning. In the 11th grade students choose their majors. Many students take 3 majors, some even 4. Many choose sciences (physics, biology, computer science, chemistry and robotics). A large number choose Arabic. English, of course, is mandatory for everyone. Ironi Hey is well known in town for its Drama class. There are excellent film making and art classes, as well.

Our school has a joint program with The Technion, The Institute of Technology, for children gifted in mathematics.



There are many more academically oriented enriching programs our students can choose from.

Ironi Hey is committed to social excellence and involvement in the community. We encourage our students to become young leaders.

Every 10<sup>th</sup> grade student volunteers every week throughout the school year. Some continue, till they graduate as youth movement leaders or help at centers children with special needs, etc.

There are quite a few socially oriented enriching programs at school such as the exchange program with the Goethe Gymnasium in Bensheim, Germany. Which promotes an open dialogue and tolerance.

Jewish and Israeli culture and identity and the commitment to the Jewish People are other core values at Ironi Hey.

There is a special focus on the Hebrew calendar in the school's extracurricular program.

The programs with our sister school, Gann Academy in Boston, play a major role in this field.

Both 11<sup>th</sup> grade junior exchange programs and the video conference sessions provide an excellent learning experience for our students and help create a bond, between our communities.

Ironi Hey senior year program includes an 8 day visit to Poland which takes place after a long process of preparation. Many of the 12<sup>th</sup> graders join this program. The goals of the visit are not only to cherish the memory of those who have not survived the Holocaust, but to learn, as moral and conscientious people from this painful chapter in the history of humanity.

Special attention is paid to the physical environment at the school. A rich, stimulating and cherished environment contributes to the feeling of well being and safety of the students and to the learning process.