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2013 expenses

\$1,739,700

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raising a new generation of Jewish leaders in a vibrant cultural mosaic

When it comes to building a vibrant Jewish community, our children's classmates provide as much of an influence as do their classroom lessons. Honoring the diversity of Jewish practice and affiliation in its Brooklyn Jewish community, the Luria Academy of Brooklyn builds relationships between children of varied Jewish affiliations. Secular, Israeli, intermarried, Chasidic, and other families send their preschool and elementary school children to learn together in a progressive and traditional Jewish educational community. Using an "Open-Orthodox" Judaic curriculum (which focuses on adherence to Jewish law in addition to intellectual openness and spirituality), as well as Hebrew immersion and Montessori and Dewey approaches to education, children make friends and learn to respect their peers regardless of background or affiliation.

Luria Academy helps children become insightful, sophisticated Jewish thinkers who learn from one another's diversity and create thriving Jewish communities. The school also works to fully integrate children with special needs into the classroom, one of the many ways that the school practices its philosophy of diversity and inclusion beyond religious affiliation. Luria also commits to making a day school education financially accessible, keeping tuition at less than 40% of that of other day schools in New York City. Parents are deeply involved and committed volunteers, and they reflect the economic and religious diversity of the school.

Luria Academy looks to repair the rift in the Jewish community that results from feeling that one is "too much" or "not enough" in terms of religious observance. Rather than dismiss potential conflict, Luria confronts it with community-building strategies. One evaluator notes, "Luria is a great example of a traditional institution experimenting with lived pluralism, full inclusion and distributive leadership." "I am excited by what this school represents," writes another evaluator. "Jewish Day Schools have been around for decades, but are often late in adopting new approaches to education. Luria is built on the notion of innovation and openness."

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