

August 2019
Av 5779

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at The Hebrew Academy of Greater Miami! I am extremely enthusiastic to join the incredible staff at the school. The warm reception I have received from staff, parents and the board has been truly remarkable and is a testament to the thriving community.

In my role as new Head of School, I have been fortunate to gain exposure to the rich and proud history of Hebrew Academy. The past few weeks have provided me the opportunity to meet with—and learn from—a broad array of school stakeholders: What has impressed me most in these discussions is the strong passion and commitment everyone feels to the growth and success of the school. Our mission is as critical today as it was when the school was founded in 1947, serving to inform our core values and goals.

In one of my meetings, I was sitting across the table from a person who was once a parent in the school and is now a grandparent. She looked at me and said, “I bet you are wondering, why are you still so heavily involved, don’t you have other things to do?” While I didn’t deny or confirm it was what I was thinking, her response inspired me. With a combination of a smile and firm look on her face- she said, “There is something uniquely special about our product. We not only educate students in the highest levels of Judaics, Hebrew, and Generally Studies, but our graduates are Menches. The product is something I value and choose to place my resources to Hebrew Academy.”

With over seven decades of experience, The Hebrew Academy, through its dedicated, talented and caring cadre of educators, has continuously and uncompromisingly provided high quality education in General Studies, Judaic Studies, and Hebrew. Tuition and contributions aren’t merely expenditures; they are investments. The return and value from investing in Jewish education cannot be measured by dollars, but rather by our product. We are fulfilling the promise our founders made to educate the next generation of committed Jewish citizens and leaders.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Board of Directors for entrusting me with this position. Your tireless dedication is admirable, and I look forward to working with you!

I very much look forward to meeting each of you and greeting you on the first day of school. I hope this year will be a transformative year at The Hebrew Academy.

Rabbi Shaye Guttenberg

Head of School

Warrior Parents,

In our continued effort to go **GREEN**, most of our online forms and acknowledgements in our Parent Back-to-School Online Forms Packet are now automated. In addition to reviewing and updating your Student Emergency, Medical, Car Registration, and Family Demographic information, you will be completing Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medication Forms, Transportation/Student Pick-up Forms, and Handbook Acknowledgements online. You will be receiving an email shortly with a link to your personalized Online Forms. **Please note that only one form submission can be completed per family. For that reason, in the case of a 2-parent household, the form will be emailed to the mother.**

Only registered families will be receiving the Back to School Online Forms Packet. If you have not yet registered your child(ren), please contact Daniella Folk in the Registrar's Office as soon as possible. Once registered, your packet will be emailed to you.

In order to ensure a seamless school opening, please make sure to review the important forms and Back-to-School E-packets on our website, www.hebrewacademymiami.org, under Parents - - - Back-to-School Forms and Packets. Also, please read through the appropriate Handbook and become acquainted with the school's policies and procedures. We ask that you complete all required forms and return them to the school office (or submit them, in the case of the online forms and acknowledgements) no later than Monday, August 19, 2019. For your child(ren)'s safety, beginning Wednesday morning, August 21, no child will be permitted to attend classes without the necessary forms having been submitted.

Click the following link to view the 2019-20 Back-to-School e-Packets, additional forms, student handbooks and information pertaining to your child(ren)'s Division, located on our website. <https://www.hebrewacademymiami.org/>

[Hebrew Academy Back-to-School e-Packets, Forms, and Handbooks](#)

Thank you,

Brittanie Jackson

School Software Administrator

E-Packet Check Off List

Please read all of the Back-to-School documents as many changes have been made and complete all of the required forms.

- ☐ Welcome letter from Rabbi Shaye Guttenberg, Head of School
- ☐ First Week of School Information
- ☐ Back to School Night Schedule
- ☐ Friday Time Change Document
- ☐ Mission Statement
- ☐ Uniform Information and Locations (check website for information)
- ☐ Back to School Kick Off
- ☐ Letter from Nurse Lynn
- ☐ Handbook Acknowledgement Form (on-line forms)
- ☐ PTSA Letter and Sign Up Form
- ☐ Birthday Letter and Order Form
- ☐ Photo Identification Cards
- ☐ Inclement Weather Policy
- ☐ Kashrut Information
- ☐ Dismissal Release Waiver (Sent in Back to School Form)
- ☐ Parking Tag For (Sent in Back to School Form)
- ☐ Plus Portals Letter (Sent in Back to School Form)
- ☐ Call List

All forms must be completed and returned by Monday August 19th.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

BACK TO SCHOOL KICK OFF EVENT

12:00 – 3:00 pm

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

11:30 am

MANDATORY LICE CHECK

Grades ECE-8

12:00 – 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE
GRADES EARLY CHILDHOOD - 12**

7:50 am – 3:55 pm

Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School

7:50 am – 4:15 pm

High School

8:00 am

Early Childhood Orientation



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE

The Hebrew Academy (RASG) believes that a strong partnership is necessary between the school and the home to ensure that each student receives the best education possible. To help create this open channel of communication, we have planned specific dates for BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS. These meetings are an introduction to the school year and address overall class/school curriculum and plans. Please reserve these dates to meet your child's teachers.

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Grades: K-5

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: West Campus Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Grades: 6-8

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: West Campus Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Grades: High School

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: East Campus Cafeteria



We are excited about the upcoming school year and have been working diligently over the summer to create new programs and make changes in existing programs and procedures. Please note our school hours for the 2019-2020 school year.

Monday through Friday Start Time: 7:50 am

Monday through Thursday Dismissal:

ECE, Elementary, and Middle Schools: 3:50 pm

High School: 4:15 pm

Friday Dismissal for Everyone:

2:30 pm from August 23-November 1, 2019

1:30 pm from November 8, 2019-March 6, 2020

2:30 pm from March 13, 2020-June 7, 2020

We anticipate that streamlining arrival and dismissal times will help improve our carpool experience.



Mission Statement

Through the light of Torah and academic excellence, the Hebrew Academy inspires each and every child to improve the world.



HEBREW ACADEMY
RABBI ALEXANDER S. GROSS

BACK TO SCHOOL KICK OFF

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
12:00-3:00 PM

2400 PINE TREE DRIVE
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

**ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES ONLY:**
HIGH SCHOOL (12:00 PM)

High School Hebrew Placement exam for new students at 1:30 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL (1:00 PM)
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (2:00 PM)

Early Childhood parent orientation will be on August 21 at 8:30 am

ALL FAMILIES 12:00-3:00 PM:

- MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL
- PURCHASE WARRIOR WEAR
- PARENT TRAINING TO LEARN ABOUT PARENT PORTAL AND ONLINE FORMS FROM 12-2:00 PM
- MANDATORY LICE CHECK FOR ECE- GRADE 8
- PTSA SIGN UP
- HOT LUNCH FOOD SAMPLING AND REGISTRATION
- SCHOOL SUPPLY DROP-OFF FOR ECE & ELEMENTARY
- GRADE LEVEL MEET & GREET OPPORTUNITIES
- GET YOUR PHOTO ID BADGE
- REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE
- AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY & ATHLETICS SIGN-UP
- AND SO MUCH MORE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope everyone had a safe and restful summer and are ready to start the new school year.

Providing a safe and healthy environment for our students is of primary importance. Accordingly, our agenda for maintaining high standards of hygiene includes periodically checking the students for head lice during the school year. In the hope of having an easier transition to the beginning of the year, we are changing the way we check for lice. Doing lice checks on the first and second day of school can be very disruptive to the school day. When cases are discovered it is difficult for the parent to leave work to pick their child up. In order to not disrupt your child's first day, we will be having lice checks on August 20. Lice Troopers will be here from noon to 3:00 pm. You are asked to bring your child during that time for this **mandatory** lice check. This is for ECE through 8th grade. There will be more information about this prior to the start of school.

We must also have your child's health forms current and on file within the first week of school. As these forms are now white (no longer blue and yellow) I can accept a scan or photocopy of the forms. These forms are only obtained from your pediatrician's office or health department. Early childhood forms expire on your child's birthday or when the next immunization is due. I will notify you one month prior to the expiration date on the form. Please comply as soon as possible and have the new forms in before the expiration date or your child will not be allowed in class. In addition, *for early childhood only*, attached please find the Influenza Virus form. This form must be printed out, signed and returned to school. The above is all a requirement of Dade County Children and Family services. It only indicates that you read the flyer, and does NOT require you to get your child a flu shot.

Please make sure to indicate online on the emergency information page if your child may have Tylenol, Advil or any other medication listed. No medication will be dispensed to your child without written or online authorization. Your child may not carry medication around school during the day. All medication must be administered only by the school nurse and with written authorization. All medication must also be in the original container.

Lastly, please report any communicable diseases your child may have during the school year. It is important that we let other parents know that a disease was present in their child's class. Of course, the name of the child will not be disclosed.

Thank you for your cooperation in these important matters. We must all work together to keep our children healthy and safe. Please feel free to contact the nurse's office with any concerns or comments, 305-532-6421, extension 132 or email at lfriedman@rasg.org.

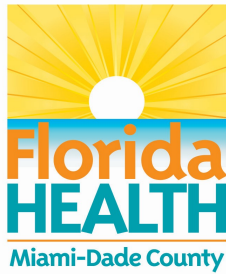
Sincerely,

Lynn Friedman, RN, School Nurse



An agency of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation





Miami-Dade County Immunization Requirements

Required Vaccines for Childcare Entry:

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
 Polio Series (IPV)
 Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
 Varicella
 Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)
 Pneumococcal Conjugate (for children 2 to 59 months of age)

By the time a child starts childcare he/she should have already had all required immunizations.¹

PROOF OF THE FOLLOWING VACCINES ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO CHILDCARE

(Age-appropriate doses as indicated)

Vaccine	Dosage and Additional Instructions
(DTaP) Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	4 doses
(IPV) Polio Series	3 doses
(MMR) Mumps, Measles, Rubella	1 dose
(Varicella) Chickenpox	1 dose Exempt with history of chickenpox. ²
(Hib) Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (age appropriate)	1 to 4 doses The number of doses required for Hib varies, depending on the child's age and type of vaccine received
(PCV) Pneumococcal Conjugate	1 to 4 doses For children 2 to 59 months of age. ³

¹ Any child who has incomplete documentation of vaccination should be admitted in childcare only if they have an up to date temporary medical exemption, permanent medical exemption or religious exemption.

² The Varicella vaccine is not required if there is a history of chickenpox documented by the healthcare provider in the space provided on the DH 680 Form.

³ The number of doses required for PCV varies, depending on the child's vaccine start age.

IMMUNIZATIONS ARE AVAILABLE BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL (786) 845-0550

<http://miamidade.floridahealth.gov/>

For complete information on school immunization requirements, please visit the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization Website at: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/index.html>



Miami-Dade County Immunization Requirements

Required Vaccines for Pre-K Entry:

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
 Polio Series
 Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
 Hepatitis B Series (Hep B)
 Varicella
 Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)

By the time a child starts Pre-K he/she should have already had all required immunizations.¹

PROOF OF THE FOLLOWING VACCINES ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO PRE-K (Age-appropriate doses as indicated)

Vaccine	Dosage and Additional Instructions
(DTaP) Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	4 doses
(IPV) Polio Series	3 doses
(MMR) Mumps, Measles, Rubella	1 dose
(Hep B) Hepatitis B	3 doses <u>Minimum intervals between dosages:</u> 4wks between dose 1 and 2 8wks between dose 2 and 3 A minimum of 16wks between dose 1 and 3. ²
(Varicella) Chickenpox	1 dose Exempt with history of chickenpox. ³
(Hib) Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (age appropriate)	1 to 4 doses The number of doses required for Hib varies, depending on the child's age and type of vaccine received

¹Any child who has incomplete documentation of vaccination should be admitted in Pre-K only if they have an up to date temporary medical exemption, permanent medical exemption or religious exemption.

²The minimum age for the third dose of Hep B vaccine is 24 weeks.

³The Varicella vaccine is not required if there is a history of chickenpox documented by the healthcare provider in the space provided on the DH 680 Form.

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Miami-Dade County Immunization Requirements

Required Vaccines for K-12:

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
 Polio Series (IPV)
 Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
 Hepatitis B Series (Hep B)
 Varicella
 Tetanus/Pertussis Booster (Tdap) 7th Grade

By the time a child starts school he/she should have already had all required immunizations.¹

PROOF OF THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED FOR NEW STUDENTS, TRANSFER STUDENTS AND ENTRY TO SOME GRADE LEVELS

KINDERGARTEN – 12 TH GRADE			
Vaccine	Dosage	Recommended Age	Additional Instructions
(DTaP) Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	4-5 doses	2 months 4 months 6 months 12-18 months 4-6 years	If the 4 th DTaP dose is given on or after the 4 th birthday and a minimum of 6 months has elapsed since the 3 rd dose, the 5 th dose is not required.
(IPV) Polio Series	3-4 doses*	2 months 4 months 6-18 months 4-6 years	If the 3 rd dose is given on or after the 4 th birthday, the 4 th dose is not required. ² *An additional dose is needed, if the last dose was given <u>before</u> the 4 th birthday, for kindergarten entry.
(MMR) Mumps, Measles, Rubella	2 doses	12-15 months 4-6 years	2 doses for K-12 (minimum 28 days between doses)
(Hep B) Hepatitis B	3 doses*	Birth 1-2 months 6-18 months	3 dose series can be started at any age. <u>Minimum intervals between dosages:</u> 4wks between dose 1 and 2 8wks between dose 2 and 3 A minimum of 16wks between dose 1 and 3. ³ *There is an alternate 2 dose vaccine series for adolescents 11 through 15 years of age.
(Varicella) Chickenpox	1 - 2 doses	12-15 months 4-6 years	Children entering grades K-9 requires 2 doses. Children entering grades 10-12 require 1 dose. ⁴ Exempt with history of chickenpox. ⁵
(Tdap) Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis	1 dose	11-12 years	Required for entrance into 7-12 grade after the above series of vaccines have been completed. ⁶

¹Any child who has incomplete documentation of vaccination for the required number of doses should be admitted in school only if they have an up to date temporary medical exemption, permanent medical exemption or religious exemption.

²This 3 dose exception does not apply when a combination of IPV and OPV regimen is administered

³The minimum age for the third dose of Hep B vaccine is 24 weeks.

⁴Minimum intervals by age: For children younger than 13yrs, a 3 month interval between dose 1 & 2 is needed. If the child is 13yrs or older a 1 month interval between dose 1 & 2 is needed.

⁵The Varicella vaccine is not required if there is a history of chickenpox documented by the healthcare provider in the space provided on the DH 680 Form.

⁶Td may be substituted for the Tdap vaccine if the Tdap vaccine is contraindicated.

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All **Handbook Acknowledgement Forms** are now part of our Online Forms program. Please read your respective handbook(s) and submit the Acknowledgement Forms online via our Administrator's Plus Online Forms module. An email will be sent out to you prior to the start of school with a link to your personalized Online Forms. Note that only one form submission can be completed per family. For that reason, in the case of a 2-parent household, the forms will be emailed to the mother only.

The Online Forms must be completed and submitted no later than Friday, August 23, 2019. Failure to do so could jeopardize your child's attendance at the school for his/her own safety.

If you did not receive the email with a link to your Online Forms by early August, or should you have any questions or problems completing the forms, please contact our School Software Administrator:

Brittanie Jackson bjackson@rasg.org



Dear Fellow Hebrew Academy Parents,

For the coming year, the Hebrew Academy PTSA (HA PTSA) has organized many programs for our children and our school. Below is a list of our programs. Please review and sign up for the ones that you would like to participate in. You can sign up by:

- completing our Parents' Start of School Online Forms (done online before the start of the school year);
- emailing or texting me, Jean Kim-Lehmann, Co-President of HA PTSA, at jean@lehmannfam.com or 917-691-7510 or Heidi Winer, Co-President at heidihwiner@gmail.com or 305-205-2640 ;
- circling the programs that you are interested in and turning in the form to Norma Reiz during supply drop off **Tuesday, August 20**, or on the first day of school, **Wednesday, August 21**.

EVENTS:

Box Tops	Chanukah Celebration w Krispy Kreme
Rosh Hashana Honey Bear Program	Middle School Mid-Term Treat
Parent Social Events	Purim Mishloach Manot Fundraiser
Chanukah Gelt Fundraiser	Teacher Appreciation Week
Class Pictures	School Supplies (mail order)
Pesach Chocolate Sale	Purim Carnival
High School Mid-Term Treat	Class Parent Program
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration	

Name: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____

If you have any questions or need more information about these events, please contact me at my email/cell noted above.

Our HA PTSA can only be as good as we make it. Let's work together to make our school, the Hebrew Academy, as great as it can be! I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Jean Kim-Lehmann
Heidi Winer
Hebrew Academy PTSA Presidents

Dear Early Childhood/Elementary Parent,

Mazel Tov on your child's upcoming birthday! If you choose to celebrate this occasion at school, we respectfully request that you follow the guidelines outlined in our school handbook.

Please note that birthdays may be marked with a treat for the class on Fridays only. No goodie bags or party favors of any kind may be distributed. Parents are responsible for supplying paper goods. Elementary parties are for classmates only, parents and siblings are respectfully requested not to attend. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Hebrew Academy Handbook:

Birthday parties can be scheduled with classroom teachers on FRIDAYS, in connection with the SHABBAT celebrations. **No home-baked items are permitted. Food products must be ordered and paid for a week in advance through the school office. Food products ordered through school are not free. Gluten free must be ordered outside the school from a Chalav Yisrael store. See attached order form.** (Please check with the teachers regarding possible issues with allergies or other dietary restrictions in the class.)

Birthday Parties Outside of School: In order to be considerate of all children, Hebrew Academy asks parents to select from one of the following guidelines when inviting their child's classmates:

- *Invite the entire grade or class;*
- *Invite all the boys or all the girls in the grade or class;*
- *Invite a very small number (1 or 2 children) of friends from the grade or class.*
- *Please mail invitations to children's homes rather than disturbing them in school. Please contact Norma for email list.*
- *At these celebrations, please follow the kosher guidelines mentioned earlier.*



BIRTHDAY TREAT ORDER FORM

Student Name _____ Parent Cell # _____

Student Grade _____ Date of Birthday Celebration _____

Please indicate what flavor cupcakes you would like to order and the quantity:

_____ Cupcakes (\$1.00 each)



_____ Chocolate

_____ Vanilla

_____ Chocolate Frosting

_____ Vanilla Frosting

Total Number of Cupcakes _____

Chocolate Chip Cookies (\$1.00 each)

Total Number of Cookies _____



Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO J CAFE.

All orders must be placed at least **A WEEK** in advance and must be accompanied by payment in full. **No other birthday treats are allowed.**

Parents must provide all paper goods for the class (napkins, plates, cups.)

Bakery items are from J Cafe



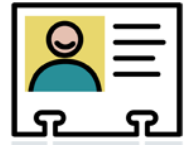


PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All visitors to the Hebrew Academy campus must show acceptable photo identification before entering the campus.

This includes new and returning parents, faculty and staff.

Official Hebrew Academy identification cards for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the welcome center. Please see Vanessa to have your picture taken and your I.D. card processed by the first day of school. Your first card is free. Replacement cards will cost \$5.00.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important security precaution.

All faculty and staff are required to wear their ID tags when on campus.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY ARE:
GOOD JUDGMENT
COMMON SENSE
SAFETY FIRST

1. The Academy will follow the lead of the Miami-Dade Public School System regarding school closure and evacuation.

2. In the event that there is no public school scheduled for a day when the Academy is in session, and therefore no announcement regarding the public-school system, we will act according to the following guidelines:

In the event of a HURRICANE WATCH OR HURRICANE WARNING for Miami-Dade County, there will be no school. If school is already in session and a hurricane watch or warning is posted, students will be sent home in an organized manner.

In the event of a TROPICAL STORM WATCH OR WARNING, the school will be open.

3. In all cases when the Academy is open, use good judgment and common sense in deciding whether to go to work or send your children to school. If you live in Broward or Monroe counties, act in accordance with the conditions where you live if the weather is more severe than near the school, and/or you feel that it is not prudent to travel to school. Even if you live in Miami-Dade County, if in your best judgment the roads near your home are not safe, or you have any other safety concerns, act accordingly.

4. Listen to the local radio and television stations for updates about weather conditions and school closings and school reopening. In addition, if there is power, we will post regularly updated messages on the **school emergency hotline at 305-460-3246** and/or the website.

5. After a school closure, each campus will be thoroughly inspected for safety and health concerns before the announcement of the reopening of school will be declared. Information will be available through as many means of communication as possible. The school's decision to reopen or remain closed may not be consistent with the Public School's decision to reopen or remain closed. Administrators will make the decision to reopen or remain closed.

6. In the event of a sudden tornado or severe weather warning while school is in session, the students will be moved into the high school cafeteria or safe place if deemed necessary for safety.

Dear Parent,

We would like at this time to remind all of our families of our policy in the school for Kashrut in relation to food. Kosher food is a most important Mitzvah and one that we hold as dear and important to all of us. For this reason, we have a clear set of guidelines for Kashrut in our Parent/Student handbook.

It is important that parents also remember that many of our students and families are extremely particular about this beautiful Mitzvah. We all want every student to feel comfortable being invited to each other's home, or simcha. We urge you to keep this in mind when planning a home party or Simcha (such as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, birthday party or the like) especially when inviting our families and students. This will allow us all to share in each other's happy occasions in comfort, and with true Jewish pride.

All parties, if catered, should be arranged through a company that holds a nationally recognized Orthodox Hashgacha or be certified Kosher through the KM or ORB, the local Orthodox Hashgacha (Supervisory) agencies. This will allow "all" our students, families and staff to feel comfortable eating and participating in the event. Products should only be purchased if they maintain kosher symbols (seals) that are nationally recognized. For your convenience, we have listed and diagrammed the ones most recognized for you, at the end of this letter. Whenever catering or serving food, adhere to the Kashrut requirements of not serving meat and dairy at the same party.

We also urge you when arranging parties that take place on Shabbat or Chagim or immediately after to allow enough time for invitees to arrive or leave without having to violate Shabbat or Holiday laws.

If you have any doubts or questions in regard to this, please do not hesitate to call. We will be glad to help or assist you in ensuring the standards meet the needs of all of our families and students.

Sincerely,

Administration

The Hebrew Academy (RASG) does not certify any agency as being acceptable or unacceptable. These are "examples" of accepted National symbols. Whenever in doubt, confer with your local Orthodox Rabbi or call us at school for assistance.



**GREATER MIAMI HEBREW ACADEMY, INC.
d/b/a RABBI ALEXANDER S. GROSS HEBREW ACADEMY
PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE WAIVER FOR DISMISSAL**

I/we _____ am/are the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the
following Student(s) at the Hebrew Academy,

and notwithstanding the foregoing; I/we give permission for my/our child to either drive his/her own vehicle, ride the city bus or walk from school once they are dismissed.

By signing this waiver, I/we do so understand the inherent risks and liabilities involved in allowing students to drive, walk or take the bus. By signing below, Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Student agree to hold Hebrew Academy, and its employees, staff, directors, officers, trustees, agents, and volunteers harmless from and against any and all liabilities, claims, suits, damages, injury or death of persons, damage to or destruction of property, fees, costs and expenses whatsoever (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) arising out of, resulting from, pertaining to, attributed to, or in any way relating to Student being transported by himself/herself, as applicable. I/we certify that all of my/our child's living parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s), as applicable, have duly signed this document. This document also evidences my/our waiver and release of all and any claims, damages, liabilities, actions, costs, or expenses which I/we or Student may have against Hebrew Academy arising in any way out of Student's travel to/from the school. The types of claims hereby released include contract claims, statutory claims, torts of any kind, negligence, intentional acts, economic and non-economic damages, expenses, costs, insurance claims, attorneys' fees, or any other type of claim.

Name of Parent /Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name of Parent /Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name of Student

Student Signature

Date

**PARENT/STAFF
PARKING TAG REGISTRATION FORM 2019-2020**

NAME:
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Staff (Please check only one box)
CAR 1
MAKE:
MODEL:
COLOR:
YEAR:
LICENSE PLATE #
DRIVER'S LICENSE:
INSURANCE COMPANY:

CAR 2
MAKE:
MODEL:
COLOR:
YEAR:
LICENSE PLATE #
DRIVER'S LICENSE:
INSURANCE COMPANY:

PLEASE EMAIL FORM TO
security@rasg.org. THANK YOU



Connect with Plus Portals!

In our continued effort to improve our school-home communications, the Hebrew Academy has implemented a Parent/Student Web Portal, called ParentPlus/StudentPlus. The Parent Portal includes a mobile app as well, called ParentPlus, and a separate app for students, called Student Plus, which will allow you to view your child(ren)'s grades, homework, class schedule, attendance, alerts and announcements, and the school calendar from your iOS and Android mobile devices. Login information will be emailed to all new parents and students closer to the start of school.

You can get to the Parent and Student Web Portal by going to our new website, www.hebrewacademymiami.org, by clicking “Plus Portal Signin” on the top right of every page. You can also go directly to the portal, using the following link:

<https://www.plusportals.com/RASG>

We have put together a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheet for your reference. You can find the FAQs under Parents --- Parent Portal Information.



2019-2020 If.... then call....

These are suggested first points of contact for a variety of school topics. Our entire staff is open to parent questions at any time and will make an effort to guide you toward the best resources(s) for your area of inquiry. When in doubt, please call the appropriate division office; Early Childhood, Elementary School, Middle School and High School.

TOPIC	EARLY CHILDHOOD	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
Absence/Attendance	Norma Reiz ext. 114			Donna Janof ext. 212
Academic Enhancement Program	Rachel Leubitz ext. 121			
Academic Policies	Raquel Sultan ext. 118	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Rabbi Aharon Assaraf ext. 205 Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Academic Records	Norma Reiz ext. 114			Teri Aboff ext. 224
Accounts Payable	Rachel Weinberger ext. 103			
Admissions	Ami Eskanos ext. 105 Vanessa Katz ext. 113			
Adult Education	Susan London ext. 136 Reena Rabovsky ext. 138			
After School Activities	Eti Mizrahi - emizrahi@rasg.org or Norma Reiz ext. 114			N/A
Alumni	Development Office			
Athletics	N/A	Chad Bishop ext. 112		
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Scheduling	N/A	N/A	Norma Reiz ext. 114	N/A
Billing/Accounts Receivable	Daniella Folk ext. 109			
Carpools	PTSA@rasg.org			
Change of Address	Norma Reiz ext. 114			Donna Janof ext. 212
College Selection/application process	N/A	N/A	College Counseling Office: Sue Enis ext. 220	
Community Service	N/A	N/A	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Sue Enis ext. 220
Curriculum Questions	Raquel Sultan ext. 118	Debra Hamburg ext. 125 Rabbi Bossewitch ext. 134	Andrea Lucero ext. 117 Rabbi Bossewitch ext. 134	Rabbi Aharon Assaraf ext. 205 Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Developmental Concerns + Social/Emotional Concerns + Guidance	Raquel Sultan ext. 118 Reena Rabovsky ext. 138	Debra Hamburg ext. 125 Reena Rabovsky ext. 138	Andrea Lucero ext. 117 Susan London ext. 136	Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217 Susan London ext. 136
Dietary/Medical Concerns	Nurse Lynn Friedman ext. 132			
Discipline	Raquel Sultan ext. 118	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Rabbi Assaraf ext. 210
Dress Code	N/A	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Rabbi Assaraf ext. 210
Financial Aid	Daniella Folk ext. 109			
Food Service Concerns	Rachel Weinberger: rweinberger@rasg.org ext. 103			
Forms	See Website: www.rasg.org – Parents – Forms/Packets			
Fundraising/Development	Development Office			
Get a message to my child's Teacher –	Email Teacher directly and copy Norma Reiz ext. 114 or Diana Kurtzer ext. 119			Email Teacher directly and copy Donna Janof ext. 212 – High School
Grading Policy	Classroom Teacher			
Grandparents & Special Visitors Day	Development Office			
Software Administrator	Brittanie Jackson bjackson@rasg.org ext. 222			
School Main Number, Extensions and Faxes: Main Number: 305-532-6421 Head of School: ext. 113 Admissions: ext. 105 Registrar: ext. 109 Development: ext. 110 Accounts Receivable: ext. 109		Academic Affairs: ext. 134 Early Childhood: ext. 114 Elementary School: ext. 119 or 114 Middle School: ext. 114 High School: ext. 212 Operations: ext. 106		Weather Emergency Hotline: 305-460-3246 Main Fax Number: 305-674-6895 Business Office Fax Number: 305-672-6191 ECE, Elementary and Middle School Fax Number: 305-535-5670 High School Fax Number: 305-531-5480

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Head of School Appointments			Vanessa Katz ext. 113	
Health Concerns			Lynn Friedman ext. 132	
Homework			Classroom Teacher/ParentPlus	
Human Resources			Rachel Weinberger ext. 103	
Israel Programs (Post High School)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Oded Karavani ext. 219 Mrs. Tirtza Schapiro ext. 210
Languages			Meirav Kravitz ext. 207	
Lost & Found		Lynn Friedman ext. 132		Donna Janof ext. 212
Lunch Program			Email JCAfe: kitchen@rasg.org or ext. 122	
ParentPlus login			ext. 222	
Placement Decisions - e.g. honors vs. regular	Raquel Sultan ext. 118	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Rabbi Aharon Assaraf ext. 205 Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Prospective Student Recruitment			Ami Eskanos ext. 105	
Registrar			Daniella Folk ext. 109	
Report Cards (grades)	Raquel Sultan ext. 118	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Report Cards (request copies)		Norma Reiz ext. 114		Donna Janof ext. 212
Schedules	Raquel Sultan ext. 118	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Standardized Testing (SAT, ACT)	N/A	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Student Activities	N/A	N/A	Devorah Werdiger dwerdiger@rasg.org	Oded Karavani ext. 219
Student Progress		Classroom Teacher		Classroom Teacher or Rabbi Aharon Assaraf ext. 205 Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Tardiness	N/A		Norma Reiz ext. 114	Donna Janof ext. 212
Teacher Concerns	Raquel Sultan ext. 118	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Rabbi Aharon Assaraf ext. 205 Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Technology/21 st Century Learning			Rabbi Bossewitch ext. 134	
Transcripts		Norma Reiz ext. 114		Terri Aboff ext. 114
Tuition			Daniella Folk ext. 109	
Tutoring Recommendations	N/A	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Uniforms			PTSA@rasg.org	
Volunteering	Raquel Sultan ext. 118	Debra Hamburg ext. 125	Andrea Lucero ext. 117	Dr. Dara Lieber ext. 217
Website Content or Marketing			Jaclyn Smith ext. 129	
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To E-mail Teachers/Staff please use the following: first initial and last name @rasg - Example: aname@rasg.org