



# Transition & Pre-1A Handbook

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# A note from Mrs. E. Nemanov

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Dear Parents שיחיו,

Welcome to בית רבקה!

We hope you enjoyed a healthy and pleasant summer and are looking forward to the upcoming school year.

The רבי has taught us the tremendous importance of educating our children from the youngest age possible with a true תורה חינוך permeated with חסידישע warmth. We are privileged to work in the מוסד 'רבי, constantly making an effort to do our utmost to fulfill the רבי's aspirations and imbue our Maidelach with a love of תורה and מצוות, a commitment to ישראל, and a pride in being the רבי's children.

בית רבקה is a wonderful school to be a part of, with many interactive activities and learning, all done in a חסידישע environment. All that the students learn comes alive through hands-on activities, art, music and movement. All the Chassidishe ימים טובים are celebrated with pride, and our hallways are always buzzing with excitement as the children celebrate each occasion throughout the year.

One of our many goals is to give your daughter a strong foundation in קריאה. This vital skill is taught with methods that have been proven very successful, giving your daughter the tools to succeed in her academic future.

The staff of בית רבקה share your concern for raising your daughter to be a genuine בת מלך and בת חביד. We will strive to make the school year positive and productive for your daughter. We invite you to reciprocate our commitment by communicating with our teachers and offering constructive feedback on your child's educational progress. We urge you to maintain an open line of communication, sharing your thoughts and concerns with us.



# Educational Administration

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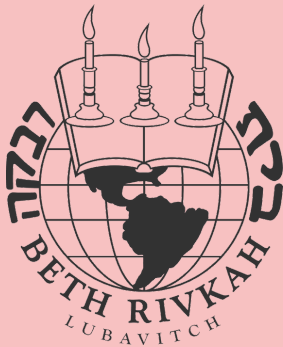
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# Pre-1A Opening Schedule

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## Sept. 4 - ר"ח אלול , Wednesday

Orientation will take place for **mothers and Pre-1A students** between 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Come to the **second floor** between those hours to find out your daughter's classroom and meet her teachers. Expect to stay for half an hour.

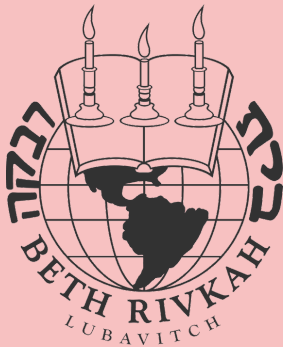
## Sept. 5 - ב' אלול , Thursday

**First day of regular sessions.**  
Regular Bus Service begins.

## Supply List

- Briefcase
- A Two Pocket Folder
- A Box of Tissues
- Labeled change of clothes (uniform not needed)
- Smock with sleeves, or an old shirt

Please label all supplies and other items sent to school with student names (sweaters, coats, bows).



# Transition Opening Schedule

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## Sept. 4 - ר"ח אלול, Wednesday

Orientation will take place for **mothers and Pre1A students** between 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Come to the **lunchroom** between those hours to be directed to your daughter's classroom. Expect to stay for half an hour.

## Sept. 5 - ב' אלול, Thursday

**First day of regular sessions.**  
Regular Bus Service begins.

## Supply List

- Briefcase for Fridays only
- A family portrait
- A complete change of clothing.
- Box of Tissues & Wipes
- A large old shirt with sleeves to use as a smock

Please label all supplies and other items sent to school with student names (sweaters, coats, bows).

# Arrival

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## Arrival

**Pre-1A:** Students can be dropped off starting 8:45 am. Parents or guardians should accompany them to their classrooms.

**Transition:** You can drop off your daughter from 8:45 – 9:00 A.M. by the tent on Lefferts Ave, Exit 3. A staff member will be waiting until 9:15 A.M. to greet the students and bring them to their classrooms.



## Bus Safety

- Students should wait for the bus on the sidewalk – always away from the curb.
- They should not step into the street until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver has opened the door to the bus.
- Children must never run after the bus; if they miss the bus, they should return home and parents should make other arrangements for them to get to school.

Students arriving by bus will be greeted by a staff member who will escort them to their classrooms.



# Arrival and Dismissal

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## Late Arrivals

After 9:15 AM, please go to the security guard on Lefferts Ave. They will call us to get your daughter. Please allow time for the teacher to get downstairs.

School begins at 9:00 AM. We must impress upon you the importance of having your child in school on time. Any parent that is entering school must be cleared by security and the student's grade department office.

When entering the building, parents should be dressed according to הלכה, wearing a sheitel and elbows, collarbones and legs completely covered.

## Pre-1A Dismissal

Monday through Thursday is at **3:45 -4:00 PM**.

Friday dismissal is at **11:45 AM - 12:00 PM**.

### Dismissal Areas for Pre-1A:

- **Pick Up** - Exit 3, on Lefferts Ave, under the tent in front of the playground.

For the safety of our children, students should not walk alone between buses, cars or behind garbage trucks to reach your car.

- **Sister Pick Up** - Students will wait for fellow students and sisters in older grades in room 209.
- **Bus** - Exit 2, the East NY entrance (wait area - lunchroom)

## Transition Dismissal

Monday through Thursday is at **2:45-3:00 PM** at the East New York entrance. Please be on time.

Friday dismissal is at **11:40 AM-12:00 PM** at the Atrium. Please be on time.

# School Day

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## Absences

Please notify the school if your daughter is absent. You can email or call the Pre1A/Transition office. Teachers will not check their phones during school hours. If your daughter will be absent for a few days, let the teacher know in advance.



## Messages

If you need to make a change in your child's schedule, please send a note attached to your daughter that morning or email [pre1a@bethrivkah.edu](mailto:pre1a@bethrivkah.edu)/ [transition@bethrivkah.edu](mailto:transition@bethrivkah.edu) by 2:00 pm.

Email notifications will be sent out to notify parents of important updates and reminders like fleishig lunch, vacation day reminders, school trips etc.



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# School Day



## Birthdays

Children are invited to celebrate their birthday in school with their teachers and friends. Starting this year, we do not allow students to bring food from home. If you would like to order a treat for your daughter's class for her birthday, please utilize our New Birthday Package. Details can be found on our website: <https://www.bethrivkah.edu/birthdays>  
You may also bring a small gift for the class.



## Meals

Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks are served daily. Please note that Bais Rivkah is a peanut-free school and we do not allow snacks from home.



## מצוה Notes

Please send מצוה notes daily. Each day during Davening, מצוה notes are read aloud. The children feel excited about sharing it with the class and having the notes displayed.



## צדקה

One of the most beautiful מצוות that children can actively participate in is the Mitzvah of צדקה. Children's sense of sharing and doing חסד is reinforced by encouraging them to bring a penny every day. Tip: Prepare enough coins for the entire week in a small bag or change purse.



# School Uniform

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## Pre-1A Uniform

The Pre-1A uniform consists of a gray jumper and a pink blouse or pink polo shirt. It has been designed to give the students a feeling of dignity and simplicity, which is the essence of a Bas Yisroel.

In Bais Rivkah, we take pride in our high standard of צניעות. Elbows, knees and collarbones must be covered at all times. Tights are a required part of the Pre-1A dress code. Socks and leggings are not permitted. Nail polish is not permitted. Children develop sensitivity for the beauty of צניעות at a young age, therefore school standards should be applied at home as well.

The Pre1A uniform can be bought at Lands' End, French Toast, Gap, Children's Place and most uniform stores. There are no products at the Bais Rivkah Uniform Store for Pre1A.

There is a supply of uniforms in the office available free of charge, please reach out to [pre1a@bethrivkah.edu](mailto:pre1a@bethrivkah.edu) for information.

## Transition Class Dress Code

The transition class does not have a uniform. Elbows, knees and collarbones must be covered at all times. Tights are a required part of the dress code. Socks and leggings are not permitted.





# School Calendar

September 3	Tuesday	Preschool Parent Orientation Grade 1 Parent Orientation (Zoom) - 8:30 p.m.	ל' אב
September 4	Wednesday	Opening Day: Preschool-Grade 7 Preschool: 12:00 Dismissal, No Lunch/Bussing	ר"ח אלול
September 5	Thursday	Opening Day: Grade 8 First Full Day of School	ב' אלול
September 24	Tuesday	Open School Night Grades 1-3	כ"א אלול
September 25	Wednesday	Open School Night Grades 4-6	כ"ב אלול
September 29	Sunday	No School - <b>סליחות</b>	כ"ו אלול
October 2-4	Wed-Fri	No School - <b>ראש השנה</b>	כ"ט אלול-ב' תשרי
October 6	Sunday	Regular Sessions - <b>צום גדליה</b>	ד' תשרי
October 11	Friday	No School - <b>ערב יום כיפור</b>	ט' תשרי
October 13	Sunday	School Resumes - Late Start 10:00 a.m.	י"א תשרי
October 16-27	Wed-Sun	No School - <b>סוכות</b>	י"ד - כ"ה תשרי
October 28	Monday	School Resumes - Late Start 10:00 a.m.	כ"ו תשרי
October 29	Tuesday	Open School Night Grades 7-8	כ"ז תשרי
November 24	Sunday	PTA- No School Grades Transition, Pre1A, 1-3	כ"ג חשוון
December 1	Sunday	No School - <b>כינוס השלוחים</b>	ל' חשוון
December 8	Sunday	PTA- No School Grades 4-8	ז' כסלו
December 23	Monday	PTA- No School Preschool	כ"ב כסלו
December 27-31	Fri-Tues	Chanukah Vacation	כ"ו - ל' כסלו

January 10	Friday	Regular Classes Grades 7-8: Late Start 9:00 a.m.	עשרה בטבת
January 22	Wednesday	No School- Professional Development Day	כ"ב טבת
February 13-17	Thurs-Mon	Mid-Winter Vacation	ט"ו - י"ט שבט
February 18	Tuesday	School Resumes	כ' שבט
February 23	Sunday	No school - כינוס השלוחות	כ"ה שבט
March 13	Thursday	Half Day 12:00 Dismissal, Grades 7-8: Late Start 9:00 a.m. - תענית אסתר	י"ג אדר
March 14	Friday	No School - פורים	י"ד אדר
March 16	Sunday	School Resumes	ט"ז אדר
April 4	Friday	Preschool: Regular Classes Pre1A- Grade 8: No School - פסח	ו' ניסן
April 6-21	Sunday - Monday	No School - פסח	ח' ניסן - כ"ג ניסן
April 22	Tuesday	School Resumes	כ"ד ניסן
May 16	Friday	Lag B'Omer- Special Program	ח"י אייר
May 25	Sunday	Writing / Book Fair Grades 1-4	כ"ז סיון
June 1-4	Sun-Wed	No School - שבועות	ה' סיון - ח' סיון
June 5	Thursday	School Resumes	ט' סיון
June 15	Sunday	3rd Grade Mother-Daughter Event- 10:30 a.m.	י"ט סיון
June 22	Sunday	8th Grade Graduation - No School 1-8	כ"ו סיון
June 24	Tuesday	Preschool: Regular Classes Pre1A - Grade 3: Last Day Grades 4-7: No School	כ"ח סיון
June 25	Wednesday	Preschool: Last Day - 12:00 Dismissal Grades 4-7: Last Day - 9:00-11:00 a.m.	כ"ט סיון

### שנת הלימודים תשפ"ו - First Day of School

י' אלול | September 3 | Wednesday

אי"ה בירושלים הבנויה

See the school calendar online and sync a Google calendar at

[www.bethrivkah.edu/calendar](http://www.bethrivkah.edu/calendar)

