

COMING HOME



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HILLEL YESHIVA Covid-19 Guidelines

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Hillel! It is with sincere, heartfelt appreciation of and gratitude to our students and parents that we reopen our campus this fall. Each one of you played a part in the successful education of our children last spring, and we are pleased to return to a “new normal” here at Hillel, where we are taking the utmost care to ensure your children are safe, happy and learning.

As you are well aware, the COVID-19 coronavirus continues to present a threat to the health of our student and staff populations. These COVID-19 [Guidelines](#) set forth the new health and safety policies that will govern the school until further notice. Upon signing the Hillel Tuition Contract, all parents/legal guardians and students agree to comply with the COVID-19 rules and policies set forth below. Please check back here regularly, as the [Guidelines](#) may change based upon medical guidance and/or directive from the government in response to the pandemic.

While the school atmosphere may look different on its surface, please rest assured that we are also working to ensure that your children are happy, safe and secure in their new environments. We encourage you to read this document carefully and discuss it with your children.

Best wishes for a wonderful new school year.

Sincerely,
HILLEL YESHIVA

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SUMMARY OF GUIDELINES

SCHEDULING

We are able to offer a full-time, in-person schedule to all Hillel students, from Pre-Nursery through 12 th grade, beginning on the first day of school. At this time, it is our intention to have Elementary through High School students and faculty back in our building for the first day of school on **Wednesday, September 9th**. In order to allow for quality, socially distant orientations, ELC orientation will be spread over a 2 day period, on **Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th**, and the first full day of school for the ELC will take place on **Thursday, September 10th**.

COHORTS

The school's COVID-19 task force has strived to create a cohort model, which means that a small group of people interact with other people in the same group, rather than switching groups or interacting with others outside of that circle. Your child will remain exclusively with his or her cohort throughout the school day. In the Early Learning Center and Elementary School, each class will represent a cohort, and there will be limited mixing of classes. In the Middle School, where classes are tracked, each grade will represent a cohort and there will be no mixing among grades. In the High School, where classes are tracked and mixed amongst grades, each 2 grades (9th and 10th grades, and 11th and 12th grades) will represent a cohort.

MASKS AND OTHER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

TEACHERS / STAFF

All adults are required to wear masks in the school building, unless they are eating/drinking, alone in a classroom/office, or sitting at their desks behind desk shields.

Teachers and MOESC professionals will be provided with a fanny pack "COVID kit" stocked with hand sanitizer, wipes, and other sanitizing equipment they may need during the day. They will also be provided with clear masks that will enable students to better see their facial expressions.

STUDENTS

All areas other than classrooms: Masks must be worn at all times.

Classrooms: ELC students may remove their masks upon entering their classrooms, and 1st through 12th grade students may remove their masks when they are at their desks behind their desk shields. While masks are encouraged in this setting, they are not required.

The situation remains fluid and this policy may change based on guidance from health professionals and/or the NJ Department of Education.

At all times that masks are required, they must be worn properly, covering the face and nose. Please see the division-specific guidelines for additional details regarding when students are required to wear masks. For children and adults for whom a mask could exacerbate a medical or auditory processing condition, a shield may be used with written permission from the administration.

CLASSROOMS

We have also taken precautions to ensure that our classrooms follow and even exceed CDC and NJ Department Education prescribed guidelines on social distancing.

Our ELC students will be working on socially distant, small, individualized tables instead of shared tables, and we have developed an enhanced toy sanitization rotation to minimize the spread of germs amongst our youngest students.

Desks in the Elementary School, Middle School, and High School have been outfitted with plastic desk shields.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Arrival and dismissal times remain the same, but entrance and exit to and from the school building will be staggered by our staff upon arrival and dismissal. While ELC students will enter through the ELC entrance, all other divisions will enter through a temperature screening device at the main entrance of the school. ELC students will have their temperatures checked by their morot before entering their classrooms.

LUNCH AND OTHER COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

There will be no communal activities such as line ups, clubs, assemblies and field trips until further notice, and there will be no volunteers permitted in the building. Parents may only enter the building to sign their children in and out, and when entering, they must wear masks. Parent-teacher conferences will be by video conference until further notice.

School lunches will be boxed, instead of family-style this year, with school lunches made in-house by our staff, who have been educated on proper food sanitation protocols. Students who wish to bring food from home may continue to do so. Students will eat lunch according to cohort at staggered times in the school's cafeterias, with social distance protocols in place.

COMMON AREAS

Students will be trained to act responsibly in common areas to practice social distancing and to be mindful of public health needs at all times. Thus, hallways will be one directional, marked by signs. Individual students will be permitted to be in the hallways only while carrying hallway passes. Hallways will be monitored by teachers and staff on rotation. Bathrooms and other common areas will be wiped down and disinfected between usage. Recess and free period areas will only be occupied by a particular cohort at any given time.

RESTROOMS

All restrooms will be sanitized throughout the day. Socializing is not to take place in the bathrooms. Everyone is expected to wash hands before returning to class.

VISITORS

To ensure the safety of everyone in the Hillel Yeshiva community, there will be no guests and visitors permitted in the building, other than for ELC orientation and when signing students in and out of the particular divisional offices.

LEARNING REMOTELY

We fully understand that some parents may not be comfortable sending their children back to school at this time. We also expect that at times, certain children, or even entire classes, may be sick or quarantined at home, and unable to physically attend school. For this reason, we have made certain to ensure that all of our students are capable of learning from home. Each classroom will enable students to access remotely from home, and students who choose to learn at home will be provided with Chromebooks upon request to enable remote learning.

The remote learning schedule will mirror the in-person learning schedule, with students at home Zooming in real time to the classroom(s) that would otherwise be on their in- person schedules. Please note, however, that students who choose to learn remotely will nevertheless be required to come into school for exams and other select in-person requirements to be determined by the school from time to time.

Please rest assured that social distancing in classrooms and the precautions described in these guidelines assume all students will be learning in-person. Class sizes will be in similar ranges to previous years, and there is no need in terms of occupancy for any number of students to select this option. Moreover, in the event that the State of New Jersey ultimately mandates certain occupancy limits, our recently restored buildings and large campus will allow us to accommodate additional space needs.

Please note that unless there is a change in a student's health status, new government regulation, or an instance of COVID-19 in the school, students must opt at the outset before school whether they plan to attend school in-person or remotely. Unless conditions change as described above, there is no option of alternating Zoom and in-person school on a daily, weekly or even monthly basis. Students who wish to learn remotely must complete [this form](#) no later than **Monday, August 24, 2020**.

In the event that individual students, cohorts or school divisions, or even the entire school is required to transition to a distance learning model at any point during the year, please be prepared to support your child's academic needs with the help of providing the necessary technology, space and emotional support needed for his/her success.

TRANSPORTATION

We are presently investigating the safest, and most effective method of transportation for this year. We are awaiting further information from MOESC regarding schedules and protocols, and will be in touch once a final decision is made.

SPORTS AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

At the time of this writing, in coordination with the Yeshiva League we are hoping to offer certain "non-contact" sports for the Fall. Exact protocols will follow all state and health guidelines.

OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

As a community of almost 1,500 children and adults on campus, we are mindful of our responsibility to protect the lives and health of each one of our families - beyond the walls of our school - to the best of our ability. As such, a condition of being a student at Hillel Yeshiva is taking into consideration the public health needs at this time. Students who fail to adhere to the guidelines set above with regards to social distancing, wearing a mask and considering the health needs of others, may be asked to stay home and not return to school.

STUDENT HEALTH

COVID-19 TESTING DAY

All students and staff will be required to provide a negative COVID test to the Nurse's Office taken no more than 10 days before school starts and showing no active disease in order to be admitted into the building.

For your convenience, we will be hosting COVID-19 Testing Days at Hillel from **Sunday, August 30th** through **Wednesday, September 2nd**. Each family will be designated a testing day based on an alphabetical order of last names, with additional information forthcoming. If you have health insurance, the test will be free; otherwise, the cost of each test is \$175. Each family will be required to provide their insurance information (or a credit card number to cover the cost in the event of no insurance coverage), and must consent to the transmission of the test results to Hillel Yeshiva. Both the tests from COVID-19 Testing Days and tests from your own doctor or urgent care will satisfy the above-mentioned testing requirement. Students who do not get tested on the school's COVID-19 Testing Days must submit their test results by email to jcadenelli@hillelyeshiva.org or fax to 732-493-4852 no later than **Thursday, September 3, 2020**.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

As your children enter the building, they will notice the following upgrades to our facility:

- Thermal temperature scanner at the entrance to the building
- Signs and directional guidelines (providing for one-way traffic where appropriate)
- Water bottle stations
- Hand sanitizing stations in common areas and in each classroom
- Disposable washing cups
- Socially distant tables and desks and/or desks separated by desk shields
- Clear face masks and/or face shields on all staff members
- COVID fanny pack kits containing hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes and other sanitizing essentials to be worn by all teachers
- Increased custodial presence and frequency of cleaning

In addition, while it may not be visible, we have upgraded the ventilation system in the school to ensure that all recirculated air has a fresh air component and that the air conditioning systems are working and ventilating properly.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

Please keep in mind that the success of our protocols and the health of our students and their families will require a unified effort, starting at home. Please be diligent and honest in assessing the medical conditions of your children, and make sure to educate your children in the importance of remaining vigilant both inside and outside of school.

All families will be required to submit a COVID symptoms questionnaire and waiver in order for their children to be admitted on the first day of school.

PLEASE STAY HOME WHEN:

- You or someone in your household has been in close contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- You are waiting for results from a COVID-19 test
- You or someone in your household has experienced - or taken any medication to reduce - any of the following symptoms in the past 72 hours, unless cleared (and documented as cleared) by a health professional. The following symptoms require physician clearance in order to return to the school campus.

In addition, these symptoms need to be reported to the school nurse (jcadenelli@hillelyeshiva.org; 732-493-9300 ext. 212) whether they occur at school or at home:

- New cough or change in chronic cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- A fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body ache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Severe or persistent abdominal pain
- Persistent chest pain
- Persistent body aches
- Congestion not related to seasonal allergies (chronic rhinitis requires a physician's note to return to campus)
- Unusual fatigue
- Headache

If the prevalence of COVID in our community increases, these symptoms may necessitate COVID testing prior to the student/staff member returning to school.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO:

1. VACCINATE. Please submit documentation from your pediatrician evidencing that your children have received the required immunizations to the Nurse's Office, by email to jcadenelli@hillelyeshiva.org or fax to 732-493-4852. No student will be admitted into school without satisfying this requirement prior to attending.

2. COVER FACES. Please ensure that your children get on the bus/car and enter the building with a mask on, and have an adequate extra supply in their backpacks in case they get lost. All masks, whether disposable, cloth or medical-grade, must be solid colors consistent with uniform guidelines. Masks with the Hillel Yeshiva logo may be purchased from the PTA.

3. WASH HANDS. Hand washing must become a part of our school routine, with students to thoroughly wash or sanitize their hands upon exiting the bus/car and entering the building each morning, before and after recess, lunch and bathroom use, and at transition times when switching classes.

4. BE BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY! If your child has any of the above-mentioned symptoms, please keep him or her home. As mentioned above, we have ensured that all classrooms are enabled with Zoom functionality, so that students can learn remotely if and when necessary.

5. TALK TO US! If you have a question or concern related to COVID-19, send an email to cominghome@hillelyeshiva.org and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE GETS SICK AT SCHOOL?

The school's new temperature screening system will flag anyone who exhibits a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, and that individual will immediately be sent to the Nurse's office, where a second temperature will be taken. If the second temperature is also above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, that student will be sent home.

For close contacts (teachers and classmates) of a student/staff with symptoms but who has not yet received COVID test results, these close school contacts will likely be able to stay in school and ride the bus/carpool home, provided they are asymptomatic. Guidance will be given that evening on whether quarantine is necessary, and if so, when the students/staff may return to school.

If multiple members of a cohort have COVID-like symptoms, the entire class/grade may be quarantined, pending test results. They will be sent home even prior to getting the test results of the symptomatic individuals.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER SYMPTOMS

If COVID is not strongly suspected: If COVID is not strongly suspected, clearance must be obtained from a healthcare professional who has ruled out COVID. If there is no alternative diagnosis, one may return after being symptom/fever free for 3 full school (or weekend) days. If there is a definite alternative diagnosis (i.e. strep or flu) one may return after being symptom/fever free for 2 full school (or weekend) days. For example, if someone has the flu and the last symptom was Monday morning or afternoon, the earliest return to school would be Thursday morning.

If COVID is suspected: COVID testing will be required. If the individual tests positive, he or she must follow the guidelines below (“If Someone Tests Positive”). If test results have not yet been returned, or if the individual tests negative but COVID is still suspected by a healthcare professional, the individual must stay home from school, and may return only once they are symptom-free for 2 calendar days AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first showed up.

In general, no one will be allowed to return to school with ongoing symptoms.

IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE:

The school will do its best to support you during this difficult time!

Any person who tests positive for COVID-19 is designated in these Guidelines as “Person A,” and the rules below will apply:

1. PERSON A: Must quarantine for 10 calendar days (or the amount of days then currently prescribed by the CDC) from when the symptoms first appeared (or if no symptoms, then the date of the COVID test) AND be symptom-free for 2 full school days prior to returning to in-person school.

2. PERSON B: Defined as an individual who has been within 6 feet of a confirmed COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (approximately 15 minutes), whether inside or outside of school.

- a. Close Contacts: In the event of a positive COVID-19 case in a cohort, that cohort (i.e. class, and including any close contacts on the bus) will transition to remote learning for 14 calendar days (Note that it is possible, but not a guarantee, that if the COVID positive person and all other individuals were wearing masks and social distancing, that a quarantine for the entire class may not be needed. This will require review by local departments of health). A negative COVID test will not be sufficient reason to return to school before the end of the 14 day period.

- b. Family Members: Any family members (i.e. siblings) of a positive COVID-19 case (Person A) will also be required to quarantine and learn remotely for 14 calendar days from the date Person A started self-quarantining. Unless a sibling exhibits symptoms and/or tests positive as well, his or her class will remain in live session.

3. PERSON C: Defined as contact with a Person B. This would include the class members of a sibling of a person who tests positive for COVID-19. No special precautions are necessary for this group.

After quarantine, a negative test is not required to return to school, as long as the individual is not exhibiting symptoms.

Anyone who takes a COVID test under any of the scenarios mentioned above must immediately report the results to the Nurse's Office by email to jcadenelli@hillelyeshiva.org or phone call to 732-493-9000 ext. 212.

MANDATORY QUARANTINE AFTER TRAVEL

Students who travel to COVID-19 hot spots (as defined by the State of New Jersey) or out of the country must notify the school nurse and quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. You can only fulfill this quarantine requirement by actually quarantining; a negative COVID-19 test does not provide for an exemption to this requirement. The list of COVID-19 hot spots can be found on the State of New Jersey's website, accessible [here](#).

MENTAL HEALTH

The coronavirus and its impact on our lives and the lives of our loved ones have left its mark on children and adults alike. In addition to taking precautions to protect our students' and staff's physical health, we are also taking steps to mitigate the social and emotional toll that COVID-19 has taken on our students and staff. This includes re-engaging our students into in-person school, making the potential transition from remote learning to in-person learning and vice versa as seamless as possible, and furthering peer-to-peer and student-staff relationships through PTA and other COVID-appropriate school celebrations and events.

The school's mental health professionals will introduce themselves to each class at the start of the year, and effectively "open the door" to students for future communications. They are standing by to address any concerns you may have about how your child is coping with the changes he or she has faced over the past few months. If you have any questions, please contact:

- **Early Learning Center and Elementary School:**

Mrs. Basya Katz, LCSW, bkatz@hillelyeshiva.org

- **Middle School:**

Mrs. Merle Anteby, LCSW, mantebi@hillelyeshiva.org

- **High School:**

Dr. Daniel Herrmann, dherrmann@hillelyeshiva.org

- **Overall academic and learning support questions:**

Mrs. Taly Rishty, trishty@hillelyeshiva.org

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

ARRIVAL

Children must wear masks as they exit cars or buses. Teachers will be stationed at the building entrance and at strategic locations in the hallway to supervise and ensure that children get to their rooms safely.

CLASSROOMS

Teachers will follow strict protocol and sanitization guidelines in the following areas:

- Each child's temperature will be taken by a teacher before he or she enters the classroom. A child with a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit will be rechecked in the Nurse's office.
- Within the classroom, children may remove their masks. Parents may choose, but are not required, to send face shields for their children to wear in the classrooms once the masks are removed.
- Toys are to undergo a strict sanitization rotation
- Handwashing, diaper changing, and changing table cleaning protocols will be followed by all teachers.
- Sheets, blankets, pacifiers and water bottles will be sent home daily.
- School supplies will be kept in individual containers in each child's cubby.
- Each student will be assigned an individual table, with tables socially distant from one another and labeled with his/her name.
- Circle time spots will be socially distanced
- Teachers will wear face masks, and some may additionally wear plastic face shields.
- No sharing of food or toys this year!

PLAYGROUNDS

- The Chira/Sultan Indoor Playground will be closed for recess until further notice.
- Outdoor recess will be encouraged whenever weather permits. Please note the weather each morning and send your child to school with appropriate sun protection or outerwear.
- Faculty and children will wash their hands before entering the playground and upon returning to the classroom.
- Playground times will be staggered, allowing only one cohort at a time within each playground station.
- Playground centers and outdoor areas will be expanded.

SPECIALS

- Weekly gym classes will be held in either the outdoor black top area, Chira/Sultan indoor playground or within the classroom with adherence to social distance guidelines.
- Music classes will be modified and take place within the classrooms with teachers and students adhering to social distance guidelines.
- Ivrit classes will be modified and take place within the classrooms with teachers and students adhering to social distance guidelines.
- All ELC classes will eat lunch within their own classrooms at their individual tables.
- The literacy collaborator will wear a mask when joining a class for Literacy Centers. Within their own rooms, support staff will wear masks and gloves when working with individual students. Social distance guidelines will be adhered to. Literacy classroom materials will be sanitized between students.

DISMISSAL

Children will wear masks as they exit their classrooms.

PARENT PROGRAMS

All ELC Parent programs including Mommy and Me and Morah and Me will be suspended until further notice, with a decision to be made following the holidays. Please see upcoming emails regarding revised scheduling and programming for ELC Orientation Day and Back to School Night.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

MASKS

Students are expected to get on the bus/car and enter the building with a mask on, and have an adequate extra supply in their backpacks in case they get lost. All masks, whether disposable, cloth or medical-grade, must be solid colors consistent with uniform guidelines (blue, grey, and white). Masks with the Hillel Yeshiva logo may be purchased from the PTA.

Students will be expected to wear masks at all times in the school building, except when seated at their desks behind their desk shields.

Students should make sure to always have at least three extra masks in their school bags.

ATTENDANCE

With the exception of students who have opted to learn remotely, students are expected to be in school every day unless they are not feeling well or have been asked to stay at home due to health considerations. Students who are physically not in the building can be marked present for a class by signing into the class and remaining, video on, for the entire class through the Zoom platform. Each classroom will be outfitted with Zoom capability so that a child can be “present” and capable of learning and participating even if not physically in the building.

Tefilah and specials will not be accessible by Zoom. Students who elect to learn from home for the year will need to find an alternative to attending minyan in school. In general, they will not be able to attend clubs or any special programs. Please also note that students who choose to learn remotely will nevertheless be required to come into school for exams and other select in-person requirements to be determined by the school from time to time.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Whether learning physically in a classroom or home by Zoom, students are expected to honor each and every day with full attendance:

- ES Grades 1 - 5 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- MS Grades 6 - 8 from 8:00 am - 4:20 pm

Students are expected to wear masks while on the bus/car and while entering into the school building. Upon arrival to school, students are expected to follow the lead of the security team and Hillel professionals regarding social distancing.

Students are expected to arrive at their home room / tefilah locations quickly and quietly, avoiding contact with students outside their own cohort. Please note that due to the Covid-19 virus, there will be no public gatherings, no morning lineup and no gatherings for dismissal. Students will follow the directions of the supervising adults to travel to, from and within school in a safe manner.

CLASSROOMS/SCHEDULES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES 1 - 4)

Elementary School students will learn in the one designated classroom to which they are assigned, with limited switching of classrooms. This classroom of students will form one student cohort. Within the classroom, students will sit separated by desk shields.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5 - 8)

Middle School students learn optimally in different group settings according to their different academic levels. This year, to minimize extraneous movements, leveled classes will be offered in the following subject areas: Gemara, Ivrit and Math. This modified leveled class schedule will provide Middle School students with a hybrid experience of learning on challenging levels while minimizing risk of exposure to the virus.

Within the classroom, students will sit separated by desk shields. Students will seat according to assigned seating so as to enable contact tracing should the need arise.

Students will participate in grade-level and gender-specific Tefilah groups, gym classes, recess and common lunch time.

ORIENTATION (GRADES 5 - 8)

There will be separate orientations for each grade in the Middle School preceding the start of school. These orientations will include basic information regarding school with a special emphasis on the protocols, rules and guidelines to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff. Details to follow.

HIGH SCHOOL

ORIENTATION

There will be orientation for each grade on Tuesday, September 8th, at the times below:

- 9th Grade - 9:30am
- 10th Grade - 11:00am
- 11th Grade - 12:30pm
- 12th Grade - 2:00pm

These orientations will include basic information regarding school with a special emphasis on the protocols, rules and guidelines to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff.

MASKS

Students must wear a mask at all times except when sitting in their classrooms at their desks behind their desk shields, covering their mouth and nose.

The wearing of a mask is a matter of health and safety, and therefore, not to wear a mask in a school setting is a clear violation of the Torah law not to endanger oneself and or the lives of others. Any violations will be treated very seriously. There are people in our building who are medically compromised or in a higher risk group, not to mention that we may be in contact with at risk family members.

Students not wearing a mask when required or wearing it improperly will be given one warning only, a second infraction will result in being sent home for the day. Any missed work, quizzes or tests will be marked a zero. Any possible makeup will be at the sole discretion of the administration.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be in school every day unless they are not feeling well or have been asked to stay at home due to health considerations.

Each classroom will be outfitted with Zoom capability to allow for students who have opted for “Zoom schooling”. This must be a full year decision. There is no option, of Zoom or in person school, on a daily, weekly or even monthly basis.

Full day attendance is mandatory. Whether learning physically in a classroom or home by Zoom, students must be present for every class.

Tefilah and specials will not be accessible by Zoom. Students who elect to learn from home for the year will need to find an alternative to attending minyan in school. In general, they will not be able to attend clubs or any special programs. **Please also note that students who choose to learn remotely will nevertheless be required to come into school for exams and other select in-person requirements to be determined by the school from time to time.**

ARRIVAL

Students are expected to wear masks while on the bus and while entering into the school building. Students will not be permitted into the high school building without a mask. A student who forgets to bring a mask will be allowed to purchase one for two dollars (\$2.00). The mask will be brought to them outside of the building.

Upon arrival to school, students are expected to follow the lead of the security team and Hillel professionals regarding social distancing.

MINYAN/PRAYER- MORNING AND AFTERNOON

Students will be assigned minyan/prayer locations. A mask must be worn at all times. In addition, there will be a divider for the reader of the Torah and person receiving aliyah.

BREAKFAST

Students who choose to eat must go directly to their first period classroom and sit down at THEIR desk (with desk shield). Then they may remove their mask and enjoy their breakfast.

There will be no eating of any kind-not on the first floor or any hallways etc. - ONLY in their first period classroom and at their desk.

Students who decide not to eat may socialize or study in the building but they must be wearing a mask.

CLASSROOMS

Students will seat according to assigned seating so as to enable contact tracing should the need arise. Students may remove their masks only when sitting behind their desk shields.

BETWEEN PERIODS

When the bell rings at the end of the period only teachers may leave at that time. Students **MUST** remain seated. After two minutes another bell will ring and students will have their usual three minutes to switch classes. **Masks must be worn.**

LUNCH

As lunch is two grades at a time, we are hoping to accommodate the eating of lunch on the first floor utilizing the Sephardic Midrash and Shalom Lounge as one space. This will allow for social distancing while eating. Other than eating while sitting, masks must be worn at all times.

Students may order packaged restaurant lunches from Student Council, as in previous years.

DISMISSAL

As has been our practice for many years, students will be dismissed grade by grade. They must be wearing masks during dismissal.