



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire administration, faculty and lay leadership, we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and strengthened partnership with The Brandeis School as we navigate through the unknown together.

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly taken a toll on us all in more ways than one. Over the last several months, we've all worn different hats and taken on unexpected roles to ensure the success of our students. Together, we accomplished so much, even while collaborating through mobile devices and computers during remote learning.

While there are no clear directions from New York State or Nassau County regarding the structure of the 20-21 school year, our administration is already preparing several options to ensure that we are in compliance of all regulations and social distancing guidelines:

### On Campus Learning

- Classes will take place on premises while adhering to all social distancing guidelines and maintaining the appropriate ratio of students: square footage.
- Students may be broken down into smaller group sizes for various subjects in both General and Judaic Studies.
- Schedules will be restructured (lunch, staggered arrival & dismissal, specialties including Art/Gym/Music/Library, etc.).
- We will be implementing all necessary safety measures to ensure that our facilities are sanitized, cleaned and disinfected regularly.

### Remote Learning

- Classes will take place utilizing Zoom and Google Classroom.
- Students will receive weekly schedules and daily login information.
- The office will remain open for pick ups, drop offs and communication.
- Teachers will communicate with parents and students via email and Parent Locker.
- School events will be held virtually when necessary or outdoors if feasible.
- Students will utilize Parent Locker to receive and send any assignments throughout the year.

### Combined Learning

- Classes will be divided into smaller groups. Students will be given a schedule and participate in classes on campus on alternating days.
- When students are scheduled to remain at home, they will receive assignments on Parent Locker and Google Classroom and work independently from home.
- Classes will be restructured to comply with all social distancing guidelines when students are on campus.
- We will be implementing all necessary safety measures to ensure that our facilities are sanitized, cleaned and disinfected regularly.

***The administration understands that the Combined Learning model is not ideal for working parents, and we will do our best to avoid this option.***

As we have done throughout the school year, we will continue to update our parent body once regulations have been outlined and finalized. We are confident that we will continue to provide your students with exemplary education while adhering to the mandated rules and protocol that we will receive.



# Let's Make it Simple

*Proposed structure and guidelines for an ON CAMPUS school day*

## Prior to Arrival:

(Bussing information is not yet available and will be provided later.)

- Parents must be responsible to check their children's temperature. If children exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19, flu, or allergies- we ask that you keep your child home for **72 hours** and notify the Health Office immediately.
- If your child has been exposed to anyone exhibiting symptoms, your child must remain at home for **72 hours** and communicate this information to the Health Office immediately.

***Remember, sending a sick child to school puts the entire school in danger of closing for 2 weeks of quarantine.***

- Ensure that your child's backpack contains everything needed including school supplies, water, individually wrapped snacks, hand sanitizer and a proper face mask.

## Upon Arrival:

***Parents are not permitted in the building at any time, unless they've confirmed with the OFFICE STAFF in advance.***

- This year, we will have 4 entry locations to the school. You will be instructed where to drop off your children each morning.
- Upon entry into the building, children's temperatures will be taken and each child will be given hand sanitizer. Students will then be instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds before entering their classroom.

***(All water fountains have been removed and replaced with handwashing stations).***



- All staff members will be required to wear masks/face shields and obey social distancing regulations at all times.
- **The front entrance will be for children riding on busses only.** After stepping off the bus, children will sanitize their hands upon entry into the building and proceed to a handwashing station before entering their classroom.
- Children will proceed to either the gym, cafeteria or designated classrooms to ensure proper social distancing until first period begins.
- **Children in Grades 1-4 will have cubbies placed outside their classrooms and will be monitored by teachers when accessing their items. Middle School students will NOT receive lockers and will hold their personal belongings in their backpack.**
- At approximately 8:00AM, students will proceed to their homerooms.

### Classroom Instruction:

- We are doing our best to ensure limited transitions for our students. This year, children will remain in their classrooms as much as possible and teachers will rotate between rooms.
- The number of students in each learning group (class) will be minimized in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. Should we be able to accommodate the 6 feet distance between students (in each direction), students will not be required to wear masks during instruction unless approaching a teacher for individual support. If the number of children in a group does not allow for social distancing, masks will be required.
- **We have removed all excess furniture including cubbies, storage units and round tables in order to increase space for students in the classroom.**
- **All classrooms will be appropriately ventilated at all times.**
- When leaving the room for any reason, students must wear masks and wash their hands upon returning to their classroom.

*\*For both Art and Physical Education, students will be escorted into the specialty rooms where they will maintain social distancing guidelines and wash hands before and after each session.\**



## Snacks & Lunch:

- Students must bring individually packaged snacks and beverages each day. Children will eat their snacks at their desks and are required to wash their hands before and after eating.
- Lunch provided by the PA will be served in the cafeteria if possible or delivered to the classrooms if necessary. Additional details regarding the PA Lunch Program will be provided by the PA Presidents. Students are required to wash their hands before and after eating.

## Recess:

- Weather permitting, children will have outdoor recess while complying with all social distancing guidelines. Classes will be scheduled for various outdoor spaces throughout the week including playground, basketball courts, soccer fields and gaga pits so that they do not overlap with one another.
- All structures will be sanitized between usage. Sanitizing stations will be placed along all entry points and students will be required to then wash their hands prior to reentering their classrooms.
- When necessary, indoor recess will take place in the classrooms. Students will maintain social distancing guidelines and acceptable activities will be provided.

## Special Programs:

- Information regarding all schoolwide/classroom special activities will be communicated and include specific instructions for guests and families.
- Safety drills including lockdown, lockout and fire drills will continue as per usual while maintaining social distance guidelines both in and out of the building.

## Dismissal Procedures:

- Dismissal will follow the same protocol as arrival procedures. Students will be required to wear masks when exiting their classrooms for dismissal and maintain social distancing guidelines until they reach their vehicle.



- Students will be assigned dismissal locations, and parents will be notified of their designated access point.

## After School Activities:

Information to follow.

## Health & Safety:

- Each classroom will be properly cleaned and sanitized throughout the day and nightly.
- Classroom furniture, door knobs, whiteboards, chairs, floors, shelves and toys will also be cleaned and disinfected each night.
- If a child is unwell during the school day (whether or not they show any symptoms), the Health Office will notify the family immediately. **Parents must arrange for the child to be picked up promptly.**

**THE SCHOOL WILL NOT SACRIFICE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR ENTIRE STUDENT BODY AND STAFF AT ANY POINT.**

Should anyone on campus test positive for COVID-19, clear information and guidelines will be provided immediately to everybody. After communicating with the CDC and health officials, the administration will make a decision as to the extent of closure (classroom/section of building/entire school). **The affected classes will immediately transition to remote learning.**

***Please understand that the above information is still tentative. Final guidelines will be issued after a set of meetings between the board, administration, teachers and parents.***

**Beginning on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, parents are invited to join a daily open forum with Mr. Levin to provide input and ask questions.**

**Meeting ID:** 449 718 2418

**Password:** input

<b>7/20:</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>7/21:</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>7/22:</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>
<b>7/23:</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>7/24:</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>