



Welcome back September 2020

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Welcome back to our returning families and to our new families. We are looking forward to seeing how our students have grown through the summer and getting to know our new students, and mostly, to have another great year at Kehila Heschel.

Our Kehila staff, Morah Linda (K– 2 Secular), Morah Yehudith (K-2 Hebrew), Morah Zehava (3 & 5 Hebrew and Judaica), Morah Maureen (3 & 5 Secular), Anita (Educational Director) and Michele (Office Administrator) welcomes our new members of staff to our team Morah Catherine (K-2), and Morah Tracey (K-5 French and Art). We wish you a successful 2020 2021 school year.

We begin this year with the unit of New Beginnings. As we start the year at school with new routines, we get to know our classmates at a safe distance. We discuss the mitzvah and different aspects of cleanliness, as we learn to keep ourselves and our belongings clean.

We will study the quotes from the Torah that each us learn how to take care of our body and the environment. This will bring us to the beginning the New Year, how to start fresh in your mind and soul.

This will tie in with the new routines of health and safety and our eco school.

We wish you all Shana Tova.



Reminder that the payment for the Agenda and messenger bag is due at the start of school. \$8.00 per student. Payment can be made via e-transfer, cheque or cash.

Below is some essential information needed for the beginning of school. Other information can be found in our Kehila Heschel Handbook (Please review). Attached are the relevant forms needed for the beginning of this school year to be handed in to Kehila's office at the start of school. No student will be able to go to the playground without signed permission!

Tuition payment

All postdated cheques are required at the start of school. If you are e-transferring your tuition for the beginning of each month please set it up for an automatic transfer monthly. If you need to make other arrangements please discuss with Michele.

School Hours

(Daylight Saving Time) 8:40 am - 3:40 pm Mondays to Fridays

(Eastern Standard Time) 8:40 am – 3:40 pm Mondays to Thursdays & Fridays 8:40am–3:00 pm.

3:00 pm dismissal on Fridays, during Eastern Standard Time is in honour of Shabbat.

Please check your monthly calendar for dismissal times on other holidays.

Drop-Off and pick up:

Grade 5: 8:30—8:40 am. First side door, second TAS driveway next to Cootes Paradise School.

Kindergarten: 8:40—8:50 am First side door, second TAS driveway next to Cootes Paradise School.

Grades 1, 2, 3: 8:30—8:40am. Second side door further down driveway.

Please follow signage.

Pick-ups: 3:30—3:40 pm. Please call the Kehila office 905-529-7725 or via the front door Kehila bell and a staff member will bring your child/ren to the first side door. All students will be dismissed through that door.

Aftercare will begin at 3:40 pm

If you need to pick-up or drop-off your child outside of these times please either call the school office or ring the front door Kehila bell and a staff member will come out to meet you.

Uniforms

Kehila Heschel logo can be purchased and sewn on from evgenyam7@gmail.com or 204-384-9892 (text) or AndSewON 905-546-0198. Please emphasize that it is the Kehila Heschel Logo. Navy and White clothing can be purchased from any store.

Kosher Food Policy:

All foods for special occasions must be: sealed & packaged with a kosher symbol; or prepared at school under supervision of staff. No home baked goods.

Nutrition Breaks

Please pack dairy or parve lunches (i.e. no meat or meat products).

No Nut Policy:

Out of consideration for the safety of students or staff member within the Temple Anshe Sholom building with a nut allergy, please avoid sending any foods containing nuts.

Labelled clothing

Please make sure that all clothing, backpacks, lunch bags etc. are clearly labelled with your child's name. Labels can be purchased from Mabels Labels. <https://mabelslabels.com> (Support a Fundraiser) We get a portion of the sales of labels bought under Kehila Heschel's name.

Respecting Shabbat

Please help Kehila respect Shabbat by not emailing or posting Kehila Heschel information on any form of media or communicating on any group messaging on Shabbat and YomTov's. If you need to communicate with other Kehila Heschel families please do so privately.

Returning Families

If any information has changed (addresses, phone numbers, allergies etc) please let the office know immediately to update our files.

Kabbalat Shabbat

Each family will be asked to supply snacks (guided by the office) for Kabbalat Shabbat. You will be notified of the dates that snacks are required by email a week prior to your family's turn.

Special celebrations

To help celebrate all the special Chags (Jewish Holidays) we welcome parents/grandparents donations for supplies. i.e Honey and apples for Rosh HaShanah, etc. If you are interested in helping out please let the office know.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us and we would be happy to help.

See you on Tuesday September 8th.

