



Welcome back September 2019

Kehila Heschel
School

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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's Linda (K- 2 Secular), Zehava (K-2 Hebrew and Judaica), Natasha (1- 4 Eco School and Science), Janus (K and Art (K-4), Monsieur Pierre (1-4 French), Anita (Educational Director) and Michele (Office Administrator) welcomes our new members of staff to our team. Morah Maureen Pangan (Grade 4 secular teacher, Moreh Florin Matei (Grade 4 Hebrew teacher and phys ed (all students)) and MadameJulie Anne Kuipers (JK/SK French and outdoor education teacher). We wish them a successful 2019 2020 school year.

Below is some essential information needed for the beginning of school. Other information can be found on our Kehila website and in our Kehila Heschel Handbook (Please review. It has been updated). 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**.

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

◆ **Bursary applications**

If applying for a bursary please complete the form attached and hand in to Michele **no later than Tuesday September 3rd**.

◆ **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.

◆ **Pick-up and Drop-Off:**

When dropping off or picking up your child, please try to avoid blocking neighbours' driveways and teacher/office staff parking space at any time.

Drop-off will be at the classroom door.

To speed up the **dismissal process**, **students will be picked up by their parents in the Kehila Heschel foyer.**

Monday through Friday, drop-off is 8:30 am. Class starts promptly at 8:40 am and pick-up is at 3:40 pm.

If you need to pick-up or drop-off your child outside of these times, **please report to the office first.** **Please do not interrupt the classroom!**

◆ **Uniforms**

Uniform Logo's can be printed at And Sew On, 1080 Main St West, Hamilton, Ontario L8S 1B3
Tel: 905-546-0198 for \$5.50 per item. Navy and White clothing can be purchased from any store.

◆ **Kosher Food Policy:**

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

◆ **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 Fund-raiser) We get a portion of the sales of labels bought under Kehila Heschel's name.

◆ **Observing Shabbat**

Please help Kehila observe Shabbat by not emailing or posting Kehila Heschel information on any form of media during Shabbat and YomTov.

◆ **Returning Families**

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

◆ **School Supplies**

See attached list.

◆ **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.

◆ **Kehila Heschel Handbook**

(Attached) Please review for important information.

- ◆ **Message from Julie (Kindergarten)** We're planning to have the kindergarten class spend the last learning block on Wednesdays outside, where they will play games and explore the wilderness at our doorstep. Students can prepare by bringing:
Seasonally appropriate footwear (with grip is best), Sunscreen, Bug spray, Hat, Rain suit and boots when rain is in the forecast, A change of clothing (including socks)

See you all on Tuesday September 3rd. Happy Labour Day Weekend.