

**Associated Beth Rivkah Schools, Division of Higher Learning**  
**310 Crown Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225**  
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**Information Regarding Student Visa**

Please visit [studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students](http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students) for information regarding Foreign Students.

A Seminary applicant who is not a US citizen and does not have a "Green Card" should be aware that the Division of Higher Learning does not admit a student entering the United States on a **tourist visa**. **It is imperative that you receive your student visa before you leave your home country.**

The student should observe the following procedures:

- Apply online at [bethrivkah.edu/dhl](http://bethrivkah.edu/dhl)
- Provide copies of High School transcript and diploma, immunization record and letters of recommendation.

If your diploma is in a foreign language, we will also need a translation of your diploma into English. On the bottom of the translation the following statement is required : **I am proficient in both English and \_\_\_\_\_ languages and translated this diploma for (name of student) \_\_\_\_\_ to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signature of Translator is required.**

- After the Dean has reviewed the application, a personal interview with the Dean will be arranged. At the Dean's discretion zoom interviews may be substituted for students who are unable to appear in person.
- After the student has been accepted, the following items should be submitted:
  - **Full tuition obligation**
  - **Copy of student's passport**
  - **Evidence of Financial Ability: "Letter of Support" indicating the name of the person who will be financially responsible for the student while she is attending Associated Beth Rivkah Schools, Division of Higher Learning and copy of Bank Statement indicating that this person has the means to support you.**
  - **"SEVIS STUDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS" letter signed by student and parent. Please click *HERE* to download the form.**

**Steps to follow in order to obtain a Student Visa**

1. Once we receive all of the above, we will issue the FORM I-20, (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status) . The Form will have your SEVIS ID #. You will need this form for your visa interview at your embassy.
2. When you receive your I-20 Form, go online to [FMJFee.com](http://FMJFee.com) and pay the I-901 SEVIS fee. The fee is \$350 at the present time. Once you pay this fee, print out confirmation page as you'll need to bring it to your visa interview.
3. You must apply for your international student visa through your nearest US embassy or US consulate. For more details of what you may need, visit your embassy's official website or contact your embassy directly.

For assistance or additional information you may contact Mrs. Yocheved Baitelman or Mrs. Zisel Gurewitz at (718) 735-0400 ext. 1121, or by e-mail at [Dhlseminary@bethrivkah.edu](mailto:Dhlseminary@bethrivkah.edu).

If the student has been accepted and needs the I-20 immediately, all the necessary documents should be emailed to [dhseminary@bethrivkah.edu](mailto:dhseminary@bethrivkah.edu) and full tuition (US funds) obligation plus the applicable FedEx fee to be paid by credit card. The I-20 will then be sent by express FedEx at your expense. *It is very possible that a scanned copy is sufficient, you don't always need the original, so it is up to you.*

*Upon arrival in the United States, the student must submit a copy of her I-20, stamped by the INS, to the Division of Higher Learning SEVIS DSO (Designated School Official), Mrs. Sheindel Akselrod.*

Hatzlocha Rabba

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**SEVIS STUDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Foreign Student,

We look forward to having you as a student at Beth Rivkah Schools.

Prior to issuing your SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Program) I-20, it is important that you and your parents be aware of the SEVIS – IMMIGRATION reporting requirements for Student Records.

Associated Beth Rivkah Schools must have a file for each foreign student. This information is entered on the SEVIS Website. This file will be updated whenever any change occurs. SEVIS (IMMIGRATION) will **automatically** be informed of any changes.

The student record includes the following information:

1. Student’s initial enrollment date at the school
2. End date of the first term
3. Start date of the next term
4. Student’s address and any change to that address - **You must provide your DSO (Designated School Official) Mrs. Shaindel Akselrod, with your address in the U.S. Any time you change your address you are required to notify the DSO and your record will be updated.**
5. Student’s graduation date
6. Any failure to enroll, maintain status or complete the program - **If you do not come at the beginning of the school year, if you are absent for 10 consecutive days, if you do not maintain satisfactory progress (you do not complete your assignment and tests) this information will be entered on your SEVIS student record.**
7. Date of termination of enrollment and reason for termination - **If you terminate your enrollment, the date of termination will be entered on your student record.**

**YOU MUST ENROLL WITH THE DSO (Designated School Official)**  
**Mrs. Shaindel Akselrod, Beth Rivkah, main office 310 Crown Street**  
**WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN THE US. BRING A COPY OF YOUR I-20 VISA AND YOUR LOCAL ADDRESS.**  
**Failure to do this may terminate your visa**

Please make sure that you understand all of the above. If you do not, please make sure to ask someone to explain it to you.

I have read all of the above and agree to report any changes of address, or any change in my enrollment status to the Designated School Official, Mrs. Shaindel Akselrod. I understand that all changes will be updated on my SEVIS (Immigration) student record as soon as they occur.

Legal Name of Student (Please Print clearly) : \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature	Date	Parent’s Signature	Date
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