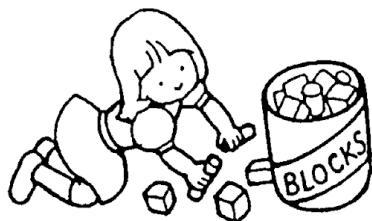




# בית רבקה PRESCHOOL



...WHERE **תורה** AND CHASSIDUS COME TO LIFE.

בית רבקה  
CAMPUS CHOMESH

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תשפ"ו

2025-2026

Dear Parents, שיחיו,

We hope you are enjoying a healthy and pleasant summer and are eagerly awaiting the upcoming school year of תשפ"ו.

The Rebbe devoted countless שיחות to the importance of imbuing our children with a meaningful תורה and חסידישע education and raising them in accordance with תורת חב"ד.

Many guidelines about child development and age-appropriate programming are outlined by חז"ל, and later on supported by secular research.

Our program at בית רבקה Preschool, the Rebbe's מוסד, is a blend of the highest educational standards outlined to us in the תורה and תורת החסידות.

Based on the most famous adage חנוך לנער על פי דרכו develop the child according to his own developmental stage we adopted a motto which explains our

instructional strategy: “Tell me, I forget. Show me, I remember. Involve me, I understand.”



We will not merely tell your child or show your child. We will involve your child in every aspect of her education. This is why you will not see us merely telling your child about the honey, the shofar, the א-ב letter or חסידישע story. Rather, you will see your child exploring how bees make honey & create conceptual connections with sweetness and ראש השנה. They will feel a variety of horns, create their own שופר, and study sounds as a way to make connections with תשובה. They will discover the properties of ink before listening to the story of Rebbetzin Chana so they can truly appreciate her tremendous מסירת נפש.

In this manner, your child will be actively engaged in פרשה, ימים טובים, חסידישע activities.



Together with a robust team of professional educators, our well-balanced curriculum will empower your daughter with the necessary skills for internalizing concepts of מצוות, תורה, אהבת, and ישראל, moral values, and to feel a sense of pride in being the Rebbe's child.

None of this is possible without ongoing communication. We hope to establish with you an effective home-school connection so that your child's learning opportunities are optimized.

On the next page you will see our Educational Strategy. We trust that this information will help you develop an understanding of our approach in nurturing your child to grow as a genuine **בת ישראל** and **בת חב"ד**, immersed in the wellsprings of **תורה** and **חסידות**.

We take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting us to care for and nurture what is most precious to you - your child.

Wishing you and your family a **כתיבה וחתימה טובה**.

Respectfully yours,



Chaye Sorah Tenenbaum

## Our Educational Strategy

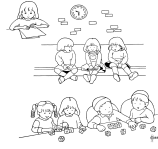
Our curriculum is a combination of skills and knowledge aimed at developing your child in a holistic fashion where her social, emotional, spiritual, cognitive and physical needs are addressed.

The basic philosophy behind our curriculum is that children “learn by doing.” Activities are designed to help children learn more about the world <sup>ה' created,</sup>



their heritage and their mission as **חסידים** children through hands-on activities and active involvement.

Our program is child-centered and the best way for children to learn. meet each child's needs and interests.



based upon the belief that play is Our approach is individualized to

Classrooms are organized with learning and discovery centers that encourage reenactment of life's roles, **פרשה** and **מידות טובות**. The environment is planned to stimulate imagination, creativity, socialization, exploration and discovery.

Centers are equipped with materials to help your child develop all in a professional and **חסידים** way.



state-of-the-art games and the necessary skills for success




**בית רבקה** offers a safe and well equipped outdoor and indoor playground. We offer a variety of extracurricular activities. Each week, students participate in music and movement which incorporates **חסידים** niggunim, songs tailored to the special day/**חסידים** yomtov/events of the year.

**בית רבקה** Preschool is happy to provide discovery adventures, special events and school – wide **פארבריינגענס** that give the children a love for our Rabbeim and to nurture their **חסידים** upbringing.

At **בית רבקה** Preschool, we view discipline not as a means of punishing a child who has acted inappropriately, but rather as a means of teaching a child. Positive

discipline teaches children where the limits are set, how to maintain control over their behavior and how to problem solve in the event of conflict.

We will be observing your child development. Twice a year a report” will be shared with you.  throughout the year to assess her “child progress and planning This information will provide the basis for parent-teacher conferences. Additional conferences can be held at any time if either parent or teacher requests one.

Emphasis is placed on children gaining self-confidence. We give children their own cubby and have them be responsible for their belongings. We encourage independence by allowing the children to choose which center they would like to explore and play at during center time.

We look forward to working closely with you this year.

## Policies and Procedures:

### Arrival & Dismissal

School begins at 9:00 AM. Children can be dropped off from 8:45 AM. **If you bring your child from 8:45-9:00, please meet the teacher outside at Exit 3 (playground exit) – by the buses.** Please make sure whoever drops off the child knows this information. Early care is available from 8:15-8:45 for a fee.

**CHILDREN ARRIVING AFTER 9:00 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED ALL THE WAY INTO THEIR CLASSROOM! (DO NOT LEAVE A CHILD ON THE STAIRWELL OR IN THE HALLWAY UNATTENDED.) CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE YARD OR ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL UNATTENDED.**

We must impress upon you the importance of having your child in school on time. Coming late causes a child to miss out on the excitement of a new day and on the focused individual attention that she receives at arrival.

Pick up and drop off time is not PTA time. If you need to discuss anything with your daughter's teacher, please email her and arrange a time to speak at length.

Monday through Thursday, dismissal is at 3:00 PM at Exit 2 (EAST NEW YORK AVE.)

As buses load at 2:50 from the same exit, please wait outside without crowding the exit and a Morah will bring your daughter out.

**Please don't push your way in the building with a stroller while the children are trying to exit the building to board the buses.**

Bus Dismissal on **Friday** is at **11:30 AM.** Buses will depart בית רבקה at approximately 11:40.

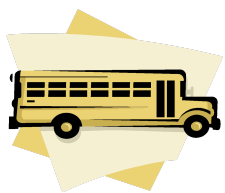
**Pick up on Friday is 11:45-12:00** from the Glass Doors Atrium (Corner Brooklyn and Lefferts) **(Please allow us to load the buses before picking up your daughter!)**

PLEASE BE PROMPT; young children tend to get worried if their parents are late and other children have already left.

### **Attendance**

*A program must track attendance for each child. A program must implement a process to ensure children are safe when they do not arrive at school.* If your child is unexpectedly absent a parent must contact the school office within one hour of program start time. Please do NOT text your child's teacher to notify of any unexpected absence. All calls must go through the office. This policy is to ensure the utmost safety of all children in our program. If you know that your daughter will be absent ahead of time, please let her teacher know as early as possible.

### **Transportation**



בית רבקה Preschool is proud to offer safe and reliable bussing for all our students. Each bus has its own bus monitor to help ensure the safety of the children. For those parents who will be making use of our preschool buses, bus schedules will be emailed close to school start.

Due to the complexity of the schedules & routes, each student will be picked up and dropped off at their assigned bus stop only – please do not put your daughter



on another bus. For any extenuating circumstances, please call the preschool office (1287) before 12:00 for any alternate arrangements. For all transportation inquiries or bus changes, please email [transportation@bethrivkah.edu](mailto:transportation@bethrivkah.edu), or call extension 1325. Please don't put your child's teacher or the bus driver in an uncomfortable position by texting or calling them directly with any change requests.

## Record of Child Care Arrangement

A legal document is given to parents at orientation regarding how your child will be arriving and departing to/from school. If your child will be picked up each day, please write down who is authorized to pick up your daughter. If there is a change, you must send a written note who will be picking up your child that day. בית רבקה Preschool is not allowed to release your child to anyone other than the person listed on the form without a signed note from the parent. You must call and send a note of the change.

If using the buses, you must indicate on the form which authorized adult will be taking your child off the bus. Please don't rely on a neighbor unless prior written arrangements have been made.

## Safety

We will be doing our utmost to implement safety rules and we are asking that you join us in this effort. These rules and precautions apply to children of all age groups. Please take a moment to review some of the points below with your child and remember the best lessons are taught by the examples we set.

## Children traveling to school by bus

- 1) Children must stay seated at all times. There is no jumping or standing on the bus. Any children not following safety rules will get a warning the first time and lose bus privileges if it occurs again.
- 2) A Parent/Guardian must be waiting outside with the child.
- 3) Children and Parents waiting for the bus must remain on the sidewalk away from the curb.
- 4) Children should not step into the street until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver has opened the door to the bus.
- 5) Never allow a child to run after the bus; if they miss the bus, parents should make other arrangements for them to get to school.
- 6) Please make sure to be waiting on time for the bus - Please follow the bus tracker sent in the email for your assigned route.

## Parent Pick-Up

All parents must come to Exit 2 on East New York Ave. **Monday- Thursday.** Parents are requested to wait outside the building, on the right side, and not block any doors. Your daughter will be brought out to you. Please do not try to enter the building. Friday pick up is at the atrium – the glass doors near Brooklyn Ave.

## Clothing

In **בית רבקה** Preschool, we take pride in our high standard of **צניעות**. A **בית רבקה** girl should always be dressed in a way that is befitting a **בת חב"ד**. Elbows, knees and collarbones should be covered at all times. Cap sleeves, knee socks, ankle socks, leggings, miniskirts and crocs are not permitted. Tights must be worn at all times for all children. The dress code applies to all girls in Bais Rivkah Preschool – including our young ones who are 2.9 when school starts.

Children develop a sensitivity for the beauty of **צניעות** at a young age, therefore school standards should be applied at home. This will avoid any confusion or mixed messages.

**When entering the school building, please be respectful of the **צניעות** standards in **בית רבקה**. Parents are required to be dressed according to Halachic rulings.**

- a) **Sheitel**
- b) **Elbows, knees and collarbones should be completely covered.**
- c) **Pantyhose must be worn (no leggings)**
- d) **Only respectful attire - No gym clothes or flipflops**
- e) **No slits**
- f) **No tight-fitting clothing**

One of the most beautiful מצוות that children develop in our preschool right from the start is a feeling for the מצוה of צדקה. Along with a variety of hands-on individual and collective activities and projects, childrens' sense of sharing and doing טוב is reinforced by giving a penny every day. Please send in a penny or other coin with your child.

### Mitzvah Notes

We encourage parents to send Mitzvah notes each day. It is nachas for the Morahs to see the children's faces light up when the mitzvah note is read. Mitzvah notes are a good tool to bridge the connection between home and school.

### Birthdays



בית רבקה Preschool is happy to inform parents that the Birthday Party policy meets the requests of parents and the approval of our Nutritionist. The snack may not be home made. It must be store bought with a reliable hechsher. Please be mindful of any allergies in the class.

Policy:

- ☐ Tzedaka for each child
- ☐ One snack with a reliable hechsher
- NO HOME MADE FOOD ALLOWED**
- ☐ a drink – 100% fruit juice or water, or a fruit
- ☐ a gift for the class
- ☐ a gift for each child (optional)
- ☐ Paper goods will be provided by school

Two weeks prior to your daughter's birthday, her Teacher will call you to discuss the celebration and give you some suggestions for the class gift, i.e. puzzle, book, etc. A small gift for each child is optional. Please do not make any purchases prior to speaking to your daughter's Teacher [you are more than welcome to contact her earlier].

Your daughter will be encouraged to share her **החלטה** with her class. Please help her prepare.

Your adherence to this policy will allow us to encourage healthy eating habits in our classrooms, as we will be implementing these policies for **שבת** parties and 'פארבריינגען'. Please do not bring or send any party props with Disney characters, unicorns, or other **גויעשע** characters.

### **חסידישע פארבריינגונס**

We pride ourselves on our **פארבריינגענס**, rallies, and special programs for **חסידישע** **ימים טובים** and special days. We have interactive exhibits and games to engage each child during the programs. We give tzedakah, sing pesukim and make a "להיים" all together during the **פארבריינגען**.

### **שבת Party**

Every class chooses a weekly **שבת** Mommy and Tatty. Each girl chosen is requested to send in specific items. As per requests of parents and the approval of our Nutritionist, one will send in a healthy snack (fruit or vegetable), and one will send in a store bought party nosh. If you know your child will be absent, please notify the teacher.

### **א-ב**

Preschool follows a **חסידישע** **א-ב** method of teaching **א-ב** to our children. All the letters are permeated with kedusha and taught in a very specific manner. It is a three-step approach.

Step 1: Focus on the shape of the letter, giving the child a very concrete way of remembering the new אות. This is brought down by the Friediker Rebbe.

Step 2: When a new אות is introduced it is done by the תניא שער בלאט of תניא.

Step 3: Each child at their table circles the new אות on a copy of the שער בלאט.

Then the teacher prepares many interesting א-ב activities and games so the children can live and breathe the letters.

Parents of 4 year old children should be reviewing the א-ב weekly with their child. Please send back the homework reviewed and signed every Monday.

## Meals



Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are served daily. **Children are not allowed to bring lunch or snacks from home**, the only exception will be with a Doctor's note clearly explaining the medical reason. If you want any changes to your daughter's meals, please contact our Health Coordinator (Bryna Telsner) at extension 1356. We will not make any modifications without Bryna's clearance.

## School Readiness Goals

You will receive a copy of בית רבקה Preschool school readiness goals at the parent orientation. The goals are based on the Head Start E.L.O.F (Early Learning Outcomes Framework from ages birth-five.) These goals are oriented towards giving the children the tools they will need to be successful in their future school years. The goals are in five areas of learning:

1. social emotional development
2. physical development and health
3. approaches to learning
4. language and literacy
5. cognition and general knowledge.

The handout is divided into 4 columns.

Column 1 has the School Readiness Goals listed.

Column 2 has the instructional strategy that the teachers will incorporate into their daily schedule and lessons to maximize the school readiness goals. Column 3 are the family goals with ideas that families can do at home to strengthen the goals that teachers are working on at school.

Column 4 are implementation strategies that the school and parents can work on to strengthen family goals.

Each one of the school readiness goals are observable and measurable. Three times a year, we use a research-based assessment tool that will determine how your child is doing in each area. Our preschool teachers work diligently to individualize their lessons for each child to be able to make progress in their school readiness goals. Please feel free to share your input regarding the goals. If you have any suggestions, please email Leah Deitsch at [ldeitsch@bethrivkah.edu](mailto:ldeitsch@bethrivkah.edu).

### ***Family Engagement***

It has been proven that children perform better on their school readiness goals when the learning is reinforced by parents at home. Therefore, please use the weekly newsletter as a springboard to reinforce themes being taught in school at home. It is helpful from time to time to please send in a mitzvah note describing a family trip or activity that ties into the theme of the week in school. BRHS/EHS sends home a monthly newsletter with parenting goals corresponding to School Readiness Goals for the upcoming theme of the month. Please take the time to read the newsletter and answer the brief survey via email. We strongly

recommend that you use your Cool Culture Card to take your children on educational trips.

### ***Parent Involvement***

Parents are encouraged to attend our programs that we offer in conjunction with Jr. N'shei. We will be offering classes/training in:

- Understanding child and parent temperament
- Managing challenging behaviors
- Language and Literacy (importance of dialogue and reading to children)
- Stress Management
- Developmental Milestones
- Nutrition (Meal Planning)

### ***Disability Services Coordinator/ LEA Liaison***

בית רבקה Preschool supports children with developmental concerns and disabilities together with their family. Our LEA Liaison, Bryna Telsner, is on site to help parents navigate the system of advocating for services for their child. Bryna can be reached at extension 1356.

### ***Volunteering***

Parent volunteering is part of the Preschool philosophy. We encourage parents to share with their child's class. This could be reading a book, doing an arts and crafts project, describing your profession to the children, or sharing your passion or talent with the children. Please be in touch with your child's teacher to schedule a visit.

### ***Healthy Children***



We take children's health very seriously. If your child exhibits signs of cold, fever, pink eye, vomiting, diarrhea etc... Please keep your child home. **Children on prescribed antibiotics must wait a full 24 hours on antibiotics before returning to school!** It is for the health and safety of your child and all the children in the program. **If a child is in school with any of these symptoms,** parents will be required to pick up their child and take her home.

Outbreaks of diseases spread rapidly and therefore when a child exhibits any symptoms of being sick, the parent **MUST** be considerate of the other children in the class and only send their child when the symptoms are no longer there. For example, if your child vomits the night before, or in the early morning, please do not send your child to school that day until 24 hours pass before she is symptom free. Similarly, if you suspect your child has pinworms, please take her to the doctor and treat her with the prescribed medication before sending her back to school. Pinworms are extremely contagious, and school must be notified of each case.

Please note that the NYC DOHMH keeps track of clusters of outbreaks in the community and calls for an explanation of why children that are sick are in school. Please note, every child attending **בית רבקה** Preschool must submit a current health form with a list of their immunizations.

**All children entering the Preschool program are required to meet at least the minimum standards of immunizations in accordance with NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene immunization schedule or have an approved (by a NYCDOHMH) medical exemption (NYS Public Health Law Section 2164). As of June 13, 2019, The DOHMH no longer accepts any RELIGIOUS exemptions. This policy comes directly from the NYC**

**DOHMH. If there is any change in your child's health, please notify our Health Coordinator, Bryna at extension 1356.**

**Any child who needs an Epi-pen or an inhaler must notify the Health Coordinator.**

### **Flu Shot**

According to NYC DOHMH guidelines, the Flu shot is mandatory for **every student** enrolled for the school year 2025-2026. The flu shot must be given prior to December 31, 2025. Please submit a written verification.

### **Medications**



Based on NYC Department of Health regulations, **בית רבקה** Preschool does not administer any form of medication or vitamins. We feel that a child on medication needs to be at home. However, if warranted, an authorized family member may come into school to administer medication. Under these circumstances, written notification as to who will be administering the medication must be sent into school. No medication will be stored in school.

## Allergies/ Medical Conditions

בית רבקה Preschool is a **NUT FREE ZONE**. Please do not send any snacks to school that contain peanuts, peanut butter or other nuts.

If your child has any special medical needs or allergies this must be brought to the attention of the teacher and the office. In addition, if any allergies or conditions develop throughout the year, the teacher and office must be informed in order to ensure the safety of your daughter. Please note that all medical conditions are kept confidential between the teacher and any Preschool Staff. Please do not send nebulizers, epi pens etc to school without first meeting with the teacher and principal to discuss its use. You must explain what are the symptoms that warrant it and how to use the equipment. If there is any change in your child's health, please notify our Health Coordinator, Bryna at extension 1356. Children with allergies must have their pediatrician fill out a healthcare plan.

## Accidents/ Emergencies

Although we work hard at preventing accidents, minor scrapes and bruises are normal childhood events and should be expected occasionally. For those times that your child may receive a bruise First Aid will be administered. If it is minor, parents will be notified via a note, for more serious injuries, parents will be called.



## *Family Vacation*

Please notify your child's teacher in advance if she will be going away for a few days or leaving early before a Yom Tov, so that she can send home your child's projects.

It is important for the teacher to know if a parent will be going away so that she can give your child the extra attention she may need at that time. Please also leave information with the teacher as to who she may contact in case of emergency.

## **PTA**

Parent- Teacher conferences are held once a year, in December/January, to discuss your child's progress. It is important that you make every effort to attend. If the teacher feels that your child needs a more comprehensive meeting, the principal will call you to schedule a meeting. This is done to ensure the best outcome for your daughter.

## ***Cool Culture***

It is a privilege for our school to receive Cool Culture cards. In order to keep the program, we encourage our parents to please use the cards and enjoy the excursions available. Please use the card responsibly and answer any surveys that are sent to you.

## ***Professional Development***

In a constant effort to uphold the highest standards of teaching and learning, our teaching staff members participate in various trainings throughout the school year. The first one will be a full day on November 26, 2025, , ו' כסלו. There will be no school for students that day. Dates for mandatory trainings will be announced with enough prior notice so parents can make arrangements for their child.

### ***Transition to Pre 1A / Transition***

בית רבקה Preschool prepares children to transition to the next program level (Pre-1A/ Transition). The Preschool and Pre 1A principals collaborate to discuss each transferring child's progress and to determine best placement for the following year. We ensure that each child's relevant records are transferred from Preschool to Pre 1A/ Transition or other placement. Any child that can benefit from a year of Transition will be advised of the program.

Children with an IEP who transition from Preschool to Pre 1A/ Transition age out of the NYC CPSE program. CSE contacts בית רבקה to arrange observations and assessments necessary to determine if the child meets the guidelines to receive services under CSE. The CMS director strives to facilitate this process and helps empower parents to advocate for their child in the new program.

### ***Social Media***

Social media is a powerful communication tool that can impact בית רבקה Preschool's professional reputation. Please be mindful, respectful, and professional when using accessible online forums.

# PARENTS' CHECKLIST

Please bring the following items to school with you on  
Tuesday, September 2nd, ט אלול  
Orientation Meeting for Parents.

Please set aside up to 1.5 hours for this meeting.

Please note that this program is for parents only.

1. **A Complete Labeled Change of Clothing** Please make sure the clothing that you send is appropriate for that season.
2. **A Labeled Long Smock**
3. **A family picture**
4. **A recent photo of your child**
5. **A Box of Tissues**
6. **Admission card – THE ORIENTATION PACKET INCLUDING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND CLASSROOM WILL ONLY BE GIVEN IF YOU HAVE YOUR ADMISSION CARD.**



## **PRESCHOOL EXTENSIONS**

To reach Preschool office personnel during school hours,  
please call 718-735-0770

Mrs. Mussy Kaplan, Secretary	Ext. 1287
Preschool@bethrivkah.edu	

Mrs. Chaye Sarah Tenenbaum, Principal	Ext. 1223
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Mrs. Leah Deitsch, Educational Director	Ext. 1213
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Miss Bryna Telsner, Health Coordinator, LEA Liaison	Ext. 1356
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Looking forward to a year filled with  
nachas, development and success!

**Please note these important dates:**

**ט' אלול 2 Tuesday, September**  
Orientation for Parents Only

**י' אלול Wednesday, September**  
First day - Half Day School – 9am -12:00 pm  
No lunch, no bus.



**PRESCHOOL בית רבקה**

If you have any further questions, please contact our office at  
(718) 735-0770 ext. 1287