

ACTING WITH DERECH ERETZ **BEIT RAYIM HEBREW SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT**

STUDENTS

Beit Rayim Hebrew School ("BRHS") promotes Derech Eretz (respect), responsibility, civility and academic excellence in a safe learning environment.

All students, teachers, parents and staff have the right to be safe and feel safe in their school community. They have a responsibility to act with Derech Eretz towards others, to abide by the rules and to be accountable for actions antithetical to the school community.

Students and teachers have a right to learn and teach in a mutually respectful environment which is safe, supportive and cooperative.

Guiding Principles

- All participants involved in the BRHS system – students, parents or guardians, volunteers, and staff – are included in this Code of Conduct whether they are on school property, at school-authorized events or synagogue activities.
- Members of BRHS community are expected to resolve conflict and differences with respect and civility, through non-violent means.
- Aggressive behaviour, either physical or verbal, is not an appropriate way to interact with others.

Responsibilities of Students

Students are to be treated with respect and dignity. Students should reciprocate by demonstrating respect for staff, their peers and elders, and reflect Derech Eretz through acceptable behaviour.

Respect and responsibility are demonstrated when a student:

- come to school on time, prepared and ready to learn
- refrain from bringing anything to school that may endanger the safety of others
- strive toward self discipline
- work diligently and cooperatively
- strive to perform to the best of their abilities
- maintain a positive attitude
- treat staff and fellow students with courtesy, dignity, and respect
- use appropriate language at all times
- be respectful of differences in people, their ideas and opinions
- respect the personal space of other students
- respect the property of students and the school
- help others in need as appropriate
- follow the established rules

- take responsibility for his or her own actions
- **reflect a positive Jewish identity**
- remember what it means to be a MENSCH:
 - **M** IND your **M**ANNERS – be polite to everyone
 - **E** NJOY yourself and the time you spend at Beit Rayim
 - **N** OTE the **N**EATNESS of the school and keep it clean
 - **S** PEAK in a **S**OFT voice
 - **C** ONVEY **C**ONSIDERATION and **C**ARING for other’s feelings
 - **H** ELP other students, teachers, parents and visitors

Acting like MENSCHEN makes Hebrew School a fun experience and is a reflection of the values God asks us to live by as Jews.

Physical safety

All BRHS members, including students must:

- not be in possession of any object of a threatening nature
- not be in possession of any illegal drugs or alcohol
- not inflict, or encourage others to inflict, bodily harm to another person