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Dear Parents of Preschool Students,

Preparations are well underway for an exciting year in Preschool. We hope that you are enjoying your summer and looking forward to starting school in September. The Administration and your Preschool teachers have been working hard over the summer to further develop and refine our program.

We are thrilled to have three fantastic teachers in our Preschool this year. Morah Rutie Mizrahi has over 25 years of experience working with children in a multitude of settings, including: Preschool, Daycare, informal education, and elementary classrooms. Morah Dikla Mizrahi rejoins the VHA team bringing a wealth of experience working as a Preschool Teacher and other capacities in Jewish educational programs in the Vancouver area. Morah Carmela Ben Saadon will head into her second year in the VHA Preschool. The three teachers are working together, along with the VHA Administration, to plan for an exceptional 2018-19 Preschool year!

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Enclosed you will find supply/activity fee letters for your child. Please be sure to bring the requested items with you on the first day of school. Supply Fee cheques can be mailed to the office or hand-delivered, preferably prior to the first day of school. Enclosed you will also find a copy of our updated Family Handbook and our Preschool Handbook. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the policies and procedures of our school.

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In order to provide our youngest students with the most positive early educational experience, we offer a modified schedule for the first few days of school to help ease new students into what might otherwise be an overwhelming change. While we understand this can cause scheduling challenges for parents during the first week of school, this graduated entry into Preschool allows for parents to aid with the transition to school and also provides the opportunity for the teachers to firmly establish classroom routines and expectations. Below are the detailed timetables for our Preschoolers.

Tuesday, September 4th

- **Preschool 3 – “Orientation Day” 8:30-9:30am**

Parents are asked to join us in the Preschool to introduce children to the classroom and teachers. We ask that younger siblings not accompany you on this day, so as to allow you to give your Preschooler your full attention.

- **Preschool 4 – “Welcome Back to Preschool” 10:00am-12:00pm**

This short first day gives teachers the opportunity to introduce (or reintroduce) students to the guidelines and routines of Preschool.



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Wednesday, September 5th

- **Preschool 3 – “Transition Day” 8:30am -10:00am**

While the teachers help your child transition into Preschool, parents are invited to stay and have coffee and pastries in the library.

- **Preschool 4 – “Transition Day” 9:30am -12:30pm**

Students are introduced to the Preschool 3 students and prepare for a longer day.

Thursday, September 6th

- **Preschool 3 – “Get to Know You Day” 8:30am - 11:30am**

The schedule increases allowing students to grow into their new environment. Students will spend their day with the Preschool 4 students today.

- **Preschool 4 – “Regular Schedule” 8:30am - 12:30pm**

We will move to the regular Preschool schedule as the children re-acclimatize to the school setting

Friday, September 7th

- **Preschool 3 and 4 – “Regular Schedule” 8:30am - 12:30pm**
****First Shabbat Party****

We move to the regular Preschool schedule for the entire Preschool. We would love for parents to join us for our first Shabbat Party of the year, from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Please note that Preschool students proceed directly to their classroom at 8:30am, located next to the north entry doors (signs will be posted). The Preschool staff will be there to welcome you! All students and parents are to remain outside the building, either on the north or south undercover area until the bell rings and a teacher or administrator opens the doors. Please sign your child in in the attendance binders; there you may also leave a short note for the teachers should you wish. We thank you in advance for following these guidelines.

We look forward to greeting you and your child on the first day of school!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Don Pacht'.

Rabbi Don Pacht
Head of School