



# JEWISH ACADEMY OF ORLANDO Weekly Newsletter

Friday, August 18, 2023  
1 Eilul 5783

## Welcome Back!

With excitement filling the classrooms and halls of the Jewish Academy of Orlando, we joyfully welcomed back our students this week. Their eager faces illuminated our campus as they embarked on an inspiring learning journey. Join us in celebrating the promising start of the 2023-2024 school year, brimming with boundless opportunities ahead!



To see more of this week's school moments, visit and follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

Dear JAO Community,

Greetings and a warm welcome to the start of a fantastic school year at the Jewish Academy of Orlando! As the new Head of School, it's an absolute delight to embark on this journey alongside our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families.

The energy and enthusiasm radiating from our staff as we dive into this new year together is truly invigorating. I've had the privilege of visiting classrooms, lunchrooms, immersing myself in the vibrant learning environment that defines our school. And yes, I couldn't resist the opportunity to test my soccer skills with our spirited 3rd - 5th graders—thank you for the challenge!



Looking ahead, I am brimming with excitement for that lies ahead. The promise of growth, discovery, and achievement is palpable, and I can't wait to witness the incredible accomplishments of our students. Moreover, I eagerly anticipate the chance to connect with each and every one of our families over the coming weeks, as we build strong partnerships to ensure the best possible educational experience for our students.

Here's to a remarkable year ahead, filled with learning, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Together, we will make this school year extraordinary.

Warm regards and Shabbat Shalom,  
Chana Ben-Abraham  
Head of School



### HAVE YOU SEEN OUR AFTER CARE OFFERINGS?

We're thrilled to introduce an exciting addition to our offerings: the After School Care Program at JAO, managed by our dedicated staff. This program stands separate from our individual after-school classes such as choir, theater, art, and iLab. Running from Monday to Friday, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm our program is filled with a snack break, reading, homework help, or enrichment activities during focused study time. Students will have guided group activities that encourage collaboration and creativity, enjoy outdoor playtime or engage in indoor physical activities to keep bodies and minds active.

For the convenience of families, children enrolled in after school classes will be seamlessly transitioned to the after school program at 4:30 pm. We believe this program will provide a nurturing and engaging environment for your children as they continue their journey of growth and discovery beyond the regular school hours. Click [HERE](#) to fill out the form.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES START NEXT WEEK!

Get ready to supercharge your afternoons with JAO's electrifying After School Classes! The countdown has begun, and classes are revving up for an explosive start on the week of August 21st. Don't miss out on the excitement - secure your spot today and dive into a world of learning, creativity, and endless fun! Click [HERE](#) to fill out the form.



### 17 IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, August 18

First Shabbats of the School Year (Parents, family & friends welcome)

8:15am Shabbat

5:30pm Back to School Potluck Shabbat

@ Clubhouse at Oak Harbour

Tuesday, August 22

Moms Day off @ Ritz Carlton Spa

Friday, August 25

8:15am Shabbat

*Jewish Academy of Orlando*  
**ALL SCHOOL SHABBAT**  
POTLUCK DINNER

**AUGUST 18 / 5:30PM**

*See you at*  
443 Oak Haven Dr. Altamonte Springs  
Gate Code 0205

LET'S BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR TOGETHER  
SHARING FOOD, FUN & SPLASHES. MAKE SURE  
TO BRING A BATHING SUIT!

PLEASE BRING A  
VEGETARIAN/DAIRY/PARVE DISH TO SHARE.

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT REVITAL (703) 939-7559

**JEWISH ACADEMY OF ORLANDO**  
*Family Skate Celebration*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH  
FROM  
10AM-NOON

JOIN US AT  
**SEMORAN SKATEWAY**  
2670 CASSEL CREEK BLVD  
CASSELBERRY, FL 32707

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED WITH QR CODE  
A HAIVER MUST BE SIGNED AT THE DOOR AND YOU MUST SHOW  
YOUR ID IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS AND OLDER TO ENTER.

\$10 PER PERSON ENTRY & INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL

**JAO Mom's Day Out**  
It's our turn to be pampered!

August 22 9am until 5pm  
Ritz Carlton Grande Lakes Spa | Book your spa services by  
calling 407 206 2400.

HUM has reserved  
a poolside spot for our group!  
•A service is required to enjoy  
the pool.  
•Bring your FL ID for a 15%  
discount.  
•The Spa accepts Spa Finder  
gifts cards which are available  
for a discount at Costco.

For more information contact [lgreenhut@gmail.com](mailto:lgreenhut@gmail.com)

### DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

Marriages, birth announcements, condolences, graduations, promotions, or straight up kudos to you?  
Submit your news to [Cburkett@myjao.org](mailto:Cburkett@myjao.org)



**K-12 scholarships to  
attend private school**  
Scholarships worth on average \$7,000



Academic Excellence. Jewish Pride.

