



GBDS BA'BAYIT

GBDS Ba'Bayit will effectively and efficiently support simultaneous in-person and online learning during the 20-21 school year.

Due to the continued risks associated with COVID-19, we are offering the opportunity for parents to keep children at home while still receiving instruction from Academies @ GBDS Faculty. Academies @ GBDS is also requiring sick students or those in need of quarantine to stay home when risks out-weigh the benefits of in-person lessons. These students also will be afforded the opportunity to learn from home, and to seamlessly transition into virtual learning.

GBDS Ba'Bayit will provide an opportunity for our students to learn at home if they are out of school for a short or an extended period of time during the pandemic. This program allows students to keep up with their current classwork, providing fluid transition opportunities for students to go between **GBDS Ba'Bayit** and in school learning as needed.

What GBDS Ba'Bayit Offers:

1. Access to our school on-line learning platforms where students can access learning materials, resources and assessments. These platforms include RenWeb, Google Classroom, Zoom, and the online components specific to ELA, Math, Judaic and other curricula. Students can also participate in specials.
2. Access to streaming portions of the school day so that students are virtually present in their classrooms for new information. Students at home will be integrated into the daily classroom routine and will participate in the same curriculum and learning activities as their classmates in school.
3. Virtual and individualized help desk for students' technical issues.
4. Daily one on one virtual interactions with their teachers.
5. Physical supplies, including an iPad or Chromebook - picked up from school weekly.

How is GBDS Ba'Bayit Different from Remote School last spring? As with all "firsts", there is a learning curve. We now have the benefit of hindsight to help perfect this virtual experience for those who need it. Academies @ GBDS has purchased additional video technology to produce a more dynamic and interactive streaming experience. In addition, teachers have participated in professional development activities to enhance their ability to effectively teach both in-person and online.

How does GBDS Ba'Bayit integrate with in-class Learning? With **GBDS Ba'Bayit**, students will access the classroom, their classmates, and their teacher virtually throughout the school day. Students will practice the skills and learn the same concepts as their classmates. They will also at times work on independent content offline. Students in the classroom will also have the same independent work time in order to balance teacher time with both online and in-person students. **GBDS Ba'Bayit** students will start on August 31st with their classmates and actively



participate as the teachers introduce procedures and expectations and nurture class culture. **GBDS Ba'Bayit** students will benefit from the same academic excellence and social interactions that our teachers are committed to providing every day.

Can my student use GBDS Ba'Bayit all year? Students can use **GBDS Ba'Bayit** for any amount of time. If a student is using **GBDS Ba'Bayit** as a long term learning option, consistent and substantial parent support will be required.

How do I sign my child up for GBDS Ba'Bayit? *Short Term:* If a child will be out for a short term absence due to illness, possible exposure or other issues, students or parents should reach out to [Marcy Kissane](#) via email and a school staff member will respond to set up your child's schedule for the short term use of **GBDS Ba'Bayit**. Please note if your child is too sick to participate in learning, your child will make up the work once he or she is feeling better. *Long Term:* Parents interested in exploring **GBDS Ba'Bayit** as a long term learning option for your child should email [Lina Shuster](#) to set up an appointment to discuss your options.

*The goal of **GBDS Ba'Bayit** is to give all students opportunities to learn from home throughout the year if needed. It will be fluid and easily transferable; at no point will a student be locked into **GBDS Ba'Bayit** or in-person learning.*