

The Greater Miami Board of License for the State of Florida



License Information For Judaic Studies and Hebrew Language Teachers

An Independent Board affiliated with
The National Board of License for Teachers and Principals of North America

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FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Greater Miami Board of License for the State of Florida (GMBOL) certifies teachers in Jewish schools for the State of Florida (except West Palm Beach) under the guidelines of the National Board of License (N.B.L.).

The GMBOL is an accredited member of the N.B.L. and serves as a regional board, having been assigned jurisdiction over the entire State of Florida (except West Palm Beach) by the N.B.L. in 1956. The GMBOL acts in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures of the N.B.L.

Licenses issued by the N.B.L. are valid for all localities serviced by the GMBOL. N.B.L. licenses are reciprocal and subject to specific local regulations as may be set up by the local Board of License.

The Jewish Educational Technology Specialist, Fine Arts Specialist and Reform Day School Educator Certificate issued by the GMBOL meet local standards and as such are not reciprocal and are only valid in the areas served by the GMBOL.

COMPOSITION OF THE GREATER MIAMI BOARD OF LICENSE (*effective January 1, 2007*) The GMBOL consists of FIFTEEN (15) voting members:

Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Miami (CAJE) Professional Staff	2
Orloff Central Agency for Jewish Education, Broward (Orloff CAJE) Professional Staff	2
Day School Principals / Administrators Council (PAC)	1 from Miami-Dade 1 from Broward
Jewish Council of Early Childhood Educators	1 from Miami-Dade 1 from Broward
Congregational School Directors	1 from Miami-Dade 1 from Broward
At Large	5

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

The GMBOL meets a minimum of four times a year and issues the following licenses and certificates:

1. Judaic Studies and Hebrew Language Teacher License
2. Jewish Early Childhood Educator License
3. Teacher of Talmud License
4. Jewish Educational Technology Certificate
5. Jewish Fine Arts Specialist Certificate
6. Reform Day School Educator Certificate

Principals' licenses are granted only by the N.B.L.

All business dealings with the GMBOL should be addressed to:
 Greater Miami Board of License for the State of Florida c/o
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RECORDS

The GMBOL maintains a file of all applications and the disposition made by the GMBOL in every case. **Teachers are responsible for submitting all certificates of course and hour completion to the GMBOL for their files and are advised to keep copies of all documentation.** *These records are not open to the general public.*

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Information and applications may be obtained from the GMBOL, or from the CAJE web site at www.caje-miami.org.
2. The Executive Secretary will review the application and all support documents and will then notify the candidate indicating what information is still required.
3. All applicants must be available to be interviewed by the Executive Secretary or another member of the GMBOL.

Fees for application for licenses and certificates are as follows:

New License Certificate \$100.00 and License Renewals \$75

4. When the Executive Secretary determines that all requirements for application have been met, the application will then be brought to the GMBOL for approval at their next scheduled meeting
5. The Executive Secretary will confer and consult with the GMBOL regarding course requirement fulfillment in necessary when necessary.
6. The GMBOL has final approval in all granting of licenses and certificates.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSES

The requirements for all license categories are based on the standards of the N.B.L. According to the N.B.L. regulations, local Boards of License may determine such special procedural regulations valid for the specific community in which the local board has jurisdiction, in this case the entire State of Florida except West Palm Beach. The GMBOL also grants certificates for teachers of Jewish Educational Technology, Jewish Fine Arts, and Reform Day School Educators.

1. The applicant must hold continuous membership in a recognized professional educators' organization. A copy of current membership must be submitted with your application.
2. The applicant must honestly represent if they have either been fired or let go from a job.
3. The applicant must honestly represent if they have ever been convicted of a felony.
4. Equivalency credits are accepted as follows for all licenses:

BAGRUT (Certificate Required)

	Credits
Bible	6
History	3
Hebrew Language / Literature	12
Electives	9

ORTHODOX DAY SCHOOLS Grades 9- 12 (Transcript Required)

	Credits
Bible (Introduction, Chumash, Navi)	9
History (survey, Biblical Period)	6
Rabbinics (Talmud, Holidays, Rituals, Law)	6
Hebrew Language / Literature	6
Electives	3

COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS Grades 9-12 (Transcript Required)

	Credits
Bible	3
History	3
Rabbinics	3
Hebrew Language / Literature	3
Electives	3

EQUIVALENCY EXAMS

Equivalency exams credits are accepted from Testing and Training International (TTI). Upon submission of a passing score, credit will be approved. No more than 40 credits will be accepted from this type of equivalency. Please refer to the TTI brochure for exact exams and equivalent credit type.

5. All graduates of current member institutions of the ***Association of Institutions for Higher Learning in Jewish Education (AIHLJE)*** who receive the degrees listed below will be automatically eligible for a Hebrew Teacher License.

BA or a BHL with a concentration in Jewish Education

BJF, BA, MA or MS in Jewish Education;

MJS or MA in Jewish Communal Service with a Jewish Education concentration.

The members of the *Association of Institutions for Higher Learning in Jewish Education* are:

- Baltimore Hebrew University, Baltimore, MD
- Brandeis University, Boston, MA
- The Cooperative Graduate Program of George Washington University and the College of Jewish Studies, Washington, DC
- Gratz College, Philadelphia, PA
- Hebrew College, Boston, MA
- Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, CA
- Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, NY
- Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, NY
- McGill University, Montreal, Quebec
- Siegel College of Judaic Studies, Cleveland, OH
- Spertus College, Chicago, IL
- American Jewish Academy, Los Angeles, CA
- Yeshiva University, New York, NY
- York University, Toronto, Ontario

6. Three (3) elective credits per year (excluding the first year) may be granted for each year of teaching experience with a maximum of 12 elective credits. To qualify, the teacher must have taught a minimum of twelve (12) hours per week.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JUDAIC STUDIES AND HEBREW LANGUAGE TEACHER LICENSE

CORE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	
<i>Fifty-seven (57) credits (1 credit = 15 hours) distributed as follows.</i>	
Hebrew Language and Literature	Three (3) credits Hebrew language.
Tanakh	Fifteen (15) credits -six (6) credits must be taken in Chumash
History	Nine (9) credits
Jewish Thought	Three (3) credits
Rabbinic Literature	Nine (9) credits
Education	Eighteen (18) credits, Three (3) credits must be in educational methodology

ELECTIVE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	
<i>Thirty-three (33) Elective Credits</i>	
Judaic Studies	At least eighteen (18) credits
Related fields such as psychology, education, sociology, philosophy.	Fifteen (15) credits

MAXIMUM TRANSFERABLE CREDITS FOR ALL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES	
Graduates of	Maximum Credits
Secondary Day Schools	30
Israeli Secondary Schools (Bagrut)	30
Supplementary Hebrew High Schools	8
Public High School Courses	12
Jerusalem Exam	12
Satisfactory Teaching Experience	12

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JEWISH EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS LICENSE

CORE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	
<i>Forty-five (45) credits (1 credit = 15 hours) distributed as follows</i>	
Hebrew Language and Literacy	Three (3) credits in beginning conversation and literacy
Bible	Six (6) credits in Biblical literacy
Jewish History	Six (6) credits in Jewish History
Jewish Life and Literacy	Nine (9) credits including three (3) credits in Jewish Holidays and Customs, three (3) credits in Jewish Life cycle
Spirituality / Prayer	Six (6) credits
Mitzvot and Moral Development	Three (3) credits
Education CDA credit-bearing CDA-E	According to state requirements for CDA / CDA-E: Three (3) Credits Child Development, Three (3) Credits Early Childhood Curriculum Three (3) Credits Investigation of Early Childhood Programs Three (3) Credits Observation Course

MAXIMUM TRANSFERABLE CREDITS FOR ALL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES	
Graduates of	Maximum Credits
Secondary Day Schools	30
Israeli Secondary Schools (Bagrut)	30
Supplementary Hebrew High Schools	8
Public High School Courses	12
Jerusalem Exam	12
Satisfactory Teaching Experience	12

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEACHER OF TALMUD LICENSE

CORE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	
<i>Ninety-three (93) credits (1 credit = 15 hours) distributed as follows</i>	
Talmud	Thirty (30) credits from an accredited institution.
Codes	Thirty (30) credits in Codes of Jewish law from a recognized school of higher learning.
Bible	Fifteen (15) credits
Education	Twelve (12) credits to include six (6) credits in methodology; three (3) credits in educational philosophy; three (3) in child development.
History	Six (6) credits in Jewish history. Three (3) credits of which must be in a Jewish history survey course.

MAXIMUM TRANSFERABLE CREDITS FOR ALL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES	
Graduates of	Maximum Credits
Secondary Day Schools	30
Israeli Secondary Schools (Bagrut)	30
Supplementary Hebrew High Schools	8
Public High School Courses	12
Jerusalem Exam	12
Satisfactory Teaching Experience	12

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JEWISH EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

1. A degree in Computer Education or
2. A Major in Computer Science with a Minor in Education or
3. A Major in Education with a Minor in Computer Science

Judaic Course Requirements	
Bible Survey	Three (3) Credits
Customs and Ceremonies	Three (3) Credits
Rabbinic Literature Survey	Three (3) Credits
Jewish History Survey	Three (3) Credits
Hebrew Language	Three (3) Credits

REQUIREMENTS FOR JEWISH FINE ARTS SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

This certificate is a local certificate granted by the GMBOL, and may not necessarily be reciprocal in other parts of the United States and Canada. 1. Education Major with Art or Music Minor or
2. Art or Music Major with Education Minor
3. The Art courses must include the following four courses:

Art Course Requirements	
Art History	Six (6) Credits
Painting	Three (3) Credits
Drawing	Three (3) Credits
Art-related electives	Six (6) Credits

Judaic Course Requirements	
Bible Survey	Three (3) Credits
Jewish Life and Literacy	Three (3) Credits
Rabbinic Literature Survey	Three (3) Credits
Jewish History Survey	Three (3) Credits
Hebrew Language	Three (3) Credits
Jewish Liturgy	Three (3) Credits

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REFORM DAY SCHOOL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

This certificate is a local certificate granted by the GMBOL, and may not necessarily be reciprocal in other parts of the United States and Canada.

Level A Requirements	
Jewish History	Three (3) Credits
Reform Judaism	Three (3) Credits
Jewish Calendar	Three (3) Credits
Life Cycle	Three (3) Credits
Language of Judaism	Three (3) Credits
12 contact hours - 60 hours	

Level B Requirements	
Jewish History	Three (3) Credits
Tanach	Six (6) Credits
Rabbinic Literature	Three (3) Credits
Modern Israel	Three (3) Credits
Religious Thought	Three (3) Credits
Themes of Prayer	Three (3) Credits
Integrating Curriculum	Three (3) Credits
12 contact hours - 96 hours	

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

Licenses and certificates are valid for a period of three (3) years. In order to renew a license or certificate, a licensee must:

1. Submit a renewal application (form available at www.caje-miami.org) and a \$50.00 renewal fee.
2. Complete professional growth areas according to the following stipulations and requirements:
 - A. 1ST renewal requires **60** professional growth hours. **8/60 hours must be in education and/or instructional methodology** and **8/60 hours must be in a Judaic studies/curriculum/content area**. The remaining **44 hours** can be taken in relevant coursework related to the teacher's professional portfolio.
 - B. 2nd+ renewal requires **45** professional growth hours. **8/45 hours must be in education and/or instructional methodology** and **8/45 hours must be in a Judaic studies/curriculum/content area**. The remaining **29 hours** can be taken in relevant coursework related to the teacher's professional portfolio.

PENDING LICENSE

A person may be granted a **Pending License** for a term of 12 months if the applicant requires 6 credits or less in order to complete the license requirements in full. An applicant will not be permitted more than **1 Pending License**.

EXPIRED LICENSE

If a license holder has an expired license in order to reinstate the license the license holder has 2 options.

1. Fulfill the total amount of cumulative hours necessary to reinstate the license and pay the cumulative amount of renewal fees.
2. Open a new license application file providing all necessary transcripts a support documents necessary for review in order to be issued a license based on the current license requirements.

GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

For a listing of approved professional growth venues, please visit www.CAJE-Miami.org, click on the Teacher Licensing and Certification tab, and download the list of *Professional Growth Venues*.

To request pre-approval for conferences, courses, and institutions not listed on the *Professional Growth Venue List*, please visit www.CAJE-Miami.org, click on the Teacher Licensing and Certification tab, and download the *In-House Request Form*.

All approved courses must have a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of classroom time, plus some form of evaluation of the student, i.e. pass/fail, based on written student work as prescribed by the instructor.

Teachers may receive professional growth hours for conducting workshops, seminars, or courses with approval from the Executive Secretary of the GMBOL. Professional growth hours received for teaching a course may not exceed one-half (1/2) of the total hours needed in that license category. Hours will be granted as one hour of credit per one hour taught. Professional growth hours may be given for the same course only once in three (3) years.