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Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

Operations updates for the upcoming 2023-24 academic year

On Sunday, December 31, 2023, we begin the 2023-24 academic year.

In preparation for the new academic year and your safe arrival on campus, we would like to update you on several operational issues, including some of particular importance in this challenging period.

Shelters and safe spaces: Throughout campus are directional signs to safe spaces; we ask each and every one of you to learn, in advance, the locations of shelters and safe spaces in your surroundings, so that you are prepared when you need them. We'd like to point out that as of this time, per Home Front Command directives, the Bar-Ilan campus is defined as "green"; that is, we can carry out our routine on campus with no restrictions. [Safe spaces on campus may be found at this link.](#)

Guidelines for carrying weapons on campus:

Guidelines for entering campus with weapons and carrying weapons on campus may be found at [this link](#).

Campus entry gates under conditions of insufficient work force: Due to call-up of many security staff members, changes are anticipated in the hours that various campus gates are open. Please have valid ID ready, be patient and follow instructions of the security personnel. [Hours of open campus gates.](#)

New campus access control system: Over the last few months we have begun putting into place a new access control system on campus **for vehicular and pedestrian entry** using revolving gates. It is a simple system, allowing flexibility and offering several changes and improvements. The goal of the system is to improve the user experience upon entry to the campus. Details on the system will be sent out in a separate email when implementation is complete.

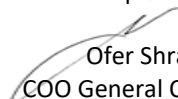
Public transportation to campus, external parking lots and the campus shuttle: Bar-Ilan operates a campus shuttle, which includes a special accessible vehicle for people with disabilities. Further details are available [at this link](#). A GPS app is available to you for the shuttle, with an indicator of actual time of arrival of the shuttle at the station. [Install the application here.](#)

Food and catering, general services on campus: Details on all these may be found [at this link](#). Note that a choice of meat or dairy restaurants are available on the northern campus as well, at the shopping center adjacent to the student housing towers.

These are challenging times. It is clear to us that specific needs, issues and questions will arise; we will make every effort to assist on any matter. Please contact [the operations office via email](#) with any questions you have.

Alongside our preparations for the opening of the new academic year, many members of the faculty, staff and students and the extended Bar-Ilan family are still on active military or reserve duty. We hope and pray that all will return home safely, and that they too will join us on campus, so that together we can enjoy a fruitful, successful and safe year.

Respectfully,


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