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Greensboro Jewish Federation Statement on the Closing of the American Hebrew Academy

GREENSBORO, NC... Our Jewish community learned this morning that the American Hebrew Academy (AHA) Board of Trustees announced that it would be closing the Academy effective immediately.

The American Hebrew Academy (AHA) has for 18 years been an institution of outstanding Jewish and secular studies. It has brought faculty and other professional staff from varied areas of expertise to provide the finest level of education to hundreds of high school students from across the world.

“This is a great loss for the Greensboro Jewish community. The Academy has been a pillar of our community and we are saddened to learn of its closing,” said Sue Simmons, President, Board of Trustees of the Greensboro Jewish Federation.

The American Hebrew Academy released a statement to the community that cited insufficient growth in enrollment and the inability to secure adequate funding to cover future school expenses as the reasons that the school has closed.

“The American Hebrew Academy has provided exceptional education to our Greensboro high school students and to students from all over the world. The Academy has been a formidable Jewish community institution, and has greatly enriched the Greensboro Jewish and greater Greensboro community,” said Marilyn Forman Chandler, Executive Director.

The Greensboro Jewish Federation and Jewish Family Services will be assisting with identifying needs of departing staff, faculty and students and their families and offering information and resources to help with the transition.

“We are in the process of reaching out to local students and families to help them in any way possible,” said Betsy Gamburg, Director, Jewish Family Services of Greensboro.

“Our Greensboro Jewish community is strong and vibrant and we will meet this challenge head on with determination and strength,” said Marilyn Forman Chandler.

For assistance and information please contact Betsy Gamburg, Jewish Family Services (336) 852-4829 x225.

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