



WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE NEW AND FOREVER HOME FOR JEWISH HARRISBURG.

Honoring the generations that came before us, and creating a legacy for the many more yet to come, The Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life will soon become a central hub for our community to gather, to learn, to nurture, and to connect.

The 6+ acres campus and six spacious buildings will provide ample space for a multitude of educational, cultural, philanthropic, and wellness programs for people 6 months to 106 years old.

2986 N. 2ND STREET, HARRISBURG, PA 17110
6.42 ACRES | 135,000 SQ. FT. | 6 BUILDINGS

“An exciting new chapter creating a galvanizing vision and a home for Jewish Harrisburg for generations to come.”

Federation Board Chair, Abby Smith



THE
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WHAT IS THE ALEXANDER GRASS CAMPUS FOR JEWISH LIFE?

The Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life is a major development for the Jewish community of Harrisburg – and the Harrisburg community at large.

The 6.4 acre property will provide space for a variety of programs and organizations, room to meet and convene, and a safe and nurturing space for our community to learn, celebrate, and connect. The campus will house the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg and the JCC, the Silver Academy - Central PA's Jewish Day school, and Jewish Family Service (JFS) of Greater Harrisburg, as well as a variety of other vital services, programs, and organizations.



FAQS

When will the Federation, JCC, and others move to the Campus?

The Federation plans to move staff and programs throughout late summer 2023, with the Brenner Family Early Learning Center and The Silver Academy beginning the new school year on the campus in Fall 2023. We have already begun to host special events on campus when possible in order to introduce community members to the campus. The fitness center is slated to be completed this summer, and we're aiming for a community grand opening this Fall. Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA are also expected to join us on the campus in 2023.

What will each of the buildings be used for?

Many of the buildings will be multi-purpose. Current plans include:

- Grass Center (admin building) – fitness center, Federation staff offices, and event space
- South Hall – Silver Academy classrooms/offices
- Richards Hall – expanded senior programming and additional studio spaces
- Duncan Hall – Brenner Family Early Learning Center, with additional structure to house future Sports complex
- McCormick House – Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA staff offices, offering charitable giving services
- Lehrman Hall – Jewish Family Service staff offices, offering social services like counseling, adoption and foster care, refugee resettlement, and more

Will we need renovate the Campus before we move in?

Yes. We are currently in the process of renovating spaces across the campus to meet the needs of the agencies and the community. The property has been well-maintained and there are no structural issues.

How are we paying for the Campus?

The purchase of the Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Alexander Grass Foundation. To build the Grass Campus into our community's "forever home" with a Kosher commercial kitchen, gymnasium, pool, security infrastructure, and more, we'll secure \$10M in additional funding through our multi-year Comprehensive Campaign with gifts from community members and grant organizations and through the sale of our current facility. Learn more at www.grasscampus.org/support.

What is the plan for the current Federation/JCC building?

The Federation will be looking for a buyer for our current facility, and we are looking at a lease-back arrangement with any buyer of the current building to ensure continuous service of the gym/pool for our members.

How can I join?

For information on joining the Harrisburg JCC, please visit www.jewishharrisburg.org/membership or contact us at membership@jewishfedhbg.org.

Will there be space to rent for events and meetings?

Yes. We are looking forward to making both the indoor and outdoor spaces available for celebrations, events, and meetings. Please contact us at grasscampus@jewishfedhbg.org to inquire about space rentals for your event!

How much parking will be available?

The Campus has 100+ parking spaces in an underground garage and there are above-ground parking lots behind what are currently Lehrman Hall and Duncan Hall. The lot between the Grass Center (admin building) and Richards Hall will be fully reserved for handicap parking.

What security measures will be in place on campus?

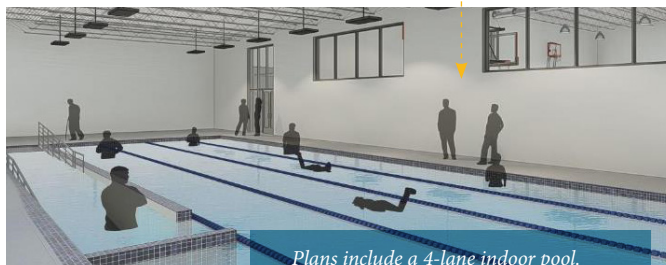
We are currently working with a renowned group of security professionals to complete a full security assessment, which will be put in motion before we step foot on the campus. Some security measures will be visible, while others will be shared with our leadership team so that we know the campus is safe. Our team of professionals are working with local, state, and federal law enforcement to ensure our plans are consistent with best practices. We've allocated 15% of our campaign funds toward security and infrastructure, and our safety will be bolstered by our participation in JFNA and SCN's LiveSecure campaign.

Will there be a Kosher kitchen on campus?

Yes! A Kosher commercial kitchen will be built as an extension of the administrative building and will give us the ability to welcome and serve Jews of all backgrounds both on and beyond our campus. More details to come on Kashrut policies throughout the campus.

Will there be a pool at the Campus?

Yes. Our new plans include a swimming pool which will be used for swimming laps, physical therapy, aquatics classes, and swimming lessons (but will not be a competition pool).



Plans include a 4-lane indoor pool.

FAQS (cont'd)

Have other communities successfully moved to a Campus?

Yes. There are many examples of similar Jewish life campuses across the country, from the Dell Jewish Community Campus (Shalom Austin) in Austin, TX to the Millstone Campus in St. Louis, MO. We have worked with our parent organizations – JCCA and JFNA – to learn about these other campus examples and connect with both their professional and lay leaders. We will continue to look to and learn from other communities as we develop plans for our new Campus.

Will the new Campus have a fitness center?

Yes. Our new fitness center will be a high-end facility, with state-of-the-art equipment overlooking the Susquehanna River and multiple fitness studios to accommodate your favorite classes.

Will there be a basketball court/gym?

Yes. The gym will be a PIAA-sized regulation basketball court. This is the most significant renovation on the Campus, and will come at a later construction phase.

Will there be an auditorium at the Campus?

Yes. The new gymnasium will have the ability to be converted to an auditorium space with a stage and plenty of seating for large events.

Will there be pickleball at the Campus?

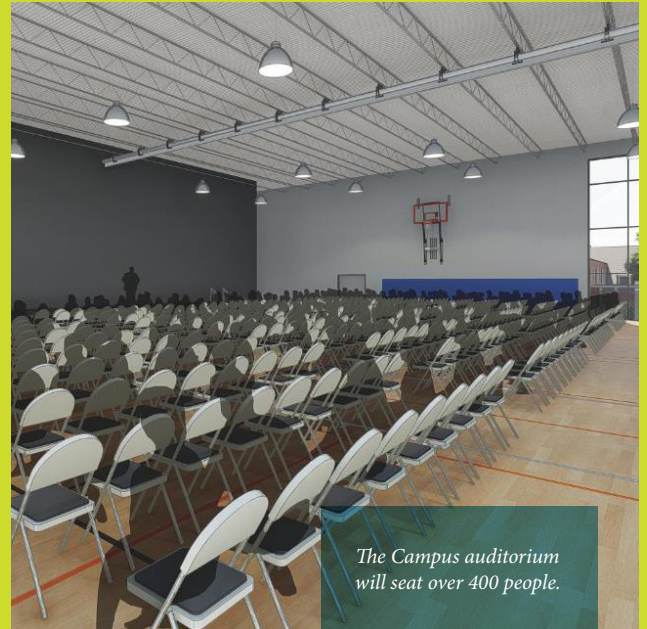
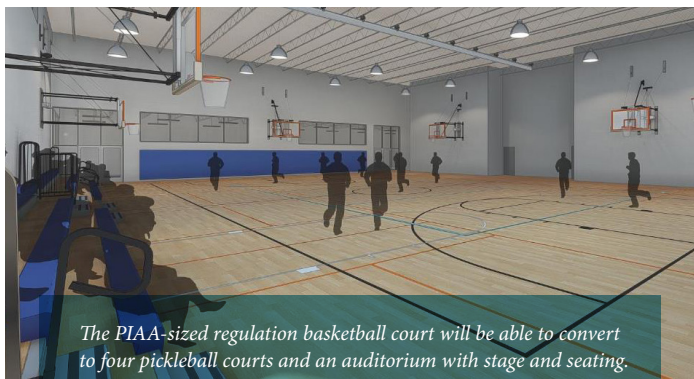
Yes. The gymnasium/basketball court can also be converted to 4 pickleball courts.

How can a community member volunteer to help?

Please contact GrassCampus@jewishfedhbg.org for more information on how to volunteer to help.

How can I stay up to date on what is happening with the Campus?

- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @grasscampushbg
- Sign up for email updates at jewishharrisburg.org/grass-campus-updates
- Learn more at www.grasscampus.org



THE GRASS CAMPUS WILL BE HOME TO THESE VITAL AND VIBRANT ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES:

Brenner Family Early Learning Center
(infant–PreK)

Silver Academy (grades PreK–8)

Hebrew High School (grades 8–12)

Educational programming for all ages

Programming and services for seniors
regardless of religious affiliation

High-end fitness center

Sports Center with basketball court, pool,
fitness center, and wellness programming

Counseling and therapy

Food assistance

Adoption services

Arts & culture

Interfaith

Social justice

and more ...