



# AMERICAN HEBREW ACADEMY

## The International Jewish College Prep Boarding School

**STRATEGIC ALLIANCE FORMED WITH COLEGIO RENASCENÇA JEWISH DAY SCHOOL OF SAO PAULO TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR JEWISH TEENS IN BRAZIL**



In collaboration with NM Intercambios Education, the only AIRC certified educational agency in Latin America, the American Hebrew Academy is proud to announce that it has formed a strategic alliance with [Colegio Renascença](#) a leading Jewish day schools in Sao Paulo. The new alliance will provide greater opportunity to high school students seeking to study in the United States at the only international Jewish college prep boarding school in the world. The American Hebrew Academy (AHA) is an elite school with one of the most prestigious campuses in the world for Jewish high school education.

The American Hebrew Academy, a private school serving students ages 14-19 years of age was founded in 2001. It is nationally accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and Colleges and a member of TABS, the Association of Boarding Schools. The Academy is presently ranked among the Top Ten Jewish schools in the United States; the Top Ten private schools in North Carolina, the number one private school in the triad metropolitan area and was most recently named among the top private schools of distinction in the United States by Newsweek magazine. The American Hebrew Academy specializes in preparatory courses for university, a diverse Jewish studies curriculum, sports, arts and English studies for international students.

The American Hebrew Academy has served students from 38 countries and enrolled students from Brazil since 2004. In the past two years, demand from Brazilian families seeking opportunities to study at the Academy has grown significantly. In announcing the new strategic partnership, Glenn Drew,

Academy CEO stated, “The Academy has worked closely with Jewish community leaders in Sao Paulo for many years. We are delighted to see our relationship grow to this point. Creating a bridge for students from Sao Paulo to the American Hebrew Academy has been brought about by the efforts of many. It is gratifying to know that this new partnership will further educational opportunities for students and professional development for educators.”

Monica Fischmann Mandil, President of NM Intercambio, who has played a significant role in introducing the schools said, “Internationalization and globalization are the major challenges of education today. Colegio Renascença’s partnership with the American Hebrew Academy certainly represents a tremendous step in the institution’s direction to expand international opportunities with an elite institutional partner school that shares its mission to further academic excellence and Jewish values”

English Language Coordinator Lillian Leventhal at Renascenca noted, “Renascença is a Jewish pluralistic school. We welcome Jewish students from different religious backgrounds with respect. We are located on a new campus designed to advance 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Academic excellence is our utmost goal and our work is based on a collaborative and investigative approach. The new partnership with American Hebrew Academy creates new synergies that will ensure our students success as global citizens.” The Academy expresses its gratitude to Renascenca Head of School Marli Ben Moshe for her vision in bringing our two schools together.

Secretary General of the Confederação Israelita do Brasil (CONIB), Mr. Eduardo Wurzman, who has been most helpful in introducing the Academy’s work in Brazil stated,

“I am thrilled to see AHA advancing its reach in Brazil. Ever since I first met Glenn I have been a great enthusiast of AHA, including sending our daughter Tatiana there. She had the most amazing experience, we had the chance to visit her at AHA and all the qualities of an outstanding school were there: strong academics, friends, extra-curricular activities, beautiful campus, intense Jewish life and the most possible caring group of teachers and professionals. It is a precious opportunity for young Jewish girls and boys to experience AHA”.

