



YESHIVAS TIFERES TZVI

PARENT / STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Dear Parents, עמו"ש

We hope this letter finds you in good health and that you are enjoying your summer. Preparations for the upcoming school year are well underway and we look forward to sharing with you a positive partnership that will enable us to have a successful and productive year.

This informational handbook has been prepared so that you can properly familiarize yourself with the Yeshiva's regulations, policies and general guidelines. Adherence to them will enhance your son's education and growth. Please read through the material carefully and retain this handbook for future reference.

In addition, it is important to familiarize your son with its contents so that it is clear as to what is expected of him in Yeshiva. **Especially this year, due to the new Covid guidelines and regulations, it is incumbent that all students are familiar with the policies and guidelines in Yeshiva.**

It is our fervent hope that what is taught to our talmidim in Yeshiva will be a guiding light for them throughout their lives. May we be זורח to a year of **שינתא דשמיא** as we strive to nurture our children into true ehrliche Yidden.

בברכת כל טוב,

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Note:

If there is anything about your son that we should know before the school year begins, please leave us a message at the yeshiva office and we will get back to you at our earliest convenience.

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Snow /School Updates	x 222
Homework Hotline	Grades 1-3: 297 Grades 4-5: 298 Grades 6-8: 299

SCHOOL OPENING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 1	YTT First Day of School Grades 1-8 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (No Minyan/No Lunch)
Tuesday, September 1	YTT Pre-1a “Meet Your Teachers” A-L: 10:00 - 10:45 M-Z: 10:45 - 11:30 <i>An opportunity for parents and children to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings, friends, and teachers</i>
Wednesday, September 2	YTT Full day of school for all grades, Pre-1a-8 8:30 AM - 3:45 PM MINYAN BEGINS: Grades 7-8 - 8:30 AM Pre1a First Day of School 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM <i>Please note, for the time being, there will only be minyan for 7th & 8th grades</i>
Thursday, September 3	Lice Check

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Tuesday, September 8	YTT Parent Orientation <i>It is of utmost importance for parents to take part in this informative meeting. Missing orientation has shown to have an effect on the underlying success of your son's school year. It is vital to join via phone conference. Parents will have the opportunity to hear from their children's Rebbeim and teachers and learn about expectations and objectives for the upcoming school year. Details to follow.</i>
Sunday September 13	FIRST DAY OF SELICHOS YTT Minyan 8:30
Sunday-Tuesday September 18-20	EREV ROSH HASHANA and ROSH HASHANA No Yeshiva
Sunday September 21	TZOM GEDALYA YTT DISMISSAL - 12:15 all grades
Sunday September 23	Picture Day
Sunday-Monday September 27-28	EREV YOM KIPPUR and YOM KIPPUR No Yeshiva
Thursday-Monday October 1-12	YTT SUCCOS Recess No Yeshiva
Tuesday October 13	YESHIVA RESUMES Regular Schedule

DAILY SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY	MON-THURS	FRIDAY
PRE-1A - 4	9:15 - 1:15	8:30 - 3:45	8:30 - 12:30/2:00
GRADE 5	9:15 - 1:15	8:30 - 4:45	8:30 - 12:30/2:00
GRADES *6 - 8	7:40 - 1:15	7:40 - 4:45	7:40 - 12:30/2:00

Please check your son's briefcase daily for any notification of updates or changes that may occur.

EARLY ARRIVAL

Please do not send your son to Yeshiva prior to 8:10 a.m. There is no adult supervision before that time, and the Yeshiva cannot assume responsibility for your children before then.

During Covid-19 all grades will begin at 8:30 (including Minyan for grades 7-8) and end at 3:45.

Due to the current situation many specific and more detailed guidelines and instructions were necessary to be implemented. Please refer to the instructions posted on our website or to the manual send to you by mail.

ATTENDANCE

Coming to yeshiva on time is an essential ingredient in ensuring that your son receives the best possible Torah education. In contrast, coming late not only deters his growth in learning, but is also a great disturbance to both the Rebbi and the class. Please do your utmost to see that your son comes to yeshiva punctually.

LATENESS

In case of lateness, a note signed by a parent must accompany your son to yeshiva to explain his lateness. However, even this method should not be overused.

LEAVING

In case of an appointment or other important occasion that warrants for your son to be dismissed from yeshiva early, a note must be sent with him stating the reason and time of dismissal. Please notify the office a few minutes before you plan on picking him up, so that we can send him to the main entrance in a safe and timely fashion.

MISSING

It has unfortunately been proven that taking one's child out of Yeshiva during the school year is detrimental to his growth, and the repercussions thereof have lasted way past the actual days missed. Unless it is a close family simcha or other such occasion, we strongly discourage leaving yeshiva for other purposes.

VACATIONS

No student may leave Yeshiva for any reason without prior permission from the Menahel. Notifying your son's Rebbe or teacher is not sufficient. In the event that you, the parents, are planning to leave town (even for a short period of time), it is essential that the Yeshiva be notified. A name and contact number should be submitted to the school office prior to your departure.

MINYAN

Attending Minyan (Grades 7 - 8) is not extra curricula. Davening in Yeshiva is an essential part of the Yeshiva schedule and greatly benefits your son's hatzlacha. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, for now 6th grade will not be able to join our מנין. **Additionally, please note that no outsiders, including fathers, may join our מנינים until further notice.**

DRESS CODE

Throughout the תורה we find an emphasis on the clothing a Yid wears. Indeed, one of the three זכויות that ultimately enabled our forefathers to be redeemed from מצרים, was that they did not change from what was accustomed for a Yid to wear. We cannot stress enough the importance of the way one dresses - especially in yeshiva. It is not enough for one to act like a בן תורה - one must look like one as well. When one feels from the way he dresses that he is a special part of the עם ה', he will most definitely act and talk in a more refined way.

The following is what is expected from our talmidim. When in doubt, please ask.

PANTS

- No jeans are allowed to be worn in yeshiva
- Short pants on days that are warm are only permitted for boys in Grades Pre-1A - 4.
- All pants must be dark colored (grades 5-8) and should not be too baggy or tight. Wearing tight pants is a clear desecration of modesty, and unbefitting for a yeshiva boy to wear.
- No sports pants, sweat pants or Tyros type of pants may be worn in Yeshiva.

SHIRTS

Grades Pre-1A-5: When wearing T-shirts or sweatshirts, only ones without words, pictures, or slogans are permitted.

Grade 6-7: Shirts must have a collar with at least 2 buttons on top. No t-shirts are allowed. We highly recommend that as boys become Bar Mitzvah, they should wear white, buttoned down dress shirts.

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Grade 8: Talmidim must wear fully buttoned down white dress shirts.

SHOES

No crocs, or other types of shoes without a back, are allowed to be worn in yeshiva. Sneakers with lights or wheels are not permitted. Socks must always be worn in Yeshiva.

MISC.

- Yarmulkes of sufficient size are required for all students. All imprints should always characterize a “Yiddishe Taam”.
- No caps may be worn in yeshiva
- No bobby pins may be worn, except during recess time.
- A hat and jacket for davening are necessary for boys over Bar Mitzvah age.
- A proper haircut befitting a yeshiva boy is always required.
- We commend all talmidim who wear white shirts on Rosh Chodesh.
- When wearing sweatshirts or pullovers, only solid colored ones, without words, pictures, or slogans may be worn.
- If a boy is not dressed properly, parents will be called to bring a new change of clothing to yeshiva.

LOST AND FOUND

All coats, jackets, hats, etc. should be clearly labeled with your child's name on it. Any clothing left behind will be held in our Lost and Found for 30 days. After this time we cannot be held responsible for them, and they will be considered hefker or be given away to a chesed organization.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please be aware that any electronic devices, including cell phones, ipods, palm pilots, psp's, cameras, mp3's Gameboys and the like, are forbidden to be brought to yeshiva. This includes being used on the bus both to and from yeshiva. *Any such items will be confiscated- not to be returned, on a no-tolerance basis.*

GAMES/BOOKS

No secular themed games, books or cards (including pokeman and sports) may be brought to yeshiva. If brought to yeshiva, they will be confiscated, not to be returned. Our well stocked library contains thousands of quality books that are available for our students to enjoy.

SNACK

Every child deserves a good snack. What is defined as "good", depends on who you ask 😊. As Mechanchim who only want what is best for our children, we ask you to please carefully monitor what your son brings to yeshiva. Many a time, it is the child who decides what is brought to yeshiva, and the outcome isn't always "so sweet"! The amount of sugar intake in both food and drink, has a great effect on the actual functioning of body and mind in people - both old

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and young - and a proper diet is an important factor in ensuring a good day. When bringing dairy food to Yeshiva, only Chalav Yisroel products may be brought. Please respect our policy.

LUNCH

At this time, there will not be KIWI lunch program. Additionally, due to safety reasons, no hot water will be provided to any student for personal lunches or snacks. **No hot lunches may be delivered or brought to your son during the school day.** Absolutely no selling of any food or other items is allowed. Any items or money, will be confiscated by Yeshiva.

SIYUMIM/BIRTHDAY

Any items brought to be shared with the class must be pas yisroel, cholov yisroel and yoshon. No home baked/cooked items are allowed to be brought into yeshiva for distribution purposes. Please keep the birthday celebrations low-key. A simple pekale for the younger grades or a donut/cupcake is more than sufficient. It isn't healthy to overdo it, nor fair to others who cannot afford the extra expense. **Regretfully, during Covid-19 no parties may take place in Yeshiva.**

MEDICAL

The yeshiva takes the health of every child very seriously. Medical forms must be filled out before the school year begins. We cannot stress enough the importance of having all the proper information, should an emergency chas v'shalom arise. Please give this matter your utmost attention.

Any child with a fever of 100 degrees or above, or still "under the weather" from a serious flu or the like, should not come to yeshiva. If a student does come to yeshiva sick, he will be sent home.

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If your child needs to take any medication during school hours, please note the following:

All medication must have a doctor's order and be labeled by the pharmacy with all necessary information. **All medication must be brought to school by the parent and given to the school office. Please do not give medication to a student to bring to school.**

Any child who has a chronic condition and might need to take emergency medication during school hours must have a Medical Action Plan. This would apply to any child with severe allergies, asthma, diabetes or other such medical conditions.

If there are any issues or conditions that may apply to your son please feel free to speak with our School Nurse.

The school wellness policy can be found on our website at <http://jdbyytt.org/handbooks>. Community members interested in participating in reviewing the wellness policy should contact the school.

CONTACTING

In the event that you would like to speak with a Rebbi or teacher, please leave a message for them with the school office or on their "staff extension". Please do not call or text them on their cell phones unless explicit permission was given.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS / SNOW

To be updated on school closings or bus delays, please dial extension 222 after calling the yeshiva office number.

BUSSING / TRANSPORTATION

We are fortunate to have been awarded substantial funding to enable parents to send their children to yeshiva in an affordable and convenient manner.

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Nonetheless, bussing our children to school has its challenges. Having boys from different age groups riding together without proper supervision (especially after a long and tiring day), can at times create situations that are not becoming of a yeshiva student. In the past, there have been some unfortunate instances of fighting and bullying and even a few occurrences of inappropriate and unacceptable behavior.

Please have a talk with your son before the year begins about what is expected of him when riding the bus. In addition, if there are any occurrences or issues that do arise on the bus it is imperative that you notify us as soon as possible.

Please note, that if after one substantial warning your child does not adhere to proper and expected bus behavior he will not be allowed to ride the bus to and from yeshiva and other means of transportation will be necessary. We understand that this may cause tremendous aggravation and is a difficult predicament for many parents, however the safety and welfare of our students will always be first and foremost. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this serious matter.

BICYCLES

Although riding a bike to school can be a healthy and exciting means of transportation, under no circumstances can the safety of our children be jeopardized. In the past, there have been too many near-accidents that could have ended terribly, rachmana nitzlan.

Please note the following policy: *Any boy who will bike, scoot, or hover board to yeshiva without a helmet will not be allowed to ride home.* He will need to be picked up or go on the bus. We cannot allow our talmidim to ride in danger. We hope that as responsible parents you feel the same and will cooperate in ensuring that this rule is adhered to.

OVERNIGHTS

We hereby strongly discourage parents from allowing our talmidim to have sleepover parties. They have unfortunately proven to be detrimental in many ways (both socially and spiritually) to the development and success of our children's growth.

VAAD

Our Vaad Hachinuch, led by Horav Dovid Zuker Shlit"a, oversees our Yeshiva's overall policies and educational structure. The Vaad meets regularly with the hanholas hayeshiva to discuss any issues that arise throughout the school year. The Vaad Hachinuch members include: Rabbi Zev Cohen, Rabbi Asher Krupnick, Rabbi Dov Liebenstein, Rabbi Mordechai Mannes, Rabbi Avrohom Shimon Moller, Rabbi Binyomin Neuman, and Rabbi Yaakov Robinson. They are available to speak with parents if their concerns were not able to be worked out directly with the hanholas hayeshiva.

TECHNOLOGY / KEDUSHA

The use of the internet, especially by young children, has unfortunately ruined lives and broken up families. The challenges we face in today's world to raise pure and pious children is certainly not an easy one. As Mechanchim, we must do our utmost to protect our most precious assets from the filth and warped mindset of the outside world.

No Jewish home should have unfiltered internet service. In the event that it is necessary to have internet in one's home, it must be protected in a most stringent way. No child may ever be allowed to be on-line alone and/or without parental supervision, and all computers must be kept in an open area.

No elementary school student should own a cell phone or have easy access to one. In the event that a child is given a phone to use (when going to a store or outing) it must only be one that has no internet access on it. If an occasion arises that a student must bring a phone to school for after school access, the hanhallah must be informed prior to your son bringing it to yeshiva and the phone must be handed in to the office for the entire day. Please note, a boy bringing a phone to his friends Bar Mitzvah is totally unnecessary, usually detrimental, and has proven to cause great disturbance to the actual simcha.

MUSIC

Chazal describe in great detail the dreadful impact that occurs to a Yiddishe neshama that is exposed to secular music and lyrics. There is no way that a child who listens to secular music will be able to succeed in his learning. Sadly, many are in denial of this blatant fact and it is quite a difficult habit to undo. We beseech you to protect your child from these outside detrimental influences and ensure the purity of our

talmidim's neshamos.

The yeshiva reserves the right to suspend or expel any child from families that violate the above standards. We love our talmidim and only want what is best for them as we try our utmost to educate them b'derech yisroel sava. There is no way we can succeed with talmidim who are being fed offensive images and information that totally contradict what we are trying to implement.

IN CLOSING...

We take tremendous pride in having the opportunity to partner with you in being mechanech the future generations of Klal Yisroel. Only by working together in unison can we accomplish our dreams and goals of nurturing our children to their utmost potential. We look forward to providing them with unparalleled chinuch in both our limudei kodesh and chol departments and daven for success in fulfilling our sacred mission.

We thank you for your partnership and cooperation and look forward to a tremendous year of growth. May we merit seeing our children continue on the path of Torah and yiras shomayim, as healthy and happy adolescents.



**With heartfelt wishes for a
successful year for all,**

Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi

The State of Illinois provides daycare assistance to families who meet the criteria through the Illinois Action for Children program. Application forms are available in the Business Office or online at the Illinois Action website <http://www.actforchildren.org>. In addition to meeting the income requirement, families are eligible if both parents are either attending undergraduate school (not graduate or professional school), working or commuting to work or school at the same time, which is coincident with the hours of childcare. Childcare hours are prior to 8:30 AM or after 3:45 PM when children need to either arrive before school begins or stay after the school day ends.

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