



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.

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 זוכה to a year of **סייעתא דשמיא** as we strive to nurture our children into true ehrliche Yidden.

בברכת כל טוב,

Rabbi N. Muller, Menahel
Rabbi S. Tenenbaum, Mashgiach
Rabbi Osher Katz, S'gan Menahel
Rabbi E. Kletenik, Principal
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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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SCHOOL OPENING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 31	<p>YTT First Day of School Grades 1-8 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (No Minyan, No Lunch)</p>
Wednesday, August 31	<p>YTT Pre-1A “Meet Your Teachers” A-L: 10:00 – 10:45 AM M-Z: 10:45 – 11:30 AM <i>An opportunity for parents and children to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings, friends, and teachers.</i></p>
Thursday, September 1	<p>YTT Full day of school for grades 1-8 Please see hours on page 5</p> <p>MINYAN BEGINS for: Grades 7-8 at 7:45 AM <i>Please note, for the time being, there will only be minyan for 7th & 8th grades.</i></p> <p>Pre-1A First Day of School 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM <i>There will be no busing for Pre-1A on the first day.</i></p>
Friday, September 2	<p>Dismissal for all grades P-8 12:30 PM</p>

SCHOOL OPENING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 6	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. 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 18	FIRST DAY OF SELICHOS YTT Minyan 8:30 AM
Sunday-Tuesday September 25-27	EREV ROSH HASHANA and ROSH HASHANA No Yeshiva
Wednesday, September 28	TZOM GEDALYA YTT DISMISSAL - 12:15 PM all grades
Tuesday-Wednesday October 4-5	EREV YOM KIPPUR and YOM KIPPUR No Yeshiva
Thursday, October 6	Yeshiva for all grades P-8 Dismissal at 12:30 PM
Friday-Wednesday October 7-19	YTT SUCCOS Recess No Yeshiva
Thursday, October 20	YESHIVA RESUMES

DAILY SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY	MON- THURS	FRIDAY
PRE-1A – 5	9:15 - 1:15	8:30 - 3:45	8:30 - 12:30
GRADES *6 – 8	7:45 - 1:15	7:45 - 4:30	7:45 - 12:30

*Please note: Minyan for 6th grade will only begin a few weeks after Sukkos. Details to follow.

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 AM. There is no adult supervision before that time, and the Yeshiva cannot assume responsibility for your children.

ATTENDANCE

Arriving at Yeshiva on time is an essential ingredient in ensuring that your son receives the best possible Torah education. In contrast, arriving 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 YESHIVA

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

MISSING YESHIVA

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 beyond the actual days missed. Unless it is a close family simcha or other such occasion, we strongly discourage leaving Yeshiva for other purposes.

ATTENDANCE

VACATIONS

No student may leave Yeshiva for any reason without prior permission from the Menahel. Notifying your son's Rabbi 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.

SUMMER SEMESTER

Four years ago, our yeshiva had the zechus of adding 3 weeks to our yeshiva calendar, encompassing over a million minutes of learning Torah and exciting activities and trips during the afternoon hours each summer. Famously dubbed as 'Scamp' (or Zimmer Cheder!), it is a time during which the boys end the year on a high in all areas. Please note that this semester is not an extra credit time but an integral part of our talmidim's chinuch. Every boy, without exception, is expected to be in yeshiva until the last day of the year.

MINYAN

Attending Minyan (Grades 6 - 8) is not extra curricular. Davening in Yeshiva is an essential part of the Yeshiva schedule and greatly benefits your son's hatzlacha.

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 unbecoming for a Yeshiva boy to wear.
- No sports pants, sweat pants or Tyros type of pants may be worn in Yeshiva, even during the summer morning sessions.

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 on them are not permitted. Socks must always be worn in Yeshiva and should be visible. **“No Show” socks are not permitted.**

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 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 times, 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 and young - and a proper diet is an important factor in ensuring a good

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day. When bringing dairy food to Yeshiva, only Cholov Yisroel products may be brought. Please respect our policy.

LUNCH

Due to safety reasons, no hot water can 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, Yoshon, and if milchig, Cholov Yisroel. 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.

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.

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

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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.

Our nurse, Mrs. Elisheva Neuberger, can be reached at extension 644.

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, after one substantial warning, if 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 AND SEGWAYS

Although riding a bike or segway 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 expectation is followed.

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 Zucker Shlit" a, oversees our Yeshiva's overall policies and educational structure. The Vaad meets regularly with the Hanhallas HaYeshiva to discuss any issues that arise throughout the school year. The Vaad Hachinuch members include: Rabbi Zev Cohen, Rabbi Asher Krupnick, Rabbi Dov Leibenstein, 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 Hanhallas HaYeshiva.

TECHNOLOGY / KEDUSHA

The use of the internet, especially by young children, has unfortunately ruined lives and destroyed families. The challenge 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's 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 friend's 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,

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