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OF PHILADELPHIA

# PARENT HANDBOOK

תשפ"ד



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**Dear Parents,** עמ'ר'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. The חינוך of your sons is of utmost importance and their success is our priority. We look forward to sharing a positive partnership with you that will enable your sons to be מצליח.

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

Our fervent hope is that what is taught to our תלמידים in Yeshiva will be a guiding light for them throughout their lives. May we be זוכה to a year of סייעתא דשמייה as we strive to nurture our children into true *ehrlliche Yidden*.

Wishing you a safe and healthy summer!

בברכת כל טוב,

**Rabbi Yoel Rosenberg**

Menahel

**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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## YESHIVA OPENING SCHEDULE

<b>Wednesday, August 30</b>	<b>First Day of Yeshiva</b> 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  <b>Nursery Orientation/ Meet Your Moros</b> 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
<b>Thursday, August 31</b>	<b>First Full Day</b> Please see hours on pg. 5
<b>Friday, September 1</b>	<b>Dismissal at 12:30 PM</b> (Regular Friday Dismissal)

## YESHIVA OPENING SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, September 11</b>	<p><b>Yeshiva Ketana Parent Orientation</b></p> <p><i>It is of utmost importance for parents to take part in this informative meeting. Missing orientation has been shown to affect the underlying success of your son's school year. Parents will have the opportunity to hear from their sons Rebbeim and teachers and learn about expectations and objectives for the upcoming school year. Details to follow.</i></p>
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<p><b>FIRST DAY OF SELICHOS</b></p> <p>START – 9:30 AM</p>
<b>Friday-Sunday September 15-17</b>	<p><b>EREV ROSH HASHANA and ROSH HASHANA</b></p> <p>No Yeshiva</p>
<b>Monday, September 18</b>	<p><b>TZOM GEDALYA</b></p> <p>START - 9:00 AM</p> <p>DISMISSAL - 12:30 PM</p>
<b>Sunday-Monday September 24-25</b>	<p><b>EREV YOM KIPPUR and YOM KIPPUR</b></p> <p>No Yeshiva</p>
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b>	<p><b>MACHARAS YOM HAKIPPURIM</b></p> <p>Pre-1A – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: START – 8:25 AM; Nursery: START – 9:30 AM</p>
<b>Thursday-Monday Sept. 28 – Oct. 9</b>	<p><b>SUCCOS Recess</b></p> <p>No Yeshiva</p>
<b>Tuesday, October 10</b>	<p><b>YESHIVA RESUMES</b></p> <p>START - 9:30 AM</p>

## ATTENDANCE

	SUNDAY	MON-THURS	FRIDAY
Nursery		8:30 – 1:00/ 1:00 – 3:00	8:30 - 12:30/1:00

	SUNDAY	MON-THURS	FRIDAY
Pre-1A – 3	9:00 - 1:30	8:30 – 4:00	8:30 - 12:30/1:00

	SUNDAY	MON-THURS	FRIDAY
<b>קודש Class Begins</b>	9:00	8:30	
<b>Morning Recess</b>	10:00 – 10:20		
<b>Lunch/ Recess</b>	11:45 – 12:30		TBD
<b>GS Class Begins</b>	N/A	1:30	N/A
<b>Afternoon Recess</b>	N/A	2:30 – 2:50	N/A
<b>Dismissal</b>	1:30	4:00	12:30/ 1:00 After פסח

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

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## ATTENDANCE

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### EARLY ARRIVAL

Please do not send your son to Yeshiva prior to 8:15 AM during the week and 8:45 AM on Sundays. There is no adult supervision before that time and, as such, the Yeshiva cannot assume responsibility for your children before then.

Coming to Yeshiva on time is essential in ensuring that your son receives the best תורה 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.

### LEAVING YESHIVA

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 he can be escorted to the main entrance in a safe and timely fashion.

### MISSING YESHIVA

Unfortunately, taking one's child out of Yeshiva during the school year is detrimental to his growth, and the repercussions thereof last well past the actual days missed. Unless it is a close family שמוח or other such occasions, we strongly discourage missing Yeshiva for other purposes.



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## ATTENDANCE

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If you, the parents, are planning on being out of town with your sons, even for a short period, it is essential to discuss it first with the Menahel. No תלמיד may miss Yeshiva, even for reasons such as a close family שמחה or other such occasions, without prior permission from the Menahel. Notifying your son's Rabbi or teacher is not sufficient.

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## DRESS CODE

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Throughout the תורה, we find an emphasis on the clothing a Yid wears. That being said, we cannot stress enough the importance of how 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 fashion.

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

### **PANTS**

- Pants should be a dark color and not too tight or baggy. Jeans, tyros, sweatpants, or other types of sports pants are not permitted.
- Shorts are only permitted in Nursery and Pre-1a and must reach the knee.

### **SHIRTS**

- Only shirts without pictures, oversized logos, or writing are permitted. Any color shirt will be acceptable.
- Although we encourage תלמידים from 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older to wear collared shirts, collared shirts will only be mandatory from 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- White shirts are worn on ראש חודש.

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## DRESS CODE

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### SHOES

Shoes must have a closed back and must be worn with socks. Crocs, Natives, Floafers, or anything of the type are not permitted.

Ankle socks are not permitted.

### MISC.

- Should a Yarmulka have an imprint, it must characterize a "*Yiddishe Taam*".
- No caps may be worn in Yeshiva.
- A proper haircut befitting a Yeshiva boy is always required.
- Only sweatshirts without pictures, logos, or writing are permitted.

**LOST AND FOUND**

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

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Please be aware that any electronic devices, including cell phones, iPods, PSPs, cameras, MP3s, Gameboys, and the like, are not allowed to be brought to Yeshiva. This includes being used on the way both to and from Yeshiva. *Any such items will be confiscated - not to be returned, on a no-tolerance basis.*

**GAMES/BOOKS**

Secular-themed games, books, or cards may not be brought to Yeshiva.

**SNACK**

Healthy snacks and a proper diet are known to greatly affect the functioning of the body and mind in children (and adults) and are an important factor in ensuring a good day. Please keep this in mind when choosing and packing your son's snacks. When bringing dairy food to Yeshiva, only חלב ישראל products may be brought. Please respect our policy. Yeshiva Ketana is a nut-free school. Please do not send any food that contains/may contain nuts.

Please note that there is a no-sharing policy for snacks.

**SIYUMIM/BIRTHDAY**

The Yeshiva Ketana policy regarding birthdays is that, with prior permission from the Menahel or Rebbi, on a תלמיד's Hebrew birthday, he may bring in store-bought baked goods to share with his class. The baked goods must be bought from an establishment that is owned and operated by *frum* Yidden. Please do not send in candy, *pekalach*, or anything home-baked.

For any questions, please speak with the Menahel.

**MEDICAL**

The Yeshiva takes the health of every תלמיד 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, ח"ו, 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 תלמיד does come to Yeshiva sick, he will be sent home.

If your child needs to take any medication during Yeshiva 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.**

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## GENERAL INFO

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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 תלמיד 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 the Menahel.

### **CONTACTING**

If you would like to speak with a Rabbi or teacher, please leave a message for them with the Yeshiva office. *Please do not text the Rabbi or teacher.*

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS / SNOW**

Should there be any Yeshiva cancellations, ח"ו, or late starts due to weather, we will send out a text message with an update.

## THINGS TO KNOW

### VAAD HACHINUCH

Our Vaad HaChinuch oversees our Yeshiva's overall policies and educational structure. The Vaad HaChinuch consists of HaRav Sholom Kamenestky שליט"א and HaRav Shimon Yehuda Svei שליט"א. The Vaad meets regularly with the Menahel to discuss any issues that arise throughout the school year.

### TECHNOLOGY / KEDUSHA

No Jewish home should have unfiltered internet service. If it is necessary to have internet in one's home, it must be protected most stringently. 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.

### IN CLOSING...

We take tremendous pride in having the opportunity to partner with you in being מחנך the future generations of כלל ישראל. Only by working together in unison can we accomplish our dreams and goals of nurturing our sons to their utmost potential. We look forward to providing them with unparalleled חינוך in both our לימודי קודש and חול 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 sons continue on the path of תורה and יראת שמים, as healthy and happy adolescents.



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

**Yeshiva Ketana of Philadelphia**

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