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YESHIVA KETANA
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PARENT HANDBOOK

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Dear Parents, עמור'ש

We hope this handbook 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 תפילה 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 טייעטא דשמייא 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

Wednesday, September 4	<p>First Day of Yeshiva, Pre-1A – כיתה ד 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM</p> <p>Nursery Orientation/ Meet Your Moros 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM</p>
Thursday, September 5	<p>First Full Day Pre-1A – כיתה ד Please see hours on pg. 5</p> <p>Nursery First Day 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM</p>
Friday, September 6	<p>Dismissal at 12:30 PM All Classes (Regular Friday Dismissal)</p>
Monday, September 9	<p>Nursery First Full Day Please see hours on pg. 5</p>
Wednesday, September 11	<p>Yeshiva Ketana Parent Orientation Dismissal – 3:00 PM All Classes</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 a child'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>

DAILY SCHEDULE

	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 – 4	9:00 - 1:30	8:30 – 4:00	8:30 - 12:30/1:00

	SUNDAY	MON-THURS	FRIDAY
קודש Class Begins	9:00	8:30	
Morning Recess	10:15 – 10:35		
Lunch/ Recess	11:45 – 12:30		N/A
GS Class Begins	N/A	1:30	N/A
Afternoon Recess	N/A	2:30 – 2:50	N/A
Dismissal	1:30	4:00	12:30/ 1:00 After פסח

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

ATTENDANCE

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 sons 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

If your son is late, a note signed by a parent must accompany him to Yeshiva to explain his lateness.

LEAVING YESHIVA

In case of an appointment or other important occasion that warrants your son to be dismissed early from Yeshiva, the reason and time of dismissal must be conveyed either with a note or a phone call to Yeshiva. Additionally, 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.

ATTENDANCE

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 the office, your son's Rebbe, or teacher is not sufficient.

DRESS CODE

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/denim, tiros, sweatpants, or any other 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 א כתה and older to wear collared shirts, collared shirts are only mandatory beginning in ד כתה.
- White shirts are worn on ראש חודש.

DRESS CODE

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*."
- *Yarmulkas* should be dark colored (black or navy). This includes the entire *Yarmulka*.
- 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.

GENERAL INFO

LOST AND FOUND

All of your sons' belongings (coats, jackets, hats, etc.), should be clearly labeled with your sons' 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, radios, iPods, PSPs, cameras, MP3s, MP4s, smart watches, 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 and 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 sons' snacks. When bringing dairy food to Yeshiva, only חלב ישראל products may be brought.

Yeshiva Ketana is a nut-free school. Please do not send any food that contains/may contain nuts. This includes peanuts and tree nuts.

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

GENERAL INFO

SIYUMIM/BIRTHDAY

The Yeshiva Ketana policy regarding birthdays is that, with prior permission from the Menahel or Rabbi, on the Hebrew birthday of a תלמיד א' and younger, 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. בעז"ה, all תלמידים's birthdays will be recognized in Yeshiva.

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 is 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 Yeshiva by the parent and given to the Yeshiva office. Please do not give medication to a student to bring to Yeshiva.**

GENERAL INFO

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

Rebbeim and teachers will inform you of how and when they can be reached throughout the year at the Yeshiva Ketana Parent Orientation. Additionally, if you would like to speak with a Rebbe or teacher, you can leave a message for them with the Yeshiva office. *Please do not text the Rebbe or teacher.*

VISITING YESHIVA

Parents wishing to come to Yeshiva for any reason must sign in at the office upon entering the building and wait to be admitted further. Please understand that this is for the security of our תלמידים.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS / SNOW

Should there be any Yeshiva cancellations, ח"ו, late starts, or early dismissals due to inclement weather, an update via email and/or text message will be sent. Always assume that there is Yeshiva unless you have been notified otherwise. During wintery driving conditions, it is of utmost importance that parents exercise caution while driving. Please call the Yeshiva office to let us know if you will be late due to the driving conditions.

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 Menahel meets regularly with the Vaad 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 online 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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