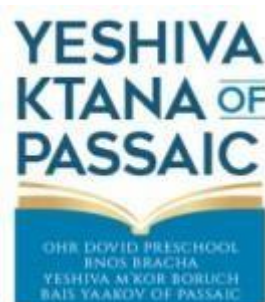


Yeshiva M'kor Boruch Boys Division



PARENT HANDBOOK

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Message from Rabbi Rosenzweigאלול תשפ"ב
August 2022

Dear Parents, עמו"ש

In this booklet you will find an outline of the general policies and systems which are in place in Yeshiva M'kor Boruch.

Here are some thoughts that go with the handbook:

As educators and parents, we are all very cognizant of the individuality of our children. Every single child is unique and must be nurtured according to his particular nature. Nevertheless, we must raise our children to be responsible people who can function in society. Doing so requires that we instill in our children the habit of conforming to rules and systems. With your understanding and support, we can help our children accept restrictions and requirements and comply happily. Please familiarize yourself with this handbook so you will be prepared to help your son be successful and happy in Yeshiva.

Some of our rules are relatively unpopular. Some students and parents have trouble taking them seriously. In all sincerity, for the sake of your children's character, I urge you not to ignore or circumvent the rules. The children are aware of the rules. They will learn lessons for life by seeing how you relate to the rules. It is fine, constructive and moral to tell a child, "This is what we have to do because it is the Yeshiva's rule. We respect the rules."

I would like to share an important point that I learned from Rabbi H. Basch שליט"א when he was מנהל in the Lakewood Cheder School. As a new year begins, and our children come home full of their impressions from Day One, it is a natural reaction to say, "How do you like your new Rebbe, your new teacher?" There is an incorrect message implicit in that question. A child should be encouraged and expected to relate to his Rebbe and teacher with respect and deference rather than to form opinions about them. More appropriate opening day questions are, "Who is your Rebbe/teacher?" and "What did you learn about today?"

May הקב"ה grant us the wisdom and strength to raise our children with טוב בעיני אלקים ואדם.

Sincerely,

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DAILY SCHEDULE:**ARRIVAL**

Grades Pre1A-5 must be in school by 8:40 AM. Classes begin at 8:45 AM promptly. **There will be no supervision provided for children in grades Pre1A-5 until 8:30 AM. Students may NOT enter the Yeshiva grounds until that time.**

Grade 6 must be in school by 8:40 AM before Yom Tov and by 7:30 AM once they begin to daven שחרית in school.

Grades 7-8 must be in school by 7:30 AM. תלמידים should proceed straight down to Ohel Yosef for שחרית.

The boys' building will be open at 7:30 AM for grades 7-8. The תלמידים are required to daven with our מנין which begins with ברכות at 7:40 AM. Obviously, in order to be on time for מנין, תלמידים should arrive earlier.

- Until after סוכות, the 6th grade will start their day in school with davening at 8:40, as they did in 5th grade. They should eat breakfast at home before school. After סוכות, they will begin arriving for 7:40 AM שחרית and breakfast. (See calendar for details.)
- On days when we do not have a Yeshiva שחרית, תלמידים of grades 6-8 should proceed directly to their classrooms.

Please discuss with your children the importance of crossing streets safely. Jaywalking is not permitted. There is a crossing guard stationed on Main Avenue and Brook, and Passaic Avenue and South Parkway. Students should avail themselves of these services. Students crossing Terhune Avenue must cross at the corner where we have personnel supervising and directing traffic.

Any child who bicycles, roller blades or rides a scooter to or from school is required to wear an approved safety helmet. If a child arrives without a helmet, the bicycle, roller blades, scooter, etc. will be confiscated until picked up by a parent. No electric scooters or bikes, hoverboards, Segways, etc. may be used or parked on school property nor at Rabbi Weinberger's shul or the Agudah. If a child arrives by those means, **the "electric vehicle" will be confiscated.**

Please note periodic late openings on Sundays marked on the School Calendar. These are for staff meetings and enrichment. On those days there will be no מנין for the older grades. Grades 5-8 should daven before school. You will be reminded in advance by email and schedule notices in the weekly newsletter.

DISMISSAL**MONDAY - THURSDAY**

Grades Pre1A-3	3:45 PM
Grades 4-5	4:25 PM
Grades 6-8	5:10 PM

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

Grades Pre1A-8	12:45 PM
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STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE

Students who arrive late are very disruptive to their classes and the latecomers lose the benefits of an orderly start to their day. **Students arriving after line-up should enter through the main entrance and stop off at the office to receive a late note. They may then proceed to their classroom.** At 9:00, all entrances will be closed except for the main entrance of each building.

In the event that a תלמיד grades 6-8 misses שחרית or comes late, he must present a note to Rabbi Edell from a parent explaining his absence or lateness.

It is a parental responsibility to ensure your child's on-time arrival at ישיבה.

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Appointments and errands should not be scheduled during school hours.

If a child needs to leave school during school hours, an adult must sign him out at the office. No child may leave the building during school without being signed out. **No student will be allowed to leave his classroom until the office has called the room to request his dismissal.**

Please do not tell your son to wait outside or to wait at the door. If you are coming to pick him up, the correct procedure is: Come to the Yeshiva, park your car properly, ask at the office for your son to be called and sign out your child. If you have small children in the car and you cannot come in, you may call the secretary to send for your son. She will sign him out and send him out to your car, but only after you are parked at the Yeshiva.

In **Junior High school**, permission must be obtained from a מנהל or a principal in order for a student to be dismissed. If possible, please call the office a day in advance to make arrangements. After your child's dismissal has been approved by a מנהל, please follow the procedures outlined above.

CARPOOL INFORMATION:ARRIVAL

All carpools should drop off the children on Terhune Avenue along the sidewalk in front of our building. Children should then proceed to their classrooms using their assigned stairwells.

To alleviate congestion on Terhune Avenue, we ask the following:

1. Do not approach the building from Main Avenue. The flow of traffic should only be from Passaic Avenue down Terhune.
2. Children must be dropped off and picked up from the school side of Terhune Avenue.
3. There will be no dropping off or picking up on Main Avenue
4. Do not use Westminster Avenue to approach Terhune Ave. The resulting traffic jam at the corner of Terhune and Westminster inconveniences our neighbors.
5. If you are dropping off children at the yard between the two buildings, please signal with your right-side blinker as you approach. This way the cars behind you can know your intention and the person directing traffic can guide you to a parking spot.

Do not drop off children from a double-parked car. It is extremely dangerous. You must be at the curb before opening a door.

No cars may be parked on the school side of Terhune Avenue. If you want to park and leave the car, please go around the corner and pull into the parking lot from the Main Avenue entrance.

Children may not walk through the parking lot at Main Avenue. They must enter the school property from Terhune Avenue only. Please inform your children of this rule. This is for the children's safety. Cars are pulling in and out and there is no safe walkway through the Main Avenue parking lot at arrival time. (At dismissal time, a walkway is set up using portable partitions.)

DISMISSAL – 3:45 PM

Every carpool is assigned a number and a name. An email will be sent on how to register your carpool online. Blue cards with the carpool number and carpool name will be given out to be displayed in the windshield of each car doing the pickup.

There are four Pickup Locations where you may park:

1. "The Back Parking Lot" (i.e. between the Pre1A playground and the main Boys Building)
2. "The Sidewalk" (i.e. along the sidewalk on Terhune Avenue)
3. "The Front" (i.e. the second driveway, from beyond the sidewalk – never block the sidewalk – until the driveway turns toward Main Avenue)
4. "Toward Main" (i.e. the driveway from after the turn toward Main until just before the exit to Main Avenue – never block the exit)

All carpools should approach from the Passaic Avenue direction and proceed to a Pickup Location. Your carpool number must be displayed in the driver's side window. A staff member will direct you to a parking place and call your carpool number and name in to the office.

Texting:

You may text your carpool number, name and location to the Yeshiva office once you have parked in a pickup location (e.g. 20 Elmwood Front, 35 Ascension Side, 56 Korn brothers Back.) The texting numbers are located on the back of your carpool card.

- You may text your information only after your car is properly parked with the engine off at a legitimate dismissal spot.
- Please text only your carpool number, carpool name and location, not individual student names. (On Fridays and Sundays, those that don't have carpool numbers since they don't generally pick up during a 3:45 dismissal may text individual students' names.)
- Please text to the phone number assigned to your carpool as too many texts coming through on one line freezes the system.
- Please do not re-text your carpool information until 5 minutes have elapsed from your last text.
- If some of your carpool passengers have arrived but you are missing one or two students, you may then text just those names to be announced.
- Text messages are picked up only during dismissal. Please do not send other messages through the system. The office will not receive those messages.

Additional Notes:

- **Please remember: It is dangerous and illegal to speak or text on your cell phone while driving.**
- Please be alert to the instructions of the staff member in charge. Please comply at once with his instructions. He is the one who has the larger picture and the responsibility.
- When you have parked properly in a Pickup Location, turn off the motor.
- Please do not leave your car unless you clear it with the staff member on duty.
- **Please, DO NOT ALLOW children to enter your car** if you are not properly parked at a Pickup Location. It is extremely dangerous AND it disrupts and undermines the Dismissal System. The children know they are supposed to be waiting **inside** until they are sent out to you. Please uphold the system that is designed for their safety; do not provide an incentive for misbehavior.

Walkers

You may instruct your children to walk home if you are convinced this is a safe option for them, considering their age and competence and the address to which they are going. Children must wear helmets when riding bikes, roller-blades, or scooters to school. (Motorized scooters and hover boards are not permitted.)

Your son will be dismissed at the end of school and he will not be permitted to linger on the grounds.

Some parents have instructed their children to walk off the Yeshiva grounds – as though walking home - and wait to be picked up at another predetermined location. It should be known that we **cannot** and **do not** accept responsibility for your child's safety if you do not use one of the four carpool locations. (We have been made aware of inappropriate and potentially dangerous behaviors that were routinely taking place in at least one of these unsupervised waiting locations.) We believe it is worth the trouble to participate in our regular dismissal procedure.

At the end of dismissal - approximately 4:00 – an announcement is made instructing all תלמידים who have not been picked up to come to the school office. **Boys may not wait outside.** If you are late and there is no longer a staff member on duty outside, please pull up in front of the main entrance, turn off your engine and come into the building. The dismissal announcements are over at that point. You must come into the building to call the children of your carpool.

DISMISSAL - 4:25 PM and 5:10 PM

The 4:25 dismissal is only for grades 4 and 5. At 5:10, the 6th, 7th and 8th graders are dismissed and many of them walk home. These dismissals are therefore short and simple. Only the Sidewalk Pickup Location is used and no carpool number is needed.

DISMISSAL - Friday and Sunday 12:45 PM

These dismissals include the entire student body, בלי עיה"ר. Please be sure the driver knows the system and its rules. After about 1:00 PM, any תלמידים who have not been picked up will be told to come to the office. (See 3:45 dismissal above.)

AFTER HOURS:

In the interest of upholding proper Derech Eretz, and to prevent various dangers and נסייונות, students should never enter a classroom area after hours, even to retrieve forgotten books or assignments, without adult supervision. If a student is in the building after hours for a permitted reason (such as a שיעור, a מנין or a sports program), he may not go to another floor or into any classroom without permission.

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

In case of inclement weather or other emergencies, י"ן, for which school may possibly be closed for the day, an email and/or text will be sent out. You may also call the snow emergency number at 973-229-8343. There will be a recorded message from 6:00 AM.

Early dismissal due to developing weather conditions will be decided by 11:00 AM. If there is inclement weather, or some other emergency י"ן, the Yeshiva will inform the parents via email and text. If you are not reachable via that contact information, please call the school at 973-916-1555 after 11:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE:

Regular attendance is essential to your child's educational growth and character development. Doctors' appointments, haircuts and shopping needs should be scheduled during non-school hours. Removing a child from school for an extended vacation is detrimental to your child's education and certainly can deliver an undesirable message about priorities.

DRESS CODE:

- All boys, including Pre1A students, are expected to wear slacks – no jeans, shorts or other informal trousers. Cargo pants are not permitted.
- Tight-fitting pants and pants that lie low on the hips are not acceptable.
- All shirts must be solid, striped or plaid. No writing or flamboyant print on shirts, sweaters, etc. Please do not provide your son with clothing that displays the name of the store, e.g. sweatshirts with "Abercrombie" or "American Eagle" on the front or back. He will not be permitted to wear these items in Yeshiva.
- All shirts must have collars. During the winter, a collared shirt must be worn under sweaters or pullovers.
- Pants need to fit with enough room to tuck in a shirt. Shirts must be long enough to tuck in. Please bear this in mind when selecting clothes.
- Socks must be worn to school every day. Ankle socks are not permitted in Yeshiva.
- Children may not wear Crocs, clogs or wheelies to school.
- Shoes or sneakers that have any kind of lights are not permitted.
- Tomorrow's newly invented unconventional clothing "shtick" are also unacceptable. Please do not buy them.

Children must be wearing sneakers or rubber-soled shoes to play in the gym.

DRESS CODE FOR PARENTS AND VISITORS

All visitors to our buildings can help us uphold a high standard of propriety by dressing in accordance with Halacha. If your babysitter will be dropping off or picking up the children from school, please make sure she is dressed appropriately.

SUPPLIES:

Each student in grades Pre1A through 8th is responsible for his own supplies. Please make sure your son is prepared each day with the materials needed for class.

School supplies misplaced in school or left behind at the end of the year are impossible to return to their owners. Please consider all your son's supplies הפקר if lost in school or left at the end of the year. Also, in the younger grades, teachers sometimes pool the supplies and distribute them as needed. Left over "pooled" supplies will be donated to the Yeshiva or otherwise disposed of.

Your child will be assigned projects during the school year. As a rule, the Yeshiva will not provide arts and crafts materials.

BOOKS:

Students are generally provided with textbooks for secular studies only. The books are the property of the Yeshiva and must be kept in good condition throughout the year. All textbooks must be covered throughout the year. Lost or damaged books will be replaced at the expense of the parents. New books and report cards will not be issued until missing or damaged books are returned or paid for.

ספרים for Limudei Kodesh (chumashim, siddurim, etc.) must generally be purchased by the family. Uniformity is important. Please make sure the seforim you purchase are printed by the publishers noted on the book list. Seforim may be purchased locally at Z. Berman Books. When a sefer is used by only some of the classes in the grade, it will not appear on the school supplies list. Instead you will be asked to purchase it when school begins or when the sefer is needed. We will usually try to make it available in school so you will not need to shop for it.

CLASS LIBRARIES

Books contributed for class libraries in the younger grades must be submitted for review to the administration. We try to maintain a standard of appropriate reading fare which will be acceptable to all our students' families. **Please note** that if we approve a book which is part of a series, it does not indicate that we have reviewed and approved the entire series.

There is a Yeshiva approved book list available through Mrs. Aronovitch, who can be reached at ymlibrary@ykop.org or (973)-777-8597.

PERSONAL READING MATERIALS

As parents, you surely supervise the reading materials that are available to your children. Obviously, there is some latitude with regard to the standards you decide to apply in your home. When books or other publications are brought to school, however, other children are affected.

For this reason, only appropriate Jewish books and books appearing on the Yeshiva approved book list are to be brought to Yeshiva.

LOCKERS:

Students of grades 6-8 will be assigned lockers. Various responsibilities come along with them. **Food cannot be kept in the lockers overnight.** Locks will be provided by the Yeshiva with a \$5 deposit. Putting on any other lock is forbidden.

HEALTHY FOOD POLICY:

In an effort to foster better eating habits, we require that תלמידים of grades Pre1A and 1st bring only healthy lunches and snacks to school. Treats used (sparingly) as incentives by our staff and treats served at parties are not included in this policy. There is a time, place and purpose for "junk food". We believe that this limited consumption is not harmful and will not lead to dangerous habits.

YESHIVA M'KOR BORUCH IS A PEANUT-FREE SCHOOL. This includes anything made with peanuts, their products, and anything made in a facility that manufactures peanuts and/or their by-products. Please be vigilant about reading food labels - it is a matter of פיקוח נפש. Please note that granola bars are especially problematic.

LUNCH:

- Milk is the only drink provided.
- Please make sure to include bread so that your child can participate in ברכת המזון. (Even if the main lunch is something else, include a slice of bread.)
- For safety reasons: PLEASE DO NOT SEND DRINKS IN GLASS BOTTLES.
- If you send an instant soup with your son to accompany his lunch, please send a thermos with hot water. (Instant soup alone is a "junk" lunch.)

SNACKS:

Healthy snacks include fruits and vegetables, plain popcorn, nuts (NOT PEANUTS) and seeds, rice cakes, crackers and pretzels. In grades Pre1A and 1st, the Rebbe or teacher will take other snacks away. Your children are aware of this rule. Please do not disregard it or take liberties with it.

Even in the older grades, where this policy is not in effect, please insist that your son eat a proper breakfast and a proper lunch. For snacks, which are needed during a long school day, there is nothing impossible about a child enjoying a fruit or similar healthy food. In the realm of snack foods, too, there is a great advantage in popcorn and pretzels over fat-laden and sugary "junk foods".

All milchig snacks and beverages sent to Yeshiva must be Cholov Yisroel. This applies even though it is for your son **only**. The students are aware of this rule. Disregarding this (or any other) rule delivers a very problematic message to your child and all those around him.

Gum is not permitted in the Yeshiva at any time.

MEDICATION AND MEDICAL ISSUES:

Forms to authorize medication and treatment for children with existing medical conditions were sent to you via the Parent Portal.

The school nurses can only administer medication, even if it is over the counter (i.e. Tylenol), with a signed authorization form (valid only if it is updated yearly) from your physician.

No child may administer his own medication. If your son is taking medication, please contact the school nurse who will take charge of the medication and administer it as prescribed. If he has a long-term medical condition, please notify the administration.

Before returning to school after an illness students must:

- be fever-free for 24 hours
- have had no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours
- (if taking antibiotics) have been on antibiotics for 24 hours

HOMEWORK:

Homework is an integral part of the school curriculum. To encourage proper study and responsibility, your child should have a SET TIME FOR HOMEWORK in an appropriate setting. Please encourage your children to complete their homework neatly. Teachers will discuss their homework policies during Parent Orientation.

THINGS NOT TO BRING TO SCHOOL:

We do not permit the following items to be brought to school:

- Gum
- Sports cards or other collection cards (אויבער חנם and similar Torah-knowledge cards are permitted)
- Playing cards (UNO cards are permitted)
- Electronic games
- Shooting toys, including water guns
- Pocket knives, Swiss Army knives, etc.
- iPods, MP3s, MP4s or other such devices
- iPads or any item which can connect to the internet
- Cell phones (students may not own a cell phone at any time)
- Any type of smart watch
- USB Drives
- Cameras of any kind, and/or audio recording devices (except with prior permission for special events)
- Laser pointers
- E-cigs, lighters or matches

- Electric scooters or bicycles, hoverboards, Segways or unicycles
- Walkie-talkies
- Books that are not on the Approved Book List (see above)

NO BALLS MAY BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. The Yeshiva will provide equipment for recess games.

If these items are brought to school, they will be confiscated in addition to other possible disciplinary measures. Confiscated items will only be returned to a parent. At the discretion of the administration, they may be withheld for a time or until the end of the school year. Dangerous items brought to school will not be returned.

NIT CHECKS:

Nit checks are mandatory prior to the first day of school for תלמידים in grades Pre1A-5. No child will be admitted without verification. Should we find nits in your child's hair during the school year, he will be sent home and may return to school the next day provided that he is certified nit free by an official school checker. A note should be brought to the school nurse or the office.

VISITORS/DROP-OFFS:

Parents and visitors must stop at the front office. They may not proceed to any classroom, recess area or to the lunchroom without permission from the office.

We urge you to make sure your son leaves home carrying with him everything he needs for school. In the event that you do need to drop something off for him, please enter at the main entrance and make your delivery **to the office**. As mentioned above, please **DO NOT proceed to any classroom area or to the lunchroom**. If you send something for your son with a different תלמיד, the item must be brought to the office, as תלמידים are not permitted to visit other classrooms. Please make sure that anything left at the office for your child is clearly labeled with name, grade and Rebbe. **If not labeled properly, there is a good chance the package will not get to your son.**

TELEPHONE CALLS:

Students are not permitted to use any school telephone, nor do the secretaries or staff place calls on behalf of the students unless it is an emergency. Missing lunches, snacks, water bottles, or homework are not usually considered emergencies. Permission slips for class outings must be returned on time. Students will generally not be permitted to call home for permission and may then miss a trip. **Please do not ask your son to call home from school.** If he does not feel well, the school nurse or other school personnel will decide if you need to be called. **Cell phones are not permitted in Yeshiva.** It goes without saying that no student may leave school grounds to make a call or use a school phone without permission.

RECESS:

Children may not use bicycles, roller blades or scooters during recess or any time during the school day. (Motorized scooters, Segways, hoverboards or unicycles, etc. are not allowed in Yeshiva.)

STUDENT EVALUATIONS:**REPORT CARDS**

Report cards for all grades are issued three times a year. All reports are sent to the parents or posted on your portal rather than given to the children. This allows you to exercise discretion as appropriate.

Mid-marking period reports are issued by the General Studies department at the approximate midpoints of the first two terms. Only students who are experiencing difficulty will receive a mid-marking period report. Please contact the teacher to discuss ways to help your child succeed.

MIDTERM BECHINOS – למודי קדש

Grades 5- 8 spend about a week three times during the year reviewing the primary למודים they have covered up to that point. At the end of חזרה week, they are given a substantial בחינה and sometimes an oral פארהער.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS, MIDTERMS AND FINALS

To measure academic achievement in General Studies, students in grades 1-7 will be tested in late spring using the Stanford Achievement Test. Parents will receive the results with the student's final report card and may call the Yeshiva to discuss the results.

Midterm exams will be administered for grades 6-8 during the week before mid-winter vacation, and final exams will be administered in June.

EXTRA LEARNING:

The Yeshiva encourages you to arrange extra learning sessions for your son if it is appropriate for him. Please be aware that we learn the following למודים in school and as a general rule your son should not learn them beforehand:

משניות: ברכות, תענית, יומא, ראש השנה, סוכה
גמרא: ברכות פ"ד, ב"מ פ"ב, כל מסכת מכות, ב"ק פ"א

CONFERENCES:

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled shortly after the first and second report cards as noted on the school calendar. These conferences are an important opportunity to meet your son's Rebbe and teacher(s) and discuss his progress. Please make every effort to attend both conferences.

When a concern arises about a child's progress, a conference between the teacher and parent can be arranged by calling the school at 973-916-1555 and following the prompts to leave a message. Please

leave a specific message and a phone number where you are easily available. (If your call is not acknowledged, you may also leave a message with the secretary.) **PLEASE DO NOT CALL** Rebbeim or teachers at home unless you have made prior arrangements with them.

CELEBRATIONS:

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT HOME

When planning private simchos or parties, please keep in mind the opportunity for promoting achdus by inviting the whole class. If this is impractical, please avoid creating hurtful social situations. Invitations – verbal or printed – should not be given out in school if they are not given to the entire class.

SCHOOL PARTIES

Simple birthday celebrations may be arranged (in coordination with the teachers) in the Pre1A classes only. To maintain a high standard of kashrus of foods brought to class parties, please cooperate with the following:

- No homemade products, PLEASE!
- All store-bought products must be under a hashgocho in keeping with the Yeshiva's kashrus standards. Call the Yeshiva office in advance if in doubt.
- Dairy products must be cholov yisroel – as with all foods sent to Yeshiva.
- Baked goods distributed to other children must be pas yisroel.

NOTE: Any class party in 1st grade and up must have prior approval from the administration. We do not encourage parties during the school day, except for class siyumim and other such special events.

הנחת תפילין

On the day a בחור first puts on תפילין, he may bring a treat in order to celebrate with his למודי קדש class only. Donuts or danishes may be brought in a closed box and given to the רבי to distribute to the class at the appropriate time. No other celebration of the event is permitted. (When purchasing the pastries, please remember we are a peanut-free school. A half-danish is a sensible portion. Please cut them beforehand.)

BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS

In planning your son's בר מצוה celebration, please keep in mind the priority of the תורה learning of תינוקות של בית רבן. The hour that a בר מצוה ends greatly affects the performance of your son's friends the next morning in Yeshiva. If the boys come home late from a בר מצוה, they are not able to learn properly the next day. We urge you to schedule your שמחה in a way that will ensure that the תלמוד תורה of our תלמידים will be able to carry on as usual on the morning after the bar mitzvah. **We request that when your son attends a בר מצוה he be picked up no later than 10:00 P.M.** At your son's בר מצוה סעודה, please arrange the program so as to facilitate a 10:00 pickup for his classmates. Remember that each תלמיד has numerous בר מצוה evenings during the year. Please do not schedule בר מצוה celebrations on מוצאי שבת except during the earliest nights of winter. If you have no choice and you must make a בר מצוה that goes late, be prepared and organized to have the boys leave by 10:00.

The *mitzva* of your affair is also important. Please ensure that the event is planned with a "Yiddishe Ta'am". Please have only one musician (and if desired one singer). No disc jockey musical arrangements, lighting effects or vapor smoke should be arranged. Please speak to the musician in advance and request that no *shtick* be instigated or latest fad music played. No party favors or costume items should be given out.

LOST AND FOUND:

All outer clothing, lunch boxes, etc., **should be labeled with your child's name**. If your child's possessions are not labeled, little can be done to return them if they are lost. If they are found and not claimed promptly, they will be discarded.

OUTSIDE INFLUENCES:

The Yeshiva aspires to develop exemplary תלמידים. The *mitzva* and שמירת מצוות of our תלמידים are of primary concern. We cannot address these vital areas alone, and we are certainly stymied if תלמידים are exposed to visual material or attitudes that contradict the values they are taught in school. It is well known that our גדולים have spoken out against the internet for its immoral influences and their effect on the *hashkofah* and moral fiber of a Torah Jew. Additionally, it is known that these can have a most destructive effect on a child's social and cognitive development and acquisition of academic skills.

The Yeshiva prohibits תלמידים from playing interactive games connected to the internet. Buying a subscription that provides movies and other forms of entertainment is prohibited and against the values of Yeshiva Ktana.

The Yeshiva expects that effective filters be in place on all internet-capable devices in the homes of our תלמידים. Our תלמידים should not visit homes that do not have appropriate filters. Exposure to unfiltered internet by a תלמיד of the Yeshiva is grounds for expulsion.

The Yeshiva strongly discourages the following activities for your children and we urge you to find alternatives that will be compatible with, not detrimental to, the children's development as בני תורה:

- Watching secular videos as entertainment
- Visiting social media sites
- Internet use, including You Tube
- Unsupervised visits to the library or bookstores
- Karate and other martial arts
- We also urge you to examine your incoming mail and properly dispose of offensive material at once.

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