



**YESHIVA OF
ROCHESTER**

תורה ומוסר

**PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK
SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope that you are enjoying the summer and are looking forward to the upcoming school year. We have great expectations for a successful and fulfilling year in Torah, Middos and intellectual development for your son. As we prepare for school, we want to take this opportunity to keep you informed of pertinent information. Please read the following packet carefully and familiarize yourself and your son with the material enclosed.

Rabbi Yoni Polatoff, Menahel

STUDENT DOCUMENTS

The forms listed need to be completed, signed and returned to us on or before August 1, 2023.

If your son is a transfer student, it is essential that you forward a copy of your son's high school transcript to the Yeshiva.

In case of medical emergency, it is essential that we have authorization to act on your son's behalf.

The Immunization Record is state mandated, and must be on file before the school year starts, and no later than the fifth school day. If the information is not received by that time the student will be sent home until the record is received.

If you have any concerns, please contact the office at 585-473-2810 or email the office at office@tiuny.org.

ALL FORMS & REGISTRATION SUBMITTED YEARLY, EXCEPT APPLICATION.

Registration fee is due yearly.

- ☒ Application
- ☒ Registration Fee
- ☒ Enrollment Contract
- ☒ Emergency Medical Authorization
- ☒ Immunization Record
- ☒ Travel Permission
- ☒ Trip Release
- ☒ High School Transcript
(for all transfer students)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar has been carefully planned to provide regular and periodic breaks during the school year. It is essential to the operation of the Yeshiva that talmidim depart and arrive from vacations and out-Shabbosim according to the schedule. Please contact Rabbi Polatoff in advance regarding any circumstances that require alternate arrangements.

START OF NEW ZMAN | All dormitory students are expected to arrive on Monday, September 4th by 7:00 PM. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Seniors in the Bais Medrash program are expected by Thursday, August 17th at 7:40am.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

BOOKS | Each student is expected to have a Gemara on the 1st day of school. The students will be learning *מסכת יבמות*. In addition, after Pesach all students are required to have Barron's Regents Review Books for the Regents that they will be taking in June. All other seforim and secular books will be provided for the students by the Yeshiva.

BEDDING | Students should bring their own bedding, including sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, and towels. It is important to bring an alarm clock.

LAUNDRY | There are two washing machines and dryers in the Yeshiva. The approximate cost for laundry is \$3.00 in quarters. There is a Laundromat and Dry Cleaners located near the Yeshiva.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES | We suggest that the students purchase school supplies (i.e. notebooks, pens, pencils, paper, etc.) before they come to the Yeshiva. Each student will be taking approximately 10 classes; an assignment notebook is vital. All students are required to bring a TI-83 calculator.

The following services are available on Park Avenue - all within one block walking distance of the Yeshiva!

• Bank of America • CVS Pharmacy 585-244-4220 • Seven Eleven

MEDICAL CARE

GENERAL ILLNESS | The Yeshiva has an arrangement with a local frum doctor who serves our students with medical care. As a kindness to the Yeshiva, his fee to students is only \$25 to be paid at the time of the office visit. They accept debit or credit cards. Any other doctor that students use will have his own rules regarding prepayments and insurance. We request that Orthodontist appointments are not scheduled during class time. Unfortunately, we do not have the means to provide transportation to and from appointments. The approximate cost of an Uber to the doctor's office is \$25 round trip. It's important that your son has the money for the doctor's visit and taxi available when the need arises.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY | Of course, in situations of medical emergency, the Yeshiva will do anything within its power to secure immediate medical attention.

ASBESTOS | The Federal government has mandated that all schools be inspected for asbestos. We have conformed to all Federal and State requirements by removing all friable asbestos from our building in 1987. There are, however, floor tiles which contain non-friable asbestos. These tiles do not present any health risk and are under regular surveillance.

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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| PHONE | 585-473-2810 | ROSH HAYESHIVA | Rabbi Menachem Davidowitz | ext. 114 |
| FAX | 585-442-0417 | SECRETARY | Ms. Kelly Coleman | ext. 0 |
| EMAIL | OFFICE@TIUNY.ORG | MENAHIL | Rabbi Yoni Polatoff | ext. 115 |



DRESS CODE

The Hanhala of the Talmudical Institute of Upstate New York feel that it is crucial to maintain a Yeshiva atmosphere, thereby, creating a fertile environment for each Talmid to develop to the best of his capacity as a Ben Torah. Towards this goal, the Yeshiva expects each Talmid to adhere to definitive standards of deportment and dress.

Tefillah is an important part of the student's day and contributes to his development. It calls for a definite level of preparedness, which reflects the individual's attitude in standing before Hashem. Therefore, students are expected to wear sports jackets during davening (sweatshirts or outer coats are not appropriate). For Shabbos, suits, white shirts and ties are to be worn. The Yeshiva requires a hat to be worn for all davening. In general, for every day wear, styles should be moderately conservative.

Students are expected to adhere to the following dress code:

ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- ☒ Fully Button-Down White Shirts
- ☒ Shoes (dark color)
- ☒ Totally Black Sneakers
- ☒ Neat, Dark Colored Pants
- ☒ Black Velvet Yarmulkes

For Davening:

- ☒ Sports Jackets
- ☒ Hats

For Shabbos:

- ☒ Suits
- ☒ White Shirts & Ties

NOT ACCEPTABLE

- ☒ Jeans
- ☒ Cargo pants (pockets down sides)
- ☒ Gym shoes/white sneakers
- ☒ Crocs
- ☒ Light colored pants
- ☒ Non-velvet yarmulkes
- ☒ Pants w/ stripes down sides
- ☒ Polo shirts
- ☒ Shirts w/o collars
- ☒ Shorts
- ☒ Sweatpants
- ☒ Non-conservative haircut

CLOTHING EXCLUSIVELY FOR PHYS. ED.

- ☒ Gym Shoes/White Sneakers
- ☒ Light color pants
- ☒ Pants w/ stripes down sides
- ☒ Shirts w/o collars

ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND CELL PHONE POLICY

Any device that is inherently internet capable is not allowed in Yeshiva. That is, even if the device has been "TAG"ed or blocked. The two exceptions to this rule are:

A) A flip phone from koshercell.org

B) A Nintendo Switch that has been handed in to Yeshiva to have parental controls placed on it.

The phone from koshercell.org must be the option that does not contain email.



STANDARDS

As parents of a young man attending Yeshiva, it is important that you convey to him the necessity to conduct himself in a mature and responsible manner in the dormitory. Some of the areas you should underscore to him are noted below.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS | The most important component in the growth and development of our students is the academic progress and success found in the classroom. Students who maintain a 3.5 GPA or above are distinguished by being placed on the Yeshiva honor roll. Interim Reports will be sent home midway through each quarter, while Report Cards will go out quarterly. In the event that a student is not meeting our basic academic standards, the parents will be informed immediately. As we work together, we are confident that our talmidim will reach and maintain our high academic standards.

CHECKOUT | In order to insure the safety of our students, each student must checkout with the mashgiach or dorm counselor before leaving the Yeshiva premises.

CLASSROOM DECORUM | We expect each student to maintain his desk and surrounding area within his classroom neat and clean. Each student is provided with a cubby for his books and supplies.

DORMITORY ROOM CLEANLINESS | Students are responsible to maintain clean and tidy rooms at all times. No food or cooking (including Shabbos chulent) is allowed in the dormitory. The janitorial staff is under instruction to dispose of any cooking utensils used in the dormitory. Each dorm room is outfitted with a bed and closet rack or cubbies. If any of these items are tampered with, the student may incur a minimum of \$50 service fee per item.

PROPERTY DAMAGE | In order to properly maintain our building, students must show respect for their surroundings. Any damage to the dormitory, school furniture, or to the building itself, incurred through improper use by a student, will be the full responsibility of the student. Given the expense and difficulty of repairing damaged items, the Yeshiva will replace the damaged items rather than repair them.

PERSONAL HYGIENE & CLEANLINESS | We can never emphasize sufficiently the importance of personal hygiene and grooming. In addition, laundry must be done on a regular basis.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS | The Yeshiva cannot take responsibility for the students' personal property. We recommend that you do not send valuables to the Yeshiva.

