



YESHIVA OF SPRING VALLEY

ישיבה ד'ספרינג וואלי

י"ש הרב דוב גרינבוים ז"ל

PARENTS' HANDBOOK

תשפ"ד/2023-2024

מנחם אב תשפ"ג
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Dear Parents, עמו"ש

It is a privilege to partner with you in the *chinuch* of your children, and it is our *tefillah* that we merit the *siyata dishmaya* we desperately need to help each and every child learn and develop *al pi darko*.

The purpose of this handbook is for you to know the Yeshiva's expectations and policies and to share them with your children when appropriate.

Please read the content of this handbook carefully as there are important updates for this school year enclosed. If you have any questions regarding anything included in this handbook, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our Yeshiva's hanhala.

With *tefillos* for *brocha* and *hatzlacha*,

Rabbi Yitzchok Grössbard

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COMMUNICATION

The Yeshiva will be communicating with you predominately through a weekly Erev Shabbos email, as well as periodic emails, and memos sent home with your child. Please encourage your children to bring home all notes they may receive in school and show them to you.

SCHEDULE

GRADES	START OF YESHIVA		LUNCH	DISMISSAL		
	MON. - FRI.	SUNDAY		MON. - THURS.	SUNDAY	FRI.
BOYS' DIVISION						
Pre-1A & 1	8:30	9:15	11:25-11:55	4:00	1:00	12:15
2 - 4	8:30	9:15	11:30-12:00	4:00	1:00	12:15
5	8:30	9:15	12:15-12:35	4:45	1:00	12:15
6	7:45	7:55	12:15-12:35	4:45	1:00	12:15
7 & 8	7:45	7:55	12:45-1:05	5:15	1:00	12:15
GIRLS' DIVISION						
Pre-1A, 1 & 2	9:00	---	11:35-12:00	4:00	---	11:45
3 & 4	9:00	---	11:45-12:10	4:00	---	11:45
5 - 8	9:00	---	12:25-12:50	4:00	---	11:45
PRE-SCHOOL DIVISION						
Kindergarten	8:50	---		3:30-3:55	---	11:30

ATTENDANCE

Please do not drop off your child earlier than 15 minutes prior to start time.

Repeated unexcused absences or lateness may require a principal's intervention.

All appointments, medical, dental, etc., should be made for after school hours if possible.

The office will not dismiss a student within 45 minutes of any scheduled dismissal time.

Please do not call the office to leave messages to be delivered to your children, except in a genuine emergency. Our office staff has been given instructions to limit the delivery of messages to students. Generally, students are not permitted to use the office phones or a faculty member's phone to call home for forgotten snacks or to plan after-school activities.

SCHOOL BUSING

Although the Yeshiva cannot assume responsibility for what transpires on the bus, we would like to partner with our parents to facilitate a safe transportation environment for each child.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Problems with a bus stop or punctuality should be reported directly to the district in which you live:

• East Ramapo – 845-577-6490	North Rockland – 845-942-3050
Suffern – 845-357-7783, ext. 11227	Pearl River – 845-620-3857
Nanuet – 845-627-9819	Clarkstown – 845-639-6380

- In the event that your child has not arrived home at his/her usual time, please wait approximately 20 minutes before calling the Yeshiva, as that is not uncommon. If we are aware of a bus delay at dismissal, we will ת"כ send a text message as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CLOSING, DELAYED OPENING and EARLY DISMISSAL

The procedures in the event of school closing or other schedule changes due to inclement/hazardous weather are as follows:

- An advisory will be recorded on the Yeshiva's Message Line (845-422-0322) as early as possible.

- A text message and/or email will be sent to all parents.
- East Ramapo's Info phone (845-577-6565) will have the latest information regarding their transportation after 6:30 a.m.
- Parents should instruct their children where to go if no adult is present when they arrive home early due to an early dismissal.

BIKING AND WALKING PASS

Children may walk to and from Yeshiva with parent's consent, provided that they secure a "Walking Pass" from the Yeshiva.

Boys may also ride their bikes to and from Yeshiva with a parent's consent and a "Biking Pass" from the Yeshiva.

Bikes may not be brought into the building and the Yeshiva is not liable for theft or damage of bikes and other equipment.

→ **PLEASE NOTE: Motorized Bikes and Scooters are not permitted on Yeshiva grounds.**

STUDENT GENERAL INFORMATION

TOYS, GAMES, ETC.

Certain toys and games are disruptive and/or are not in the spirit of the Yeshiva environment. These include, but are not limited to: electronic games, watches with games, radios, toy guns, sports cards and laser flashlights. All of the above and any item deemed inappropriate for school by our Hanhala may be confiscated.

SALES BY STUDENTS

Buying or selling by students of any type of article or food is not permitted and materials and proceeds of sales will be confiscated.

READING MATERIAL

No secular reading material other than those assigned by a Teacher or taken out of the school library may be brought to the Yeshiva building.

PROPRIETY OF STUDENTS' POSSESSIONS

All lunchboxes, school bags, loose-leaves, folders, etc. should only bear pictures and writings that are appropriate and consistent with the ruach of our Yeshiva environment (sports, media, cartoon characters and emblems, etc. are not permitted).

Chewing gum is not permitted in school.

DRESS CODE

All Parents are expected and requested to dress in a dignified and modest manner befitting a *makom kadosh*, when on Yeshiva premises.

At all school related events, whether in the Yeshiva building or outside of the Yeshiva building, the same standards of dignified and modest dress should be adhered to for the benefit of all children and out of consideration for the *tzibbur*.

GIRLS

Grades 1-8

- **Shirts** must be oxford type, white or light blue, (without any emblem or logo) purchased from a YSV supplier. Every girl needs to have at least one white uniform shirt to be worn for Rosh Chodesh, performances, graduations, or other special events.
- **Skirts, cardigans and sweaters** must be regulation uniform; substitutes are not acceptable.
- **Uniform sweatshirts** may only be worn with a uniform blouse underneath. Sweatshirts must have the school logo. Non-uniform sweaters and sweatshirts may not be worn in the building. Sweatshirts may not be worn around the waist.
- **Sleeves** may be rolled up below the elbow.
- **Shirts** must be tucked into skirts at all times.
- **Socks** must reach the knee. Knee socks or tights may be worn. Only plain, solid navy, black or dark grey socks with no patterns, designs or appliques may be worn to school. No portion of the leg may be visible at any time between the bottom of the skirt and the upper edge of the socks.
- **Leggings** are not permitted.
- **Footwear** must be shoes or sneakers, conservative both in style and in color. Slippers or Crocs may not be worn.
- **Hair** which is longer than shoulder length must be worn in a ponytail, braid or bun at all times.
- **Jewelry, hairstyles and hair ornaments** must be refined and minimal (e.g. long earrings, etc.).
- **Makeup, lip gloss, and nail polish** (including clear and gel) are not permitted.
- **Logos, emblems** sports or media logos are not permitted on any articles of clothing, on book bags, folders, etc.
- **Uniform skirts** must cover the knees in all positions at all times without any leg showing between the skirt and the sock.

BOYS

Shirts

- **Grades 1-6:** All shirts must have collars and at least partial button-down fronts.
- **Grades 7-8:** All shirts must have collars and completely button-down and be tucked in during davening and learning.
- Hooded sweatshirts (“Hoodies”) may not be worn in Yeshiva during davening or learning.

Pants

- **Grades 1-8:** Jeans (of any color), tight fitting pants, jogging pants, or shorts are not permitted.
- **Grades 5-8:** Black or dark blue pants only.

Footwear

- **Grades 5-8:** Must be either dark colored leather shoes or conservative sneakers.

Yarmulkes

- **Grades Pre1A-8:** Must be full size and without pins or clips. Leather or knit yarmulkes are not permitted.
- → PLEASE NOTE: **Grades 5-8:** Must be black.

Logos, Emblems

- **Grades Pre1A-8:** Sports, cartoon or media logos are not permitted on any articles of clothing, on book bags, folders, etc.

PRE-SCHOOL

- Girls must wear dresses or skirts and must wear at least 4” sleeves. Socks must be worn at all times. Footwear must be shoes, sneakers, or sandals (no Crocs).

KASHRUS

During the school term there are occasions in which children bring food into the classrooms, to be shared by others. The policy for class functions is as follows:

- No homemade food or baked goods may be brought.
- All milchig food must be Cholov Yisroel.
- Only Pas Yisroel may be served.

Please do not assume that a particular hashgacha or establishment is acceptable to use before contacting a principal.

NUT-FREE

There are students with life threatening allergies to peanuts and other nuts. Even the smallest trace of a substance can ^{י"ח} trigger a potentially dangerous reaction. In order to do whatever we can for the safety of all children, we are a nut-free facility. Products containing peanuts or tree nuts, including products which “may contain traces of nuts”, should not enter our school buildings. Please appreciate the severity of this policy and its significance for those with nut allergies.

EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

Students may not “surprise” classmates with birthday parties in school. Balloons, gifts, or cakes may not be brought to school for any celebrations.

BAR/BAS MITZVAH

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A discussion regarding appropriate Bar Mitzvah Seudos where YSV talmidim are invited to participate will ^{י"ח} take place for parents of seventh grade boys towards the beginning of the school year.

BAS MITZVAH

Our 6th grade girls have a special Bas Mitzvah program which runs throughout the year and culminates with an elegant event for mothers and daughters at Valley Terrace.

YSV students may not hold any Bas Mitzvah events which include any other YSV students (other than first and second cousins).

TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA

- Parents who decide to allow children limited access to media and/or technology should do so only via an effective filter and with the utmost discretion and constant supervision.
- ALL devices in a student's home with internet access should be effectively password protected and should have an appropriate filter.
- YSV students may not own their own phones nor have their own email addresses.
- Students may not bring cell phones, mp3 players, smartwatches or cameras into a Yeshiva building or to any Yeshiva event (unless they have received specific permission from a principal).
- YSV students may not participate in social media and/or group chats.
- A YSV student found to have participated in a chat (including a "text chat") with other YSV students will receive a week long suspension and will require a parent meeting with the hanhalah before being permitted to return to school.
- Digital gaming raises serious short term and long term concerns for children of all ages. Parents are advised to be educated, aware, and to use serious discretion when considering any form of digital gaming for their children.

LIBRARY

The YSV library program was established to enhance the students' education provided by the classroom teacher as well as to broaden their general knowledge. There are well over 20,000 books in the boys' and girls' library collections.

It is obvious that in order for the library to be maintained, books must be taken care of to minimize damage and must be returned. To that end, we must request parental interest and oversight.

Please make your child aware of the following:

- When bringing our library books home, they should be kept separate from other books (the younger students are encouraged to leave the books in their knapsacks when not reading them).
- Books should be treated carefully (not read when standing, walking, eating or drinking) and not be accessible to very young children (who enjoy and delight in coloring or tearing pages).
- The students know that they have a schedule. However, they should

be reminded to return books when they have finished reading them and not wait for the last minute (which often results in their forgetting them at home).

- A student who does not return books by the due date will not be permitted to withdraw books and will have to pay a late fee when the books are returned.
- Our system includes notes to those children whose books are overdue or who owe a late fee. Parents should be aware of those notes and encourage their children to fulfill their responsibilities.
- Books that are lost or seriously damaged will have to be paid for.

HEALTH

- New York State Law mandates that any child not in compliance with the required immunizations be excluded from school until their immunizations are brought up to date. Requirements change from year-to-year and grade-to-grade. If unsure, call the nurse and ask.
- New York State Law mandates that all new students, as well as those in Pre1A, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades must have a physical, dated no earlier than one year from the start of the school year. If you do not send in proof of a private physical, your child will automatically be examined by a school district appointed physician.
- If it becomes necessary for your child to have medication during the school day, do not send the medication with your child to take it on his/her own. It is to be brought to the nurse's office by an adult. Any medication, prescription and over-the-counter, i.e., Tylenol, Benadryl, etc. found with a child will be confiscated.
- If your child has a special health problem or need (i.e., asthma, allergy, etc.), please notify us and inform the school nurses so we will be prepared to properly care for your child as necessary.
- All students must have their hair checked for pediculosis (head lice) before the beginning of the new school term. There may also be periodic checks throughout the school year. Understandably, children whose hair will be found to have lice or nits will need to be sent home.

LOST AND FOUND

To avoid loss of belongings please label clothing, books and other personal articles brought to school. Unmarked articles are placed in the Lost and Found boxes in each building. Items left unclaimed will be deemed "Heffer", ownerless, and will be disposed of after 30 days.

School Calendar

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On days when both the Boys and Girls are in session, and there is no transportation, much consideration has been given to the schedule in order to simplify the carpools for parents with students in both buildings.

On the calendar, certain days are referred to as one of the two schedules listed below. The following is the schedule for special days:

	Boys	Girls, Pre 1A-8	Kindergarten and Pre-K
SCHEDULE A (Friday Schedule)	P1A-5: 8:30-12:15 6-8: 7:45-12:15	9:00 - 11:45	8:50 - 11:30
SCHEDULE B (No Transportation Day)	P1A-5: 8:30-4:00 6-8: 7:45-4:00	9:00 - 3:45/4:00	8:50 - 3:30

YSV MESSAGE LINE
845-422-0322

AFTER SCHOOL
EMERGENCY NUMBER
845-356-1400, EXT. 1911

AUGUST	29	TUESDAY	Pre 1A Boys – Meet The Rebbi and Teacher
	30	WEDNESDAY	Opening Day for Boys, Grades 1-8, 9:00-12:15 , No Minyan in Yeshiva NO BUS SERVICE
	31	THURSDAY	Opening Day for Boys, Pre1A Boys, Grades 6-8, 7:45 - 12:15; Boys, Grades Pre 1A-5, 8:30 - 12:15 NO BUS SERVICE
SEPTEMBER	1	FRIDAY	Boys, Pre 1A-8: Regular Friday Schedule; Dismissal: 12:15 Boys, Grades 6-8, Shacharis 7:45; Boys, Grades Pre 1A-5, 8:30 First day East Ramapo Bus Service / Suffern, North Rockland, Clarkstown School Districts – No Bus Service
	3	SUNDAY	Boys Sunday Schedule Boys, Grades 6-8, Shacharis 7:55; Boys, Grades Pre 1A-5, 9:15; Dismissal: 1:00 Boys Pre 1A Limudei Kodesh Parent-Teacher “Back-to-School” Afternoon – 12:15
	4	MONDAY	Legal Holiday - NO BUS SERVICE Boys, Grades 6-8, 7:45 - 12:15; Boys, Grades Pre 1A-5, 8:30 - 12:15
	5	TUESDAY	Boys, Grades 6-8, 7:45 - 12:15; Boys, Grades Pre 1A-5, 8:30 - 12:15 Suffern School District – No Bus Service Pre 1A Girls Orientation
	6	WEDNESDAY	Opening Day for Girls, Grades 1-8, 9:00-11:45 – Girls No Bus Service to School; Bus Service Home Boys, First full day – Regular Bus Service Kindergarten Orientation
	7	THURSDAY	Regular Full-Day Sessions for all
	10	SUNDAY	Slichos; Boys: Grades 6-8 – 8:55-1:00, Grades Pre 1A-5 – 10:15-1:00 Boys Limudei Kodesh Parent-Teacher “Back-to-School” Afternoon, Grades 1-4 – 12:15, Grades 5-8 – 2:15
	11	MONDAY	Boys General Studies Dept. Parent-Teacher “Back-To-School Night” – Evening
	12	TUESDAY	Girls, Grades 1-4 Parent-Teacher “Back-To-School Night” – Evening
	15-17	FRI.-SUN.	Rosh Hashana Recess – No Sessions
	18	MONDAY	Tzom Gedalya – Friday Schedule
	20	WEDNESDAY	Girls, Grades 5-8 Parent-Teacher “Back-To-School Night” – Evening
	24-25	SUN.-MON.	Erev Yom Kippur / Yom Kippur – No Sessions
	28-10/9	THURS.-MON.	Sukkos Recess – No Sessions
	OCT.	17	TUESDAY

NOVEMBER	5	SUNDAY	End of Daylight Savings Time - 2:00 - Turn clocks back one hour
	7	TUESDAY	Suffern, North Rockland, Clarkstown School Districts - No Bus Service
	10	FRIDAY	Legal Holiday - NO BUS SERVICE
	15	WEDNESDAY	Boys Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening
	22	WEDNESDAY	Kindergarten and Pre 1A Girls Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening
	23	THURSDAY	Legal Holiday - Staff Professional Development; No Bus Service Kindergarten, Girls Pre 1A-8 - No Sessions; Boys - Sunday Schedule
	24	FRIDAY	Regular Sessions - No Bus Service
	29	WEDNESDAY	Girls, Grades 1-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening
DECEMBER	7	THURSDAY	Chanukah - Kindergarten and Girls, Grades Pre 1A-8 - No Sessions Boys, Grades Pre 1A-8 - Friday Schedule
	8-11	FRI-MON	Chanukah Recess - No Sessions
	22	FRIDAY	Asara B'Teves - Regular Friday Sessions; Suffern School District - No Bus Service
	25	MONDAY	Legal Holiday - SCHEDULE B - No Bus Service
	26-29	TUES-FRI	Suffern, North Rockland, Clarkstown School Districts - No Bus Service
JANUARY	1	MONDAY	Legal Holiday - SCHEDULE B - No Bus Service
	15	MONDAY	Legal Holiday - SCHEDULE B - No Bus Service
	25-29	THURS-MON.	Mid-Winter Recess - No Sessions
FEBRUARY	19	MONDAY	Legal Holiday - Staff Professional Development; No Bus Service Kindergarten, Girls, grades Pre 1A-8 - No Sessions; Boys - Sunday Schedule
	20	TUESDAY	Suffern, North Rockland, Clarkstown School Districts - No Bus Service
	21-23	WED-FRI	North Rockland, Clarkstown School Districts - No Bus Service
	28	WEDNESDAY	Boys Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening
MARCH	1-3	FRI-SUN.	Off Shabbos - No Sessions
	6	WEDNESDAY	Girls Grades 1-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening
	8	FRIDAY	North Rockland School District - No Bus Service
	10	SUNDAY	Daylight Savings Time begins - 2:00am - Turn clocks ahead one hour Sessions start at 10:15; Minyan at 8:55
	15	FRIDAY	Suffern, Clarkstown School Districts - No Bus Service
	21	THURSDAY	Taanis Esther - Kindergarten, Girls - No Sessions; Boys - SCHEDULE A
	24-25	SUN-MON.	Purim / Shushan Purim - No Sessions
	27-28	WED-THURS.	North Rockland School District - No Bus Service
	29	FRIDAY	Legal Holiday - NO BUS SERVICE

APRIL	1-5	MON-FRI.	Suffern, North Rockland, Clarkstown School Districts - No Bus Service
	14	SUNDAY	Pesach Preparation Day - No Sessions
	16	TUESDAY	Girls Grades 7-8 - Pesach Recess begins
	17	WEDNESDAY	Kindergarten, Girls Grades Pre 1A-6 - Pesach Recess begins Boys, Grades Pre 1A-8 - Friday Schedule
	18-5/1	THURS-WED.	Pesach Recess - No Sessions
MAY	8	WEDNESDAY	Kindergarten and Pre 1A Girls Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening
	24	FRIDAY	North Rockland, Clarkstown School Districts - No Bus Service
	26	SUNDAY	Lag B'Omer
	27	MONDAY	Legal Holiday - SCHEDULE B - No Bus Service
JUNE	11	TUESDAY	Erev Shavuous - Kindergarten, Girls - No Sessions; Boys - Friday Schedule
	12-13	WED-THURS.	Shavuous - No Sessions
	14	FRIDAY	Kindergarten, Girls - No Sessions; Boys, Pre 1A-8 - Regular Friday schedule
	16	SUNDAY	Pre 1A Boys Chumash Seudah
	19	WEDNESDAY	Legal Holiday - SCHEDULE B - No Bus Service
	20-21	THURS-FRI.	Suffern School District - No Bus Service
	23	SUNDAY	8th Grade Girls Graduation
	25	TUESDAY	Last day - Friday Schedule

Please note that there will be 2-4 Sundays throughout the school term with an early dismissal due to Professional Development. You will be notified in advance of when this will occur.

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY.
ANY CHANGES WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN ADVANCE.**

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ASSISTANT MENAEHEL, 5-8	Rabbi Yisroel Kohn	Ext. 162
MENAEHEL, P1A-4	Rabbi Yonason Simon	Ext. 133
ASSISTANT MENAEHEL, P1A-4	Rabbi Yehuda Possick	Ext. 156
PRINCIPAL, GENERAL STUDIES 5-8	Rabbi Mayer Beller	Ext. 178
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, GENERAL STUDIES P1A-4	Rabbi Avi Frank	Ext. 124
ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, GENERAL STUDIES R P1A-4	Mrs. Alisa Karash	Ext. 167
GIRLS' DIVISION EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT		
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PRE-SCHOOL DIVISION		
PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR	Mrs. Chanie Jacobs	Ext. 242
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GIRLS SCHOOL OFFICE		Ext. 216
PRE-SCHOOL OFFICE		Ext. 226

