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**YESHIVAS LUBAVITCH
CINCINNATI
PARENT & STUDENT GUIDEBOOK
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WELCOME TO YESHIVAS LUBAVITCH CINCINNATI

The Yeshiva Guidebook contains important information which should be reviewed prior to arrival at Yeshiva. Please familiarize yourself with all its details, as it will help make this year a successful one.

General Yeshiva Policies

Dress Code

Every Talmid is a Tomim who represents the רבי מה"מ. We therefore expect all Talmidim to act and dress in a Chassidishe manner befitting a Tomim, so that even on the outside it will be obvious that "עס גייט א חסיד".

The following dress code must be adhered to at all times and will be strictly enforced. (The term "regular looking" refers to clothing that does not attract attention to them, such as tight clothing, etc.)

- Clean and presentable clothing
- Regular looking conservative suit jackets only (not the casual looking ones such as suede, cotton, corduroy or linen jackets, 5 button jackets etc.)
- Only dark colored dress pants, may be black or navy, or conservative pin stripes; should not be suede, corduroy, jeans or jean look.
- Cotton pants which resemble regular looking dress pants may be worn
- Regular looking, button-down white shirts only (not tight or fitted etc.)
- Black, Chasidishe Yarmulkes only.
- Solid, black shoes or sneakers that look like dress shoes and are solid black only (no high tops, suede, or white stitching).
- Crocs and Slippers may be worn only in the Dorm
- Sweaters:
Only button down or dress pullover sweaters are permitted.
Sweaters with writing on them are not permitted.
Sweaters with hoods will not be allowed in the Yeshiva Building.
- Suits should be worn on Shabbos and Yom Tov.

Please ensure that your son comes with all the proper clothing he needs for the Zman.

Cell Phone, Technology and Items Allowed in Mesivta

It is imperative that the Bochorim have a positive and spiritually clean atmosphere—be it in the Yeshiva, or its dormitory. We need to educate our children in an environment free from any outside distractions that may harm their devotion to Torah, Chassidus and Yiras Shomayim.

Unfortunately, with the advancement of modern technology, Bochorim are more at risk to secular influences. The wholesome devotion requisite of Chassidishkeit can be greatly compromised, as well as Ch"V lead a Bochor to unimaginable situations. A Talmid could possess a very small, inexpensive device, which will grant him access to all outlets of today's world, be they appropriate or inappropriate. These outlets will influence him and subvert his devotion to learning, davening and Chassidishkeit.

Our goal is to protect your child, as well as all his fellow students in our institution, from these negative influences, so that they may have the full opportunity to succeed. **Therefore, we will be taking extreme measures to ensure that no Talmid has access to any prohibited devices. Severe consequences will be given out to any Talmid breaking this rule.**

Please make sure that any item your son brings to Yeshiva are within the following guidelines. If you have any questions regarding items that may or may not be brought to Yeshiva, it is always better to check first with the Menahel, rather than bringing the item and then making inquiries.

The Yeshiva does not encourage students to have cell phones or any electronic devices. At the same time, we understand, that parents sending their children out of town want their children to travel with a cell phone for safety purposes. Therefore, the only cell phone that a Talmid is allowed to bring to Yeshiva is a **simple phone** without a full keyboard and without SD card capability, (i.e. flip phone) and internet must be disabled. **Smartphones, even with blocked internet, may not be brought to Mesivta.**

Every Talmid must hand in his cell phone as soon as he gets to Yeshiva. He will be able to retrieve it for use on Erev Shabbos and Yom Tov. No other device or phone besides the above mentioned are allowed to be brought to Mesivta.

In addition, the Yeshiva has five working lines that our Talmidim can use to call anywhere within the US and Canada.

We believe strongly that having fully understood the imperative of all the above, you will partner with us in helping your child grow and succeed without getting sidetracked from his ideal purpose in Yeshiva.

Reading Material

The only books that can be brought into Mesivta are Jewish books, written by Frum authors and published by Frum publishers. The Hanhala obviously reserves the right to review any book that a Talmid brings to Mesivta, and to decide whether it belongs in Mesivta (even if it is under the above-mentioned categories).

Audio and Video Devices

Only music and mp3 players without video will be allowed. Other devices (such as ipods, ipads, tablets etc.) which possess video capability are not allowed to be brought to Mesivta.

In order to own an audio digital player in Mesivta, the Talmid must make sure that:

- a) The player does not have a working radio on it.
- b) The player is turned into the office upon the Talmid's arrival in Mesivta.

The yeshiva has an extensive selection of audio that is approved by the Mesivta for Bochorim's listening enjoyment; the Talmid will be able to choose what audio he would like uploaded to his player.

Other Miscellaneous Items

Radios, including those that are part of tape recorders or alarm clocks, are not allowed.

Any items that possess wireless (or Wi-Fi) connectivity or capability, or pocket or tablet computers etc., or computer games (such as handheld play stations/game boy), are strictly prohibited.

It is the responsibility of every Talmid to bring an alarm clock to Yeshiva as there is no וועקער (staff "awaker"). The alarm clock may not have radio and should be **battery powered**.

Following the School Calendar

Tickets and travel arrangements during the Yeshiva breaks must be kept within the dates and times written on the calendar (enclosed). There will be consequences for those that don't keep to those dates.

If an issue comes up which prevents travel to be within the calendar dates, the Menahel must be contacted before you make any arrangements.

Please schedule all medical appointments during the times that your son is off from Yeshiva.

General Yeshiva Information

Seforim List

Please make sure that your son brings along all of the Seforim and school supplies on the following list.

- **לכל השיעורים:** נעגל וואסער, סליחות, מחזור, תיקון ליל שבועות, מגורה.
- **שיעור א'**
חת"ת, רמב"ם, תניא (גדול), גמרא **בבא קמא**, גמרא **סוכה**, קצות השלחן חלק א', שבח המועדים, ליקוטי שיחות באידיש חלקים ג' וד', מילון ליקוטי שיחות באידיש.
- **שיעור ב'**
חת"ת, רמב"ם, תניא, גמרא מסכת **בבא קמא עם פירוש הרי"ף** (מהדורת עוז והדר מומלץ), קובץ מפרשים חלק א' (לא חובה), קצות השלחן חלק א', שיעורים בספר התניא (או באנגלית חלק א), שבח המועדים, מאמרים מלוקטים מספר לקוטי תורה.
- **שיעור ג'**
חת"ת, רמב"ם, תניא, גמרא מסכת **בבא קמא עם פירוש הרי"ף** (מהדורת עוז והדר מומלץ), קובץ מפרשים חלק א' (מומלץ), משניות סדר נשים, שולחן ערוך אדה"ז חלק א', שבח המועדים.

All Talmidim should bring at least 10 pens, 10 sharpened pencils, small erasers, 1 notebook, and 2 loose-leaf binders.

The seforim are also available for purchase online at <https://seforimdeals.com/store15/index.php/yeshiva-lists-2016/yeshivas-cincinnati.html>. They will be delivered directly to yeshiva.

Shiur Aleph use special booklets for Chassidus (prepared by Rabbi Simpson – Monsey, NY). The booklets will be available for purchase in Yeshiva. All parents should send a check of \$15.00 made out to the Yeshiva.

Locker space is mandatory and can be purchased for \$25 annually (plus a \$15 משכון).

Mikveh

Every Talmid should have a Mikveh pass before the beginning of the Zman. The pass can be ordered online with a \$250 donation at <http://cincinnati-mikveh.org/new/index.php/mens-packages>.

Reports to Parents

The Yeshiva strongly believes that the key to success is through having open communication and parents' support. Parents expect to be informed of their sons' attendance and grades, while the Yeshiva expects the parents to encourage their sons and discuss their progress with them. The Yeshiva is fortunate to have played a leading role in the set-up of the world-renowned CLEVERBEES system. The teachers fill in test-marks and attendance, and comment about the progress of your son. Parents will be receiving a weekly email (generally on Thursday evening at 11 p.m.) with relevant information. In addition, you will receive a monthly progress report.

Arrival

When the Talmidim arrive at Yeshiva they are shown in which dormitory rooms they will be sleeping. The assignments of rooms and roommates are done by the Yeshiva.

Contacting Yeshiva

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above information, you can contact the Menahel at ylcincinnati@gmail.com or at 513-795-1400 ext. 2.

In Conclusion

We are sure you understand that all policies set forth by the yeshiva are made after careful review and a rigorous decision-making process. They are all aimed at upholding our standards and are an important part of keeping a pure and clean atmosphere in yeshiva. We have, therefore, adopted strong and clear consequences in response to a Talmid who violates any of these rules. In addition, the Hanhala reserves the right to search any Talmid, his room, and possessions for any items that do not belong in Yeshiva.

We hope that while working together with the Hanholo, you will have only increased נחת from your son in all areas of Chassidishkeit and Hiskashrus to the רבי מה"מ, מהרה יגלה אכי"ר.

Parent's Signature

Talmid's Signature