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## General Information

Below you will find important information about the Yeshiva. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us at [office@ytchaim.com](mailto:office@ytchaim.com)

### Calendar

The Yeshiva will begin the zman iy"h on the Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Elul, 5779 / September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019. The dormitory will be open starting Sunday morning September 1st. Please note that there **will** be regular seder on Tuesday morning, the first day of the zman, and Talmidim are expected to be in the dormitory no later than Monday evening.

### Elul Zman

Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Elul, 5779 September 3rd, 2019 until Wednesday, Motzei Yom Kippur, 5780 / October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

There is a trip schedule for Talmidim in E"Y after Yom Kippur and after Succos which is mandatory for first year Talmidim. Simchos Torah is a Yeshiva celebrated Yom Tov and mandatory for all Talmidim in E"Y for Yom Tov.

### Winter Zman

Wednesday, Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan, 5780 / October 30, 2019 until Thursday, the 23rd of Adar, 5780 / March 19, 2020.

### Summer Zman

Dates to be announced.

### Sefarim

Each talmid will need the following sefarim:

משנה ברורה  
מחזורים  
סליחות מנהג ליטא  
מסכת בבא קמא

You can bring these sefarim with you. Otherwise it is generally more cost effective to buy sefarim here in Eretz Yisroel.

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### **Dormitory**

The Yeshiva is centrally located in the Romema neighborhood of Yerushalayim. The dormitory is in the Yeshiva building. Although we cannot promise all room assignment requests, we will try to accommodate them. Please email us if you have specific requests.

### **Meals**

The Yeshiva will provide three meals a day. All meals are cooked on the Yeshiva's premises by our devoted cook, and meet the highest standards of quality.

If your son has any allergies, please notify the Yeshiva

### **Shabbos**

There are "in-Shabbosim". On "out-Shabbosim" the Yeshiva remains open with Rebbeim present at the meals.

### **Health Insurance**

It is **mandatory** that every student joins a local health insurance plan. Even if a student has international insurance they will need to purchase health insurance in Israel. It will ensure that your son is cared for in the most effective, cost-efficient, and timely manner. We have chosen AIM (American Israel Medi-Plan) for your son's medical care. Although we do not insist that parents insure specifically with AIM, we do recommend doing so strongly based on their reputation among Yeshivos and Seminaries. AIM is a private medical program that provides American style service and was created specifically for American students studying in Israel. They have been providing service for over 25 years, and have a wonderful reputation. **No student may arrive without local insurance and he will not be allowed to stay in the dormitory without it.**

For more information, and to register for AIM, please go directly to their website: [www.aim.co.il](http://www.aim.co.il). You can also email them: [info@aim.co.il](mailto:info@aim.co.il)

We've also made their forms available on our website.

All payments for the Health insurance should be paid directly to AIM, and any questions regarding the insurance should be directed towards AIM.

### **Laundry**

A washing machine/dryer rental service offers use of their machines in our dormitory. One of the Talmidim is the company's liaison and he will collect the payment from your son. Your son will be able to pay with cash or credit card. Last year the fee was \$120 (and is subject to change according to the company's pricing).

### **Computers and E-mail**

The Yeshiva has a computer room where students can access their e-mail accounts. Yeshiva policy absolutely prohibits personal laptop computers, DVD's, PSP's, I-pods, I-pads, tablets, smart phones or any other device with internet or movie-playing capability. Any such items brought to the yeshiva will be confiscated. Secular books and magazines etc. are not permitted anywhere in the Yeshiva. Our goal is to create an environment conducive to personal growth in תורה and all areas of עבודת ה'. We all know the detriment these items can have on a Talmid's growth and express our appreciation for your cooperation on this matter.

### **Cell Phones**

Only “**Kosher**” phones may be used as instructed by the Gedolei Yisroel in Eretz Yisroel. “**Kosher**” phones are engineered in a way that makes internet access impossible. No WhatsApp or texting is available. Non “**Kosher**” phones are not allowed in the Yeshiva and will be confiscated along with any other device which enables one to play movies or have internet access.

We require all students to purchase their cell phone plans through Cellular Israel. As a direct agent for the cellular providers they are able to supply the lowest possible prices without any middlemen, hidden fees, or being locked into a contract. You can find out more information online <http://www.cellularisrael.com> We've also included a link on our website.

Please complete your order well before you come so they can be ready for your arrival.

### **Money**

You can open a checking account at home enabling your son to write checks and change them here for *shekalim*. There are legal money changers in Yerushalayim and throughout Israel. This allows parents to deposit money into the student's account, avoiding the need to carry cash. This can also be done with an ATM card. You'll need to look in to which is more convenient and cost effective.

(We've heard the following advice that may be helpful. We can't take responsibility for the accuracy; you'll need to do your own research: “*You may want to look into opening an account with **Capital One** because there are no foreign exchange fees and no ATM fees so Talmidim can take out money from any banks ATM machine in Israel without additional fees. They do charge high interest rates on overdraft and therefore best to be careful to avoid this. There is an ATM machine near the Rav Shefa mall, which is not far from the yeshiva so ATMs should be a convenient way to take out money while in Israel from a US bank account.*”)

### **Clothing**

During the course of your stay you will be experiencing hot weather during the summer and early fall, and very cold and rainy weather during the late fall and winter. It is therefore advisable to bring both summer and winter clothes and rainwear. It goes without saying that clothing should be appropriate for a Ben Torah, i.e. button down shirts and dress pants both in and out of the beis medrash. Talmidim are expected to wear hats and jackets for davening.

Note, you'll tear *kriya* the first time you go to the Kosel therefore bring a shirt on which to tear *kriya*.

### **Linen and Bedding**

Each student must bring his own towels, bedding, and linen. It is advisable to bring a warm blanket, as it can get very cold in the winter. Blanket Express, is a company that provides blankets and sheets for a reasonable price to lessen your luggage load if you so desire. You can find out more information on their website <http://www.blanketexpressplus.com>

### **Dental Information**

The ADO plan (American Dental and Orthodontics) offers affordable dental plans for students studying in Israel throughout their stay. All members are entitled to preventative care and follow up with the best dentists in the country, in state of the art facilities with American customer service. The ADO plan offers three affordable dental and orthodontic plans. For less than \$200, participating students will have convenient access to the highest standards of dental care for the entire year. Visit their website, [www.theadoplan.com](http://www.theadoplan.com) for more details.

### **Talmidim with Israeli Citizenship**

Israeli citizens are required to have an Israeli passport and obtain a special exemption from the army. This can be done at the closest Israeli consulate. Our understanding is they will grant up to four years exemption.

If one or both of the students' parents are Israeli citizens, then according to Israeli law he is considered an Israeli citizen. In addition, if the student (or his parents) was born in Israel he may be considered an Israeli citizen.

**IMPORTANT**, let us know ASAP if you think the above may apply to you. We will guide you in this process to the best of our ability.

### **Passports and Visas**

Student's passport should be valid through at least October 2021.

Each student who enters the country automatically receives a B-1 Visa. It is good for 3 months. In order to remain for the entire year however, you will need to get a Student Visa. This Student Visa is valid for 3 years. The Yeshiva will oversee the Student Visa application process. (subject to the rules and changes of the Israeli Ministry of Interior)

In order to obtain a Student Visa, the following information is required: Both parents' birthdates and mother's maiden name. You were asked to submit this info along with your application form. If you did not include this information then please e-mail it to [office@ytchaim.com](mailto:office@ytchaim.com). Passports must be submitted to the office upon arrival. There is a \$35 processing fee and will be charged to your credit card on file.

### **Trips**

Occasionally the Yeshiva goes on tiyulim, especially during the Bein Hazmanim. In addition, the Yeshiva periodically spends Shabbosim together in locations throughout Eretz Yisroel. This past year there was an incentive program that concluded with a special trip to Mezibuz Ukraine. The student's share of the cost will be made using the credit card information we have on file. We will send out a general notification of these upcoming charges in our weekly newsletter.

Here is a sample trip schedule. Number of trips will vary from year to year depending on what the Hanhala feels is needed for the Talmidim's growth. Prices may vary depending on actual costs (usually between \$25-\$300). A small number of these trips may be for first year Talmidim only and some trips are optional.

1. Several trips at the beginning of the year for Talmidim to form a group - \$75
2. Trip after Yom Kippur - Yeshiva provides Talmidim with safe trip options - \$50
3. 3-day trip after Succos - Yeshiva provides Talmidim with safe trips during the bein hazmanim - \$250
4. Trip first half of winter zman - \$50 – to recharge and refresh
5. 3-day trip after Chanukah - \$300 – to recharge and refresh

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6. This past year, there was an exciting Shabbos learning program during the winter zman that culminated with a trip to Mezibuz, Ukraine – Talmidim's subsidized cost for the trip was \$285.
7. Lag Beomer to Meron - \$25
8. Summer zman trip - to recharge and give a push for end of year shteiging - \$32.50
9. A "Shiur Shabbos" with Rebbeim and families - to strengthen connection between Talmidim and with their Rebbeim - \$100
10. The Yeshiva may have an end of year grand "Yeshiva Shabbos" – 3-day trip including Shabbos together with staff - to review, internalize, celebrate, connect etc .- \$285

### **General Rules**

Talmidim are expected to arrive at the beginning of each zman.

Talmidim are accepted with the understanding that they remain in the yeshiva until the very end of the winter zman and the summer zman.

In the event a Talmid leaves before the year is up, the Yeshiva may not be able to refund tuition nor grant full college credit. The following is our tuition refund policy:

- A. The \$250 registration fee is non-refundable.
- B. Tuition payments use a quarterly system:
  - ~ Until September 15th - %75 refund
  - ~ Until December 1st - %50 refund
  - ~ Until February 15th - %25 refund
  - ~ After February 15th there is no refund

Under no circumstances may Talmidim rent apartments or hotel rooms. Students are not permitted to have access to apartments even if they are owned by family members.

The Hanhala cannot assume responsibility for the whereabouts of students during the bein hazmanim. We strongly urge parents to give clear instructions to their sons to only go sightseeing with a professional tour guide.

Curfew at the yeshiva is strictly enforced. Talmidim must be back at the dormitory at the appointed time. Students who cannot make it back to the dormitory on time must receive permission from the Av Bayit/dorm father.

Yeshivas Toras Chaim welcomes parents! We love nothing more than meeting you and sharing your nachas. We welcome fathers to come learn with their sons in the beis medrash.

That being said, please remember that it can be disruptive to your son's growth to take him out of yeshiva. Therefore, please limit the time that you take your son out of yeshiva. Parents who wish to invite their son to eat with them should arrange to do so for lunch during the afternoon break.

Parents are also welcome to meet with their sons Rabbi. The most convenient time is generally between 1:30 and 2:30p.m.

Parents are urged not to bring their son home in middle of the zman unless absolutely necessary. Such trips must be coordinated with the hanhala in advance.