

GUIDE TO STUDENTS

Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh is a Yeshiva Gevoha, combining the best of Lithuanian Yeshiva tradition with the outstanding aspects of Israeli ideals. Its purpose is to develop Gedolei Torah, imbued with Torah values of Ahavat HaTorah, Ha'am, V'ha'aretz. The Yeshiva endeavors to instill its special approach in youth to whom a Torah-true life is of prime importance and who devote the best of their resources to its study.

The expectation of a bochur learning in KBY is that the Torah values are expressed not only in the Beit Midrash, but throughout the day. We will do everything possible to help our talmidim realize their goals in Yeshiva and guide them through the initial period of adjustment.

Joining our Yeshiva already demonstrates your desire to be a Ben Torah in every manner. Express that ideal in your daily routine. Remember, this is a year of self-realization. In order to attain these goals, here are some guidelines to keep in mind:

1. Our Beit Midrash is a Mikdash Me'at that demands dignified behavior. This includes:
 - a. Respectful manner of dress and appearance – including neat haircuts and proper footwear.
 - b. No eating or drinking other than from a small bottle of water
 - c. No phones in the Beit Midrash. Phones are suggested to be locked up in your rooms or in cubbies outside the BM

2. Retaining the Kedusha outside the Mikdash Me'at
 - a. Cell phones- You are required to have a filter on your phone that removes browsing, youtube and other movie apps. For further details and information regarding the phone policy, you will receive a separate Cell phone policy letter.

3. Kedushat Hazman
 - a. Sedarim - the expected times when every Talmid will be in Beit Midrash throughout the seder
 - i. Iyun Seder - 9am -1:15pm including shiur
 - ii. Second Seder 3:50pm - 7:15pm including chugim
 - iii. Night Seder 8:15pm - 10:30pm
 - b. Davening - only with the Yeshiva Minyan in Beit Midrash
 - i. Shacharit - 6:50am Brachot
 - ii. Mincha - 3:30pm
 - iii. Maariv - 7:15pm (shifts during summer zman)
 - c. Shabbat Schedule - Free Shabbatot are approximately every three weeks. You will be notified about the Shabbat programs at the beginning of the year. Talmidim are expected to remain in the Yeshiva for all other Shabbatot. There are some organized Shabbatot outside the Yeshiva, mini tiyulim, etc., details of which will be provided upon arrival at the Yeshiva. In the event of special circumstances, the talmid must receive permission from staff to leave.

4. The learning at the Yeshiva is divided into 3 “zmanim”, as follows:

1. From Rosh Chodesh Elul until the 11th of Tishrei.
2. From Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan until Rosh Chodesh Nissan.
3. From Rosh Chodesh Iyar until Rosh Chodesh Av.

Students who travel overseas during "bein hazmanim " must remain in the Yeshiva until the last day of zman and return in time for the following zman. Aside from those mentioned there are no other vacations. Thus, no Chanuka, mid-winter breaks are to be expected.

Talmidim planning summer courses, etc. will have to obtain permission from the Yeshiva well in advance in order to leave early. Please discuss your plans with the administration; they may have a bearing on your credits and MASA funding for those who receive grants.

These guidelines will provide you with a richer and more rewarding yeshiva experience.

We take pleasure in welcoming you and extend our best wishes for success in your quest for Torah learning and growth.

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