

Dear Parents,

Your sons are our precious *talmidim*. Our hearts and souls are invested in helping each and every *bochur* reach his potential as an upright *oveid Hashem*; an emotionally healthy and well-rounded member of *Klal Yisroel*. When a *bochur* has internet access, our hands are painfully tied behind our back. As hard as we may try, we simply can't reach a *bochur* who is surfing online. All of our efforts are blocked by a thick, impenetrable wall. A *bochur* who is logged online...is by default, logged out of *kedusha* and *teharah*.

Dear parents, we are pleading and imploring you to join forces with us. Please help us help your sons. Please help us develop your child into a proud *ben Torah*, a *nachas* to your family.

For the survival of Torah, the yeshiva is forced to maintain a zero tolerance policy for devices with video, Wi-Fi and/or other internet capabilities. In the same vein, no *bochur* is allowed to maintain a presence on any social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and the like. In addition, if a *bochur* uses and/or owns a smart-phone while not in Yeshiva, it must be filtered through the TAG office. (There is really no reason for a *bochur* to use a smart-phone at all, at any time.) **If, to our anguish, a *talmid* is found to have such devices on premises, or a presence on social media, or a phone that was not filtered through the TAG office off-premises, the yeshiva will painfully be forced to suspend him immediately, with a strong chance of expulsion.**

Parents, please, please don't let it come to that! We don't want to hurt a single, precious *bochur*! We are crouching down and begging you to help your sons help themselves. Keep them pure. Keep them safe. Help your child reach for the sky in his *Yiddishkeit*, development and personal growth.

In essence, for your son's own benefit, he should not have internet access even when he is not on Yeshiva's premises. Years of successful *chinuch* can dissipate in the breeze by the mere flick of a switch or a simple log-on.

The Yeshiva's strong stance is not coming from a place of limiting, but from a place of enabling. Enabling your son to reach his potential. Enabling your son to steer clear from the "free-for-all" culture so prevalent in the world today. Enabling your son to *shteig*, grow and become an *emisdike ben Torah*. For your sake, for your son's sake...and for the sake of your son's future generations.

Let us also not forget that *אדם נפעל כפי פעולתו*. If a *bochur* dresses the part of a *ben Torah*, that will subconsciously lead him to act like one. Pants should be black, navy or grey and not

form fitting. *Yarmulkas* should be the standard velvet. Shoes are expected to be black. When a *bochur* looks in the mirror and sees a respectable teenager staring back at him, he will reflect that image in his day-to-day behavior *b'ezras Hashem*.

In addition, only standard MP3's and iPods without radio capabilities are allowed. A device discovered with radio capabilities will be confiscated. D&B Electronics, at 321 Clifton Avenue in Lakewood, NJ, sell MP3's without radio. They can be contacted at 732-901-1280.

On a completely different note, וקווי ד' יחליפו כח. Sunday afternoons are NOT free time. It is not time to take off nor is it the time to book appointments. All appointments and the like should be scheduled during off-Shabbosim. If extenuating circumstances arise, please call me and we will work something out.

Parents, we deeply care about your children. For your son's benefit, admittance to Yeshiva for the new *zman* is dependent on both you and your son signing the form on the following page. It MUST be emailed to office@ymhbh.com or faxed to 718-634-4510 along with your registration documents before the beginning of the *zman*.

Parents, I daven for the *hatzlacha* of each and every *talmid* that enters our Yeshiva. With the sweat of our brow, we do all that we can to ensure that each *bochur* reaches his potential. We truly wish you only *nachas* from your child.

With best wishes,

Rabbi Yosef Goldstein

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P.S. Parents, please feel free to call me at any time to discuss anything whatsoever. I can be reached at 347-528-3660.

FORM CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH YESHIVA POLICY

I, _____, a *talmid* of YMBH, am signing below that:

- a) I have not brought and will not bring (any time in the future) any devices with internet and/or video and/or radio capabilities to Yeshiva.
- b) If I do own and/or use a smart phone and/or internet at home or at any other locations, I am aware that smart-phones must be filtered through the TAG office and internet must be filtered. (I realize that even so, *Gedolei Yisroel* and the Yeshiva strongly discourage such practices.)
- c) I will not maintain any presence on any sort of social-media.
- d) I am aware that if I am in breach of any of the conditions listed above, I will be suspended, with a very strong chance of expulsion.

I, _____, the parent of the *talmid* above, am signing that I am fully aware and supportive of all that my son is signing to.

***In order to be able to communicate with your son directly, we require his cell number on file. Please fill in your son's personal cell number here: _____.**

Signed,

Talmid

Date

Parent

Date