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Rosh HaYeshiva
RAV SHMUEL ZEV DICKER

August 13, 2019

Dear Parents:

We hope you are having a pleasant, restful and uplifting summer, and we are eagerly awaiting the start of another successful school year. These are the new guidelines for the Yeshiva's cell phone/smartphone policy. ***Under no circumstances are smartphones allowed in the Yeshiva even if they are filtered.*** Simple flip phones are allowed to be brought to Yeshiva providing that they are properly filtered. YMHBH has partnered with TAG (Technology Awareness Group) to ensure the proper filtering of our students' phones. They must be filtered through the TAG office using the **Gentech** filter under the **YBH association**. There are TAG offices in Brooklyn, Lakewood Monsey and all frum communities around the world, and the technicians there are very knowledgeable and helpful. Please click the link here for the TAG office in your area. Or see your local TAG office listed on the attached sheet (page 4). <http://www.taghelpline.org/>

Flip Phones that are allowed in the Yeshiva

All flip phones must be brought to TAG to be filtered. The only flip phone that does not need to be brought to TAG to be filtered is the **מאושר** cellphone, or the **Approved Link Kyocera** This Kyocera 4G phone is available directly from the company at Approved Link Connekt: **866-444-5404** or through vendors listed on page 3 *, where you can purchase it. Any other phone must be approved by TAG first. TAG recommends the **LG Exalt**. This phone **MUST** be brought into a TAG office to block the browser as well. These are the **ONLY** phones that are allowed to be brought to Yeshiva.

Smartphones

Smartphones are not allowed to be brought to Yeshiva even if they are filtered. The best would be if your son does not have a smart phone at all. However, the Yeshiva will allow the bochurim to have a smartphone at home providing that it is properly filtered through TAG and the attached certificate is signed by TAG, the bochur and his parents.

Depending on the phone you chose this may involve a nominal fee by TAG/Gentech.

Please be aware that the above rules will be **strictly enforced**. Please make an appointment with the TAG office ASAP for when your son comes home from camp. Make sure your son brings along the attached form for TAG to fill in all the cellphone information. You must email the signed TAG form to **office @ymhbh.com** by Thursday August 29th to ensure that your son can start yeshiva on time. All support for your son's cellphones have to be done through the



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Yeshiva and not Gentech. If they have a problem or a requestg, they must come to the office to fill out a form with their information and we will send it to Gentech. Any student that does not have the TAG form submitted will not be admitted on the first day of yeshiva. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH TAG. PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IMMEDIATELY, SINCE THEY WILL BE VERY BUSY!** Please email us with the date and time of your appointment.

Thank you for attending to this matter in a timely fashion. The quicker we get to it, the safer our children will be.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you much hatzlocha & nachas from your children,

Rabbi Shmuel Zev Dicker
Rosh Yeshiva

Rabbi Yossi Goldstein
Menahel

P.S. Please click on the link below, to hear Rabbi Kirshenbaum/ Menahel of Mesivta Ateret Torah speak about the dangers of smart phones called:

Rabbi Mordechai Kirshenbaum PLEASE BE AWARE!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cQvVfAyFRme9q7g_TEKW7W4NENh5apuX/view?usp=sharing



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***LG exalt- purchase at: Verizon store/ or Amazon. Have it fully charged before bringing to TAG.**

For any approved link phone Talk only or Meushar phone Vendors: In Lakewood any Jewish Cell Phone store should carry these phones as well. Flatubush does *NOT* carry these phones.

**BORO PARK:
Cellular 4 Less
5308 13th Avenue
718-851-7600**

**Duddy's Electronics
4415 14th Avenue
718-851-9400**

**MB Telecom
1224 38th Street
646-842-7025**

**Planet Cell
3922 16th Avenue
718-633-7555**

**Talk 'N Travel
1575 50th Street
718-305-7007**

World of Communication



4904 13th Avenue
718-831-7007

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TAG OFFICES- LISTED BELOW

Lakewood 1-732-730-1824

Flatbush 1-347-878-8241

Boro Park 1-718-225-5824

Williamsburg 1-718-437-1824

Five Towns 516-247-1907

Monsey 1-845-371-1824

Queens 1-718-407-2466

Baltimore 1-410-449-1824

Atlanta 1-678-235-4644

Denver 1-303-999-8746

Detroit 1-248-215-0051

Chicago 1-847-920-8245

Waterbury 1-203-759-8551

Cincinnati 1-513-725-1299

Cleveland 1-216-220-8242

Los Angeles 1-323-238-3601

Toronto 1-647-494-8824

Montreal CSL 1-514-836-1824

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TAG FORM-YBH ASSOCIATION

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

	<u>FLIP PHONE</u>	<u>SMART PHONE</u>	<u>OTHER ELECTRONICS</u>
Model of phone			
Service provider			
IMEI #			
Cell phone #			

All these devices have been checked by a TAG representative and are internet free with a YBH Association GENTECH filter & I removed camera & video capabilities from these devices.

Print Name _____ Date _____

Signature of Tag Representative _____

*I agree to maintain the technology policy of YMHBH.
I attest to the accuracy of this information and I agree not to have any filter removed without authorization from the Hanhalah. If a new phone is purchased at any time I agree to have it filtered by TAG. I understand if I don't adhere to the guidelines of the Yeshiva, I will be dismissed from YMHBH.*

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Students Signature _____ Date _____