

# **PARENT HANDBOOK**

## **RELIGIOUS REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Appearance and Attire**

Proper dress plays a very important role in the dignity and atmosphere of the yeshiva. As Torah students, young men and women should reflect Torah standards in their dress and appearance.

The omnipresence of the A-mighty requires propriety of one's behavior and dress not only in the synagogue, but in all areas of one's activities.

### **B. Dress Code Grades 1-8**

**GIRLS.** Must wear either dresses or skirts and blouses. Halachic modesty standards require skirt length to reach the knee; sleeveless apparel is not permissible. Socks should be worn at all times as well. In general, a student's appearance should reflect the dignity of a Bat Torah in a Torah institution.

**BOYS.** Must wear shirts with collars which must be tucked in. Teeshirts, jerseys, and blue jeans are inappropriate for school. Pants must be neat and pressed. **NATURALLY BOYS WILL WEAR KIPOT AND TZITZIT AT ALL TIMES!**

Good grooming is expected for both boys and girls. If a child arrives at school improperly attired, a letter will be sent home for the first occurrence. If this is repeated, the child will be sent home to change.

### **C. Bar mitzvah**

The Yeshiva will be pleased to serve in an advisory capacity with regard to Bar Mitzvah study for its students, but does not undertake such training.

The school looks forward to taking part in the simcha of becoming Bar Mitzvah. We therefore, invite the parents and grandparents to join the school minyan on the first day that a boy puts on tefilin and then again after he is 13 and one day old, at which time the student will conduct the Tefilot. Nothing is expected of the parents other than that they participate with us as we honor their son. Some parents offer the students a light treat at breakfast. Parents should check with the principal as to what is acceptable. This is of course not a substitute for the Bar Mitzvah celebrations in their respective synagogues,

### **D. Bat Mitzvah**

Each spring Y.D.R. will celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of all girls who reached their twelfth birthday during the preceding year.

A special program will be held which will include a presentation involving all the girls as well as a moving ceremony. Parents and family are invited to join school officials at the Bnot Mitzvah celebration.

#### **E. Birthday Celebrations and Parties**

1. Birthday celebrations may be arranged for children in the nursery, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades **only**. Parents desiring to make such a celebration must contact the student's teacher in advance of the birthday.

2. All food brought to the yeshiva must bear the (U), (K), ן-K, etc., endorsement for kashrut, or must be purchased at a shomer shabbat bakery. **NO HOME-BAKED FOODS ARE PERMITTED.**

#### **F. Minyan and School Opening**

The day begins with Tefilla-prayer for all students. Girls and boys complete the Shacharit service (limited to essential Tephilot in lower grades) at the start of their classes. Thus, the day begins in prayer and supplication to the A-mighty and with thanks for another day of life.

From the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, boys are required to attend the daily minyan which begins at 8:00 A.M. It is hoped that students will become familiar so as to be able to lead the tefillot as a chazan before reaching their Bar Mitzvah.