



**YESHIVA ATERES EITZ CHAIM**  
**GUIDE TO SUCCESS**  
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Dear Parents and Talmidim:

Welcome to Yeshiva Ateres Eitz Chaim! We are very excited and looking forward to personally greeting each of you, as together, b'ezras Hashem, we embark on a productive and wonderful school.

During the summer, we had the privilege and honor to work very closely to mechanchim in planning a program of outstanding hasmada and academics in Limudei Kodesh, internship programs, Life Skills Courses, and General Studies which we trust will be motivating and challenging.

When designing shiurim, classes, curriculum, and structure we have given priority to the social and emotional wellbeing of our beloved Talmidim, as well as inspiring and stimulating their minds and enhancing their knowledge so they can be prepared for a life as a Ben Torah in any vocation. We strongly encourage every Talmid to take full advantage of the exceptional shiurim, classes, and extracurricular activities which, b'ezras Hashem, the Yeshiva will be offering, thus ensuring that each Talmid will soar to the highest levels of Yiddishkeit and reach his potential scholastically, as well as maximize his intellectual, social, emotional potential.

Attached, you will find the Yeshiva Ateres Eitz Chaim Guide for Success which delineates school policies and expectations for parents and Talmidim. This handbook will assist in making the excellent choices ensuring your success as a Talmid of the Yeshiva. These policies are designed to enhance our students' security, participation in davening and class, appearance, and conduct as B'nei Torah, and the avoidance of risk-taking behavior.

Once again, we look forward to welcoming each of you and extend our warmest wishes to everyone for a successful year and much hatzlacha, b'ezras Hashem.

Rabbi Gedaliah Oppen Rosh Yeshiva

Rabbi Boruch Oppen Principal

This guide will help you understand how a Talmud of the Yeshiva is expected to conduct himself. The guide delineates school policies and expectation of students, as well as, the consequences of not adhering to these policies.

As a successful Talmid, you will recognize that you are a Ben Torah, and as such, your conduct in and out of Yeshiva must always reflect the highest standards.

The successful Talmid will engage promptly and enthusiastically in all aspects of the day, including, *davening*, *lemudei kodesh*, internships, *lemudei chol*, and special programs.

The successful Talmid respects himself, his Rabbeim, Teachers, peers, every staff member, and with whom he comes into contact both in and out of the Yeshiva. The same applies to all property, weather it belongs to him, to someone else, or to the Yeshiva.

A big part of success at Yeshiva includes taking advantage of the skills, talents, and experience of the Rosh Yeshiva, Principal, Rabbeim, and faculty. You are strongly encouraged to share any issues that may impede your best functioning during the day and we look forward to working productively with you to address and eliminate any such situations.

**This year we will be learning Meseches Taanis.**

**Please make sure to purchase a Gemara and have it with you daily.**

### **DERECH ERETZ KADMA L'TORAH**

Successful Talmidim conduct themselves with proper *middos* and *derech ertz* at all times. Our Yeshiva is a serious place of learning, in which every Rebbe and Teacher has the responsibility to teach and educate.

Any Talmid who interferes with a Rebbe or Teacher's instruction, or who impedes another Talmid's ability to learn, will be referred to the Rosh Yeshiva or Principal for disciplinary action.

When eating meals in the Yeshiva, a Talmid may not leave the dining area unless his table and surroundings are clean and all trash is placed in the appropriate receptacle.

### **DAVENING**

Talmidim are required to daven Shachris, Mincha, and Maariv (depending on the *zman*) with the Yeshiva.

**STUDENTS VEHICLES**

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents are fully responsible for any student who uses his car to travel to and from Yeshiva. In addition, parents are fully responsible for any student who uses a car during the day, including to or from any internship, life skills course, or trip.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is one of the fundamental keys to success at the Yeshiva. To make the most of the many opportunities offered, regular attendance is essential and required. Class attendance, note-taking, attentiveness, conduct, and participation are all part of evaluating student performance in any context. Rabbeim and Teachers will have the discretion to include these factors in their grading policies.

**Absence and Tardiness:**

Attendance will be taken daily. The Yeshiva must be notified if a Talmid will be absent or tardy. Each unexcused absence or tardiness will result in a penalty at the discretion of the Rosh Yeshiva or Principal.

It is the responsibility of the Talmid to verify if his absence or tardiness was excused.

**Leaving School Grounds:**

During the school day, a student may not leave the school grounds without explicit permission from the Rosh Yeshiva or Principal.

**Signing In and Out of School:**

When possible, medical and other appointments should be scheduled at times other than during the school day. If a Talmid must leave at any time during the school day, parents must notify the principal with explicit permission, including time of departure and plans for a return to school. A student who leaves school grounds without permission will be subject to suspension.

**Internship:**

If a student is unable to attend his internship, he is required to remain on the Yeshiva campus.

**General Studies:**

Much time, effort, and research has gone into preparing a program that is able to work with our Talmidim and schedule of our Yeshiva. All students must be enrolled in a General Studies program that is approved by Rabbi Oppen. For more information about General Studies, please contact Rabbi Boruch Oppen.

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**DRESS CODE**

The Yeshiva's dress code represents our values as a Yeshiva. A Talmid's appearance in the Yeshiva and in the workplace, must reflect the concepts of a dignified Ben Torah.

- Talmidim are expected to wear collard shirts (no Hawaiian shirts or the like).
- Dark colored (i.e., dark blue, black, gray) dress pants are acceptable. Jeans, and light-colored pants are not acceptable.
- Ugg moccasins, crocs, or other such footwear may not be worn in the Yeshiva.
- Personal grooming and facial hair must be consistent with the Kavod of a Ben Torah.
- Yarmulkes must be appropriate size and in good taste.

**CELL PHONE POLICY**

The Yeshiva recognizes the need for a cell phone policy that enables Talmidim to communicate with parents and yet, avoid the distraction cell phones may pose.

Cell phones may not be used during Davening, shiur, seder, class time, or in the Beis Midrash. Failure to abide by these instructions may result in the phone being confiscated.

The Yeshiva strongly encourages that all electronics be equipped with an appropriate filter.

**SUBSTANCE USE**

The Yeshiva educates students and parents on the dangers of drug and alcohol use, smoking, and vaping. The Yeshiva teaches students strategies for making good choices that will ensure their safety and well-being and thus prohibits all such use.

The Yeshiva may elect to use various screening methods, including interviews, cheek swabs, urine samples, and/or hair samples. The Yeshiva also reserves the right to question any student and to search his person, and/or possessions.

Facilitating another's use of drugs or alcohol, or being an accessory to such use, will be considered an infraction which will subject the student to appropriate action.

Sale or distribution of illegal substances, drug use, smoking, vaping, or drinking alcohol during the Yeshiva Day or after Yeshiva hours, will result in suspension and/or expulsion.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

#### Monday – Thursday:

		Limudei Kodesh:	9:45 – 11:45
Shacharis:	8:30	Lunch:	11:45 – 12:30
Breakfast:		General Studies:	12:30 – 2:00
Limudei Kodesh:	9:45 – 11:45	Mincha:	2:00
Lunch:	11:45 – 12:30	Dismissal:	
Internships:	12:30 – 3:00		
Mincha:	3:00		
General Studies:	3:15 – 5:00		
Dismissal:			

#### Alternative Schedule:

		<b>Friday:</b>	
Shacharis:	8:30	Shacharis:	8:30
Breakfast:		Breakfast:	
		Limudei Kodesh:	9:45 – 11:30
		Oneg:	11:30 – 12:00
		Dismissal:	

### YESHIVA CALENDAR

Date	Day	Event	Procedure
19 Elul/September 5	Tuesday	Student Orientation	9:30am – 11:00am

<b>20 Elul/September 6</b>	Wednesday	First Day of Classes	Alternative Schedule
<b>21 Elul/September 7</b>	Thursday		Alternative Schedule
<b>22 Elul/ September 8</b>	Friday	Erev Shabbos	Friday Schedule
<b>25-28 Elul/September 11-14</b>	Mon - Thurs	Alternative Schedule	Alternative Schedule
<b>25 Elul/September 11</b>	Monday	Parent Orientation	6:00pm
<b>29 Elul/September 15</b>	Friday	Erev Rosh Hashanah	No Classes
<b>3 Tishrei/September 18</b>	Monday	Tzom Gedaliah	Friday Dismissal
<b>4-6 Tishrei/September 19-21</b>	Tues - Thurs	Alternative Schedule	Alternative Schedule
<b>10 Tishrei/September 25</b>	Monday	Yom Kippur	No Classes
<b>11-24 Tishrei/Sept 26-Oct 9</b>	Thurs – Mon	Sukkos Break	No Classes
<b>25 Tishrei/October 10</b>	Tuesday	Sessions Resume	Alternative Schedule
<b>26 Tishrei/October 11</b>	Wednesday	Internships Begin	Full Schedule
<b>1 Cheshvan/October 16</b>	Monday	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>1 Cheshvan/October 16</b>	Monday	Parent Orientation	7:00pm
<b>1 Kislev/November 14</b>	Tuesday	Rosh Chodesh Kislev	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>8 Kislev/November 21</b>	Tuesday	Chanukah Boutique	6:00pm – 9:00pm
<b>10 Kislev/November 23</b>	Thursday	Thanksgiving	Parent-Son Learning
<b>11 Kislev/November 24</b>	Friday	Thanksgiving	No Classes
<b>25 – 29 Kislev/December 8 - 12</b>	Fri - Tue	Chanukah	No Classes
<b>28 Kislev-1 Teves/December 11-13</b>	Mon – Wed	Chanukah	Alternative Schedule
<b>1 Teves/December 13</b>	Wednesday	Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>10 Teves/December 22</b>	Friday	Asarah B'Teves	Friday Schedule
<b>13 Teves/December 25</b>	Monday	Federal Holiday	Alternative Schedule
<b>20 Teves/January 1</b>	Monday	New Years	No Classes
<b>1 Shvat/January 11</b>	Thursday	Rosh Chodesh Shvat	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>5 Shvat/January 15</b>	Monday	MLK JR Day	Alternative Schedule
<b>15 Shvat/January 25</b>	Thursday	Tu B'Shvat	Tu B'Shvat Tisch
<b>16-26 Shvat/Jan 26-Feb 5</b>	Fri - Mon	Mid-Winter Break	No Classes
<b>27 Shvat/February 6</b>	Tuesday	Sessions Resume	Full Schedule
<b>30 Shvat/February 9</b>	Friday	Rosh Chodesh Adar I	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>2 Adar II/February 11</b>	Sunday	Yeshiva Breakfast	9:00am
<b>10 Adar I/February 19</b>	Monday	Presidents Day	Alternative Schedule
<b>24 Adar I/March 4</b>	Monday	Prof. Development Day	No Classes
<b>1 Adar II/March 11</b>	Monday	Rosh Chodesh Adar II	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>11 Adar II/March 21</b>	Thursday	Taanis Esther	Friday Dismissal
<b>15 Adar II/March 25</b>	Monday	Shushan Purim	No Classes
<b>1 Nissan/April 9</b>	Tuesday	Rosh Chodesh Nissan	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>7-23 Nissan/April 15-May 1</b>	Mon – Wed	Pesach Break	No Classes
<b>24 Nissan/May 2</b>	Thursday	Sessions Resume	Full Schedule
<b>1 Iyar/May 9</b>	Thursday	Rosh Chodesh Iyar	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>14 Iyar/May 22</b>	Wednesday	Pesach Sheini	Pesach Sheini Tisch
<b>19 Iyar/May 27</b>	Monday	Memorial Day	Alternative Schedule

<b>1 Sivan/June 7</b>	Friday	Rosh Chodesh Sivan	Rosh Chodesh Mesiba
<b>5 Sivan/June 11</b>	Tuesday	Erev Shavuos	No Sessions
<b>6-7 Sivan/June 12-13</b>	Wed – Thurs	Shavuos	No Sessions
<b>13 Sivan/June 19</b>	Wednesday	Last Day of Classes	Friday Dismissal
<b>13 Sivan/June 19</b>	Wednesday	Siyum/Graduation	Siyum/Graduation

Please note: Dates and events on this calendar are subject to change. To view the Yeshiva's calendar online, please visit the Yeshiva website: [Atereseitzchaim.org/schoolcalendar](http://Atereseitzchaim.org/schoolcalendar).

### **A SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

The Yeshiva strives to foster an environment of commitment to Torah, its values, and Yiddishkeit. We remind you that your conduct on and off school grounds, reflects upon you as a Ben Torah and a Yeshiva student 24/7. We are confident that you will make good choices that will make us proud of you and will enhance the Ateres Eitz Chaim family.

We extend our very best wishes to every Talmid for a happy, successful, and productive school year!

Much Bracha V'Hatzlacha!!!