



PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

תשפ"ג 2022-2023





Yeshiva Derech HaTorah

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Dear Parents & Students:

Yeshiva Derech HaTorah welcomes you to a new school year! Our Yeshiva aspires to develop its students into Torah living, learned, and observant Jews. Students of Yeshiva Derech HaTorah must also realize how important it is to exhibit Ahavat Yisrael by respecting one another. A commitment to being part of Am Yisrael is underscored by teaching the language of Ivrit and creating a strong tie to Eretz Yisrael. Additionally, our students are guided to strive for excellence in General Studies so that they can proudly take up their place in society.

Please familiarize yourself with this booklet and share it with your child(ren). In doing so, you will be strengthening our partnership, enabling us to help you get the most Nachat from your children. Simultaneously, it helps us provide a safer, more orderly and compatible environment for your children to thrive.

The Principals, Board of Directors, and our staff join in expressing their best wishes to you for a most successful and productive school year. May we all be privileged to share much Nachat and joy as we see our children grow into B'nei Torah, committed to the fulfillment of Torah and Mitzvot, as well as productive members of our community.

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Elimelech Chanales,
Head of School*

*Mr. Yehuda Goldstein,
General Studies Principal*

1. IDEOLOGICAL OUTLINE

Yeshiva Derech HaTorah (YDH) was founded on the premise of clearly defined philosophies and firm commitments that distinguish YDH as a premier Torah institution. Below are 5 points that describe our Yeshiva's philosophy.

- YDH is an all-boys Yeshiva dedicated exclusively to the intensive Torah environment and educational program necessary for boys to become prepared as Talmidei Chachamim and for placement in the Yeshiva high school of their choice.
- Our Yeshiva is firmly committed to the ideals of Torah-based religious Zionism. We educate our students to view the establishment of Medinat Yisrael as miraculous: Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim are celebrated joyously.
- We view the eternal language of the Jewish nation to be that of Tanach and Chazal. The Yeshiva views instruction in the understanding of the Hebrew language, Ivrit, as providing a more meaningful and living experience in learning, as well as in Tefillah.
- Our Yeshiva is dedicated to the concept of "Torah Im Derech Eretz". General Studies is presented with seriousness. Additionally, the importance of general knowledge is viewed as enriching an individual's life, as well as an understanding of Torah.
- The Yeshiva seeks to develop a well-rounded young man not only academically, but socially as well. Middot Tovot are strongly stressed throughout our curriculum and woven into the fabric of everyday learning at our Yeshiva. In addition to an intensive educational program, our Yeshiva instills in its students a sense of responsibility, personal as well as social. This is achieved by providing a varied program of extra-curricular activities.

2. ARRIVAL

- Grades 7 and 8 students are expected to arrive at the Bet HaMidrash **promptly** by 7:30 A.M.. Doors will be open at 7:15 A.M..
- **Students of Grades 1-6 may arrive after 7:45 A.M.** Students **must not** arrive before this hour as adult supervision is not yet available. **Please do not endanger your child's safety!**
- Grades 1-6 students are to report to the gym by 8:25 A.M.. They will be supervised and later escorted by their teachers to their classrooms. Students are **not** permitted to proceed to classes on their own.
- Early Childhood children (N, UPK, Pre-1A) will be escorted to their classrooms upon arrival **between 8:15 & 8:30 A.M.** **After 8:30, Nursery and UPK students should be escorted directly to their classrooms by a responsible adult. P1A students should be escorted to the elementary school office. They will be given a note that will need to be given to their teacher for them to be admitted to their classroom.**
- **YDH partners with you and anticipates that you understand the importance of your child's punctual morning arrival. Your child as well as the class unit will benefit maximally as a result. Every effort towards your child's prompt arrival is greatly appreciated and admired.**

3. LATENESS AND ABSENCE

- Daily and timely attendance is essential for good progress. Students of Grades 1-6 arriving to school after classes begin must receive a late pass from the office to be admitted. **Please provide your child with an explanatory note so that he can be excused for his lateness.** Children who arrive in a timely manner get a better start to their school day.

- **A child returning after an absence must have a signed note from a parent. Additionally, if he was out due to an infectious illness, he must have a physician's note.**
- **J.H.S. Lateness Policy (7th & 8th Grades):** All 7th & 8th Grade students are expected to arrive to the Minyan and classes on time. Any student who arrives late will have the time noted and recorded in the school office.
- **Important:** Medical and/or other appointments should not be scheduled during school hours. This will assure good continuity of learning.

☞ **Please make arrangements that will ensure your son's prompt arrival to Yeshiva every day.**

4. TRANSPORTATION

- All guidelines regarding "Board of Education" busing are decided by the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) and not by YDH.
- Free bus service is provided according to the chart below:

<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Minimum Distance From School</u>
Pre 1-A	*5 years by Dec. 31	½ mile
1-2	6-7	½ mile
3-6	8-11	1 mile

***[UPK children cannot access OPT service. Children must be 5 years old by December 31 of the current year for eligibility.]**

There is a 5-mile limit from the school building after which bus service is disallowed.

- "METRO CARDS" will be issued to Grades 7 & 8 students during the 1st week. "Half" fare or "free" passes are determined by OPT.
- BUS STOP DESIGNATIONS are assigned by OPT and not by the Yeshiva. According to present OPT regulations, these locations **cannot** be changed.
- Until an exact pick-up and drop off time can be determined (in consultation with your driver), for the first few days begin your morning wait at 7:30 and your afternoon wait some time after 3:00 (Pre 1-A) or after 4:30 (1-6). If there is no one at the bus stop/home, your child will be brought back to YDH where he can be picked up.
- OPT is the responsible agency relating to bus service. You may, however, call the Yeshiva, and we will be glad to assist you.
- **Identification Tags** must be filled in with name, address, phone number, and method of getting home. Please be sure to have your child (Nursery to Grade 4) wear this tag each day during the 1st three weeks of school.
- Safety and conduct rules on the bus are a serious matter, especially as no adult supervision is present (other than the driver). OPT reserves the right to withdraw riding privileges from any child who does not comply. Since safety is of utmost concern, children must exhibit safe behavior on the bus. Observing the driver's instructions will ensure a safe and pleasant trip to and from Yeshiva.
- The **School Calendar** provides vital scheduling information relating to "NO BUS SERVICE" DAYS. Please refer to it regularly. It is found on the inside of the back cover for your convenience.

5. School Arrival/Visitation Procedures

- We ask all parents of students in Elementary Grades to drop their children off in the lobby and not escort them to their classroom.
- Entry to the building is only via Nostrand Avenue. The East 29th Street entrance will be locked. Parents and guests visiting the school during the day for any reason must present themselves to the security guard and receive a pass. Parents should then proceed to the **school office of the floor on which their child's class is located. At no time should parents visit a class or walk in the hallways without approval from the school office.**

6. DISMISSAL

- Mondays thru Fridays, Pre-School and Elementary School private pick-ups will be from East 29th Street, and all bus dismissals will be from Nostrand Avenue. **All Pre-School students who will be leaving at 3:00 PM will be dismissed from Nostrand Avenue.**

* **Important:** On “NO BUS SERVICE” days, regular car pool students will be dismissed from East 29th Street as usual. Only cars picking up students who normally ride the school bus may pick up students on Nostrand Avenue (in the front).

* **IMPORTANT:** During Bus Service Days, cars MAY pick up students only in the rear of the school building. Please line up on the right side of East 29th Street to avoid blocking traffic. Pick-up by car on Nostrand Avenue before 4:35 will not be allowed.

* **IMPORTANT:** Parents should wait for their children outside and **NOT** enter the building to ensure a safe and orderly dismissal.

- **IMPORTANT:** Parents are required to pick their children up in a timely fashion. This is especially critical on Fridays (Erev Shabbat) during the winter months.

***URGENT: AVOID LAST-MINUTE DISMISSAL CHANGES** – When absolutely necessary only to make a last-minute change in dismissal procedure for a child, please call **no later than 3:00 PM.** **After that time, we will be unable to accommodate changes.**

⇒ Please review with your child the manner in which he will be going to and from school and the procedure involved.

7. EARLY PICK-UP PROCEDURES

When absolutely necessary to pick a child up before dismissal, please follow these guidelines:

Nursery and UPK

- **Please pick your child up directly from their classroom. You must communicate with the teacher that you will be removing the child from their classroom. You will also need to record the time at which the child is leaving and sign the dismissal log located in your child's classroom.**

Pre 1-A

- **Please proceed to the elementary school office and indicate that you would like to pick your child up early. You will be asked to record the time at which your child will be leaving and sign an early dismissal log located in the office. The secretary will then proceed to the classroom and arrange for your son to leave as promptly as possible.**

Grades 1-8

- Please go to the office on the floor where your child's class is located.
- Sign the child out.
- Your son will be called out of class by the secretary.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter as this will ensure your child's safety as well as maintain the decorum in the classroom.

8. SCHOOL CLOSINGS

- In the event of an unplanned school closing due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, you may receive information by:
 - a school-wide email
 - a recorded phone call
 - visiting our website
 - calling the YDH Hotline.

Please call the YDH Infoline at 718-258-4441, Ext. 7, after 6:00 in the morning for up-to-date information. You can also visit our website, and look for information on school closing. [Rule of thumb: Yeshiva is closed when New York City public schools are closed.]

9. SCHEDULES

- **General program**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Mon.-Thurs.</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Nursery & Pre 1-A	8:30-3:00	8:30-12:50	No sessions
UPK	8:20-3:00	8:00-1:00	No sessions
Grades 1-4	8:25-4:30	8:25-12:50	No sessions
Grades 5 & 6	8:25-4:30	8:25-12:50	8:15-12:20
Grades 7 & 8	7:30-4:30	7:30-12:50	8:15-12:20

- **After School Programs**

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Playgroup Program:	N, Pre 1-A	Monday –Thursday	3:00-4:30 PM (optional)
Hebrew Study Program:	UPK	Monday –Thursday	3:00-4:30 PM (recommended)
Mishmar Program:	7 & 8	Thursday	4:30-5:10 PM (mandatory)

10. DRESS CODE

- Please review the dress code designated for your child's class. The code is designed to help our students look like Bnei Torah who are proud of their appearance. Compliance is important as it contributes to the self-image of the child as well as the Yeshiva environment.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Code</u>
1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collared, button-down shirt (No tee, polo, rugby, golf, or denim shirts)• Dress or casual slacks only (No jeans of any color, shorts, sweat suits, or jogging outfits.)• Sweatshirts (solids or with Yeshiva logo) and sweaters are permitted.• Shirts must be tucked in during Tefillot as well as during learning.
Early Childhood	No formal dress code applies.

As well, please ensure that haircuts are evenly cut all around as befitting a Ben Torah.

IMPORTANT: The dress codes apply to field trips as well as regular school days. (School shirts with logo may be required on trips.)

IMPORTANT: White shirt and blue pants are required on Rosh Chodesh and special assembly days.

☞ Please review with your son what he is allowed to wear to school and make sure he has tzitzit for every day.

11. CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Inculcating respect for the school and its property, such as the building, desks, etc., is part of our educational program, and we enlist the aid of our parents to emphasize these values. Deliberately damaging school property will result in a repair payment and other punitive measures. Jr.H.S. students are mandated to store school books exclusively in lockers!

12. SCHOOL DECORUM

To insure that our Yeshiva instills within our students and concept of *Yafeh Torah Im Derech Eretz*, i.e. that a Torah way of life cannot exist without behavior befitting *B'nei Torah*, discipline plays an essential part in our school program. Students are expected to maintain proper respect toward each other, their rebbeim, teachers, and elders, as well as abide by the rules and regulations of the school. Please consult the Yeshiva Behavior Code for more specific guidelines.

In order for the school to motivate students to achieve their full potential, a positive, but a respectful and serious learning environment must be established. Yeshiva Derech HaTorah is determined to foster such an atmosphere. High standards for *Middot Tovot*, as well as academic achievement, are of utmost importance.

We anticipate parental support and cooperation without which our mutual goals cannot successfully be attained. We hope to build and maintain a high level of confidence with our parents. To this end, good communication is imperative. A formalized system of teachers contacting parents will be in effect for the school year. We encourage our parents to feel free to call and leave a message for their child's rebbe/teacher or the Principals, in order to discuss any educational matters.

In the event a problem arises in the classroom, we strongly urge you to speak to the rebbe/teacher to resolve the matter. Most issues can be readily resolved in this way. Of course, the administration stands ready to be of help on any matter.

13. HOME-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS

In order for either the home or the school to be successful in achieving its goals, proper communication should be established. Some of the forums are:

- Parent-Teacher Orientation Night takes place at the beginning of the new school year. At that time, Rebbeim and teachers outline their plans for the coming year.
- Reporting pupil progress: Report cards are issued in December, March, and June. For additional interpretation of a child's progress, parents are urged to consult with Rebbeim, teachers, and Principals.
- Interim Progress Reports are issued mid-trimester (between report cards).
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are held after the issuance of the first and second report cards.
- A weekly newsletter, the YDH Family Album, is sent via email on Fridays. We strongly encourage you to read through this publication, as it includes important information regarding school.

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14. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

The school will supply pupils with the necessary materials such as textbooks, workbooks, etc.. A \$50.00 book deposit (refundable) is required for Grades 3-8 in order for students to receive their books. For 6th-8th Graders, a locker and lock will be provided for book care. Students must provide keyed locks and a duplicate key to the office. Students are responsible for their materials, and any loss or damage to school books will be deducted from this deposit. Please have your child(ren) cover all hardcover textbooks to help prolong their use. Rebbeim and teachers will apprise students of supplies (paper, pens, glue, etc.) which are required.

15. HOMEWORK POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Homework serves an important purpose in your child's school life. It is a means of reviewing and reinforcing the lessons taught during the day. Additionally, it is a way to help a child develop his work and study habits, as well as the self-reliance and discipline necessary throughout his years at school.

- YDH homework policy is that it may be assigned nightly by all teachers of both departments as needed.
- It is important for parents to oversee that all homework or required study is completed. **Please sign your child's homework (Grades 1-8) to acknowledge your supervision.**
- Homework is an integral part of learning, and the care and quality with which it is done will be reflected in the final grade.

- **Please provide a note of explanation if your child was excused by you from completing his assigned work. If a child misses homework without an explanatory note from a parent, a yellow card will be issued. This may affect the final grade. All missed homework must be made up.**
- If a pattern arises of neglecting homework three or more times, parents will be called in for conference to discuss ways to resolve this problem.

☞ **Please review with your son the importance of doing homework in a timely manner.**

16. HALACHIC STANDARDS

As Yeshiva Derech HaTorah is a Torah institution, Halachic standards are required. Please note the following:

- Students are expected to wear “kipot” and “tzizit” daily.
- Parents/relatives visiting the Yeshiva or waiting outside the building are expected to dress in accordance with *Halachic tradition*. **Men should wear kipot, and women should not wear pants or shorts.**

17. BIRTHDAY PARTIES

- Birthday parties are permitted in Pre-school and Grade 1. Please check the date with the teacher at least one week before the scheduled event, and make arrangements with your child’s classroom teacher.
- For parents of students Grades 2-8, who wish to have their son’s class celebrate a birthday, please follow the following guidelines:
- Please send in with your son ONE pastry or snack with an approved community hashgacha, i.e.



- If snacks are dairy, they must be Cholov Yisroel.
- There should be enough for the entire class.
- No home-baked or home-cooked foods will be permitted at parties in school. Purchased or catered food must bear a Hashgacha acceptable to the Yeshiva and must be identified as such on the packaging.
- If the snacks are too cumbersome for your child, please drop them off at the security desk with a note attached.

18. BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATION GUIDELINES

The school office will be keeping a calendar of Bar Mitzvah events and celebrations. Please notify the Yeshiva of your date by the end of September in order to avoid conflicts.

- There will be a **Bar Mitzvah Workshop** scheduled for the end of October. We urge all 6th Grade parents and their sons to attend.
- Catering establishments must be under Kashrut supervision agencies acceptable to the Yeshiva. Please consult with the Principal for further clarification.
- Celebrations may not conflict with class time.
- Use extreme discretion with your invitations. We urge you to invite the entire class rather than excluding anyone.
- Parents are asked to reinforce with their son their expectations of proper behavior when he is a guest at another’s simcha. A child’s behavior reflects on his home as well as on his Yeshiva.

19. SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS

- Students disembarking from school buses must proceed directly into the building.
- Once school begins, students must remain for the full day until dismissal.
- Drinks are permitted in school provided they are in plastic bottles only.
- Chewing gum is not permitted in school.
- Sports equipment may be brought from home for recess/gym use. Bats and hard balls should be left at home. Bicycle riding, rollerblading, etc., are not permitted on school grounds.
- Please be sure to instruct your children to cross only at corners, heeding the “walk/don’t walk” signs. Never let your children cross in the middle of the block.

 Please review the importance of following safety instruction to the letter.

20. HEALTH ISSUES

- **All entering students, Nursery, UPK, Pre-1A, and new admissions (Grades 1-8) must submit a current immunization form, completed and signed by a physician. The Board of Health mandates that this form be in school within the first 14 days of the new school year. NO CHILD MAY BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL AFTER 14 DAYS WITHOUT SUCH A RECORD. (Forms are available through the office.)**
- Students entering 1st Grade, and all new admissions, may be asked to have a psychological screening by one of the psychologists on assignment with the Yeshiva.
- Should the need arise, a guidance counselor is assigned to YDH and is accessible to every student.
- Minor injuries will be handled in the school.
- If a child is injured significantly or becomes ill, parents will be contacted.
- Medications of any sort may not be dispensed by the school faculty without written consent.
- Any child, who upon examination, is found to have head lice or nits will be removed from class immediately. Only upon re-examination and found nit-free will he be readmitted.
- Students must have their hair thoroughly checked for pediculosis before entering school in September.
- Report to a teacher whenever a child is exposed to a communicable illness (or lice).
- Make sure the school/teacher is aware of:
 - a) any allergies (especially to food)
 - b) any medical problem (i.e. fluid in ear, any medication child is taking, etc.)
 - c) any psychological situation in the family (a new baby, parents away, etc.)

IMPORTANT: It is urgent that you provide the Yeshiva with fully completed and up-to-date EMERGENCY CARDS. WE CANNOT WASTE PRECIOUS TIME SEARCHING FOR YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER. Please include cellular and beeper numbers. Make sure to constantly update the YDH office throughout the year should these numbers change.

IMPORTANT: Do not send children to school who are not feeling well. Any child who becomes ill in school will be removed from the classroom and kept in the office until he/she is picked up. We will try to reach the home/ emergency number listed on the emergency card.

21. YDH LICE INSPECTION POLICY

At YDH, we have instituted a lice prevention program which is highly effective in preventing school-wide epidemics. There will be mandated lice checks instituted throughout the school year. A nominal charge of \$10 will be charged for this service. In our attempt to maintain control, we cannot, under any circumstances, accept a physician's note regarding the child's eligibility to enter the class.

What parents may not realize is the extreme importance of reporting cases of lice. By alerting the school that a child of a particular class has a case, we can confine the problem. The entire class will be checked as soon as possible, and any found cases will be handled appropriately. That class will be closely monitored until the issue is resolved.

In accordance with the Board of Health, we have a very strong "no nit policy" in effect. What this means is that any child returning to school for a recheck will not be readmitted to class if there are any nits remaining. We urge parents to check their children often to be sure that they are nit free.

22. IDENTIFICATION

- Children's clothing and belongings should be clearly marked (in indelible ink) for quick identification.
- Early Childhood through 3rd-Grade students should have their "NAME TAGS" pinned to their outer clothing during the first three weeks. Please complete the tags as requested.
- **Early Childhood:** There must be a **complete** change of clothes, **labeled with your child's name**, in the classroom at all times.

23. MESSAGES

- **MESSAGES CANNOT BE CONVEYED TO STUDENTS UNLESS THEY ARE OF AN EXTREMELY URGENT NATURE.**
- **FOR STUDENTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH 3RD GRADE, NO CHANGES FROM THE CHILD'S REGULAR DISMISSAL PROCEDURE CAN BE MADE UNLESS THE TEACHER IS NOTIFIED IN WRITING. THIS CHANGE MUST BE EFFECTED EARLY IN THE DAY. NO REQUESTS FOR CHANGE CAN BE HONORED AT DISMISSAL TIME. NO CHILD CAN BE SENT TO ANY STOP OTHER THAN HIS REGULAR ONE WITHOUT A NOTE AND/OR CALL.**

24. ADMISSION CARDS

Admission cards are issued only to those families who have completed registration, have no unpaid balance, and have submitted their signed tuition agreements and form of payment chosen.

All students must bring their admission cards on the first day of school and give them to their morning teachers. Failure to bring the card will cause undue delay in placement of the student.

25. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students not satisfying all immunization requirements before school opens will not be admitted.
No exceptions!

26. NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Yeshiva Derech HaTorah, 2810 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

YDH CODE OF BEHAVIOR

As a YDH student

- 1 - I am representing my family and Klal Yisroel.
- 2 - I will do my best to arrive at Yeshiva on time, ready to learn and grow.
- 3 - I will respect at all times the decorum of the Yeshiva hallways as it is a מקום תורה where learning occurs. This is done by walking calmly and with dignity at all times.
- 4 - I am responsible for my classwork, homework, and all books and materials.
- 5 - I will treat my Yeshiva and the people in my Yeshiva with respect.
- 6 - I understand the Yeshiva dress code and will follow it at all times.
- 7 - I will use appropriate language and tone to settle any problems and differences. If this does not work, I will seek an adult to help me.
- 8 - I know that if I own a cell phone or electronic device that plays movies, it must remain off at all times while in the Yeshiva. I understand that if I use it, it will be confiscated until my parents pick it up.
- 9 - I know there is zero tolerance for fighting, foul language, or disrespect to an adult.
- 10 - I cannot leave the classroom or school building without permission.
- 11 - I understand that this Behavior Code will enable me to continue on the path of becoming a Ben Torah. I will be able to succeed and grow as a Jew, a student, and a mensch.

Please review these codes and make sure your son understands each item clearly.

DEAR VISITOR,

YOU ARE ENTERING A YESHIVA,
A SANCTUARY OF TORAH.

MEN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR
A KIPPAH. WOMEN ARE REQUESTED
NOT TO APPEAR IN SLACKS OR
SLEEVELESS OR LOW-CUT DRESSES.

*Our children will benefit greatly by
your example.*

והצנע לכת עם אלקיך (מיכה ו' ח')

YESHIVA DERECH HATORAH - SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2022/2023

ATTENTION 3K and UPK PARENTS: Please see separate 3K/UPK Calendar.

Sept. 6	Tues.	Faculty Orientation Pre-School Orientation 10:00-12:00
Sept. 7	Wed.	1 st day of school for Grades N-8 (3K-UPK Dismissal 1 PM) 1 st day of Yellow Bus service
Sept. 8	Thurs.	3K-UPK Dismissal 1 PM
Sept. 25-27	Sun.-Tues.	Rosh Hashanah - NO SCHOOL
Sept. 28	Wed.	Tzom Gedalia - Friday Schedule
Oct. 4-5	Tues., Wed.	Yom Kippur - NO SCHOOL
Oct. 9-18	Sun.-Tues.	Sukkot Vacation - NO SCHOOL
Oct. 24	Mon.	Grades Pre-1A-8 Parent-Teacher Orientation, 7:30 PM
Oct. 30	Sun.	First day Sunday classes (Grades 5-8)
Nov. 3	Thurs.	First Mishmar (Grades 7 and 8)
Nov. 11	Fri.	Veteran's Day Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
Nov. 23	Wed.	Pre-School Parent Teacher Conferences, 7:30-9:30 PM
Nov. 24-27	Thurs.-Sun.	Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL
Dec. 1	Thurs.	End of First Marking Period (Grades 1-8)
Dec. 23-26	Fri.-Mon.	Chanukah Recess – NO SCHOOL
Dec. 27-Jan. 2**	Tues.-Mon.	No Yellow Bus service
Jan. 3	Tues.	Fast of 10 th of Tevet – Friday Schedule
Jan. 8	Sun.	Grades 1-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Jan. 16**	Mon.	No Yellow Bus service
Jan. 19-29	Thurs.-Sun.	Mid-Winter Vacation - NO SCHOOL
Feb. 6	Mon.	Tu B'Shvat
Feb. 8	Wed.	Pre-School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 7:30-9:30 PM
Feb. 19-20	Sun., Mon.	Presidents' Day Weekend - NO SCHOOL
Feb. 28	Tues.	End of Second Marking Period (Grades 1-8)
March 6	Mon.	Taanit Esther - Friday schedule
March 7-8	Tues., Wed.	Purim - NO SCHOOL
March 19	Sun.	Grades 1-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences
April 3-16	Mon.-Sun.	Pesach Vacation - NO SCHOOL
April 18	Tues.	Yom HaShoah - REGULAR CLASSES - special programming
April 25	Tues.	Yom HaZikaron - REGULAR CLASSES - special programming
April 26	Wed.	Yom HaAtzmaut - REGULAR CLASSES - special programming
May 5-12	Fri.-Fri.	Achievement Tests (Grades 1-8)
May 9	Tues.	Lag B'Omer - REGULAR CLASSES - special programming
May 19	Fri.	Yom Yerushalayim
May 25-29	Thurs.-Mon.	Shavuot/Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
June 13	Tues.	Pre-1A Graduation
June 14	Wed.	8 th Grade Graduation, 7:30 PM
June 19**	Mon.	No Yellow Bus service
June 21	Wed.	Last day of school for Grades N-7 - FRIDAY SCHEDULE
June 22	Thurs.	Clerical day

Calendar subject to change

Fridays: Grades Nursery-8th 1:00 PM dismissal

***No yellow bus transportation. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.*