

MOTY HORNSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS / YESHIVAT SHA'ALVIM

Dear תלמיד,

Welcome to ישיבת שעלבים for the 5768 (2007/08) academic year. We are happy to have you with us as a תלמיד of our Yeshiva and are confident that you will derive great benefit from the Yeshiva as you grow in Torah, *Yir'at Shamayim*, *Ahavat Yisrael* and *Ahavat Eretz Yisrael*. The aim of this pamphlet is to provide you with basic information about life in and out of the Yeshiva.

I. GENERAL EDUCATIONAL GUIDELINES:

- A. **עיון:** *Sugya* development and analysis. Morning Seder is devoted to עיון. Many find additional time necessary and beneficial for "Chazara" as "Chazara" is an absolute necessity. (Keep this in mind when planning your *Sedarim*.)
- B. **בקיאות:** The *Shiur* is for concentration on high points of the *Daf*. The pace is (approx.) one *Amud* a day.
- C. **חוגים:** Daily "*Chugim*" in *Halacha*, *Tanach*, *Machshevet Yisrael* etc. give you an opportunity to broaden your horizons in all areas of Jewish scholarship. A schedule of the חוגים is posted on the bulletin board. In addition to the mandatory חוגים given everyday at 6:15 p.m., a schedule of optional חוגים given at 10:30 p.m. will be posted.
- D. **INDEPENDENT STUDY:** This is probably your first opportunity to "grow in learning" on your own. It may be difficult and burdensome at the beginning but will certainly become a most enjoyable and productive experience. All of the *Rabbanim* are prepared to assist you in any area of study. Feel free to approach them in the *Bet Midrash*, in the faculty office or at their homes, during reasonable hours (i.e. not between 1:30- 3:00 PM or after 11:00 PM). Also note that during afternoon and night Seder, the Rav standing at the *bima*, is there to answer your questions.
- E. **מוסר & הלכה Sedarim:** Short *Sedarim* in the morning and evening are set aside for learning these important topics. During *Halacha seder*, which starts off your day of learning everyday from 8:30 A.M. – 9:10 A.M., Rav Eli Piolet will be in the *Beit Midrash* coordinating the *limud* and answering any questions that you may have. For *Mussar seder*, before *Ma'ariv*, you and your *chavruta* will decide which *sefer* you will learn during this time slot.

F. **סדר יום:**

7:10 A.M.	(מזמור שיר) שחרית
Breakfast	
8:30 A.M.	סדר הלכה
9:10 A.M.-12:00	סדר א'
12:00-1:15 P.M.	שיעור עיון
1:15 P.M.	Lunch
Break	
3:00 P.M.	מנחה
3:15-7:15 P.M.	סדר ב'
5:15-6:10 P.M.	שיעור בקיאות
6:15-7:15 P.M.	חוגים
7:15 P.M.	Supper
7:55 P.M.	סדר מוסר
8:15 P.M.	מעריב
8:30 P.M.	סדר ג'

- G. **MEAL TIMES:** The above time table has NOT been set arbitrarily. Meal times must be coordinated properly. The kitchen serves each part of the Yeshiva at different times in order to accommodate everybody. Therefore, WE REQUEST THAT NO ONE ENTER THE DINING ROOM FOR ANY MEAL BEFORE THE TIME MENTIONED ABOVE. Our cooperation with the kitchen is necessary to enable meals to be served orderly and efficiently.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **SHABBAT:** Shabbat should be an integral part of your Yeshiva experience. A schedule of "In" *Shabbatot*, "free" *Shabbatot* and special *Shabbatonim* will be given out at the beginning of the year. Every effort should be made to adhere to this schedule. If you cannot be in the Yeshiva for an "in" Shabbat - please speak with Rav Waxman or Rav Cohen.

Although you are given a Shabbat schedule, all *talmidim* are requested to fill out the Shabbat attendance sheet, hanging on the bulletin board, by Wednesday, enabling the kitchen to prepare accordingly. Also, if you're having guests for Shabbat please note this on the list posted.

2. **DORMITORY:** There are 3 or 4 *talmidim* per room, in general 2 first year *talmidim* and a second year *talmid*. We request that no room changes be made without consulting with Rav Waxman or Rav Cohen. Please keep in mind that the Yeshiva views the dorm as an extension of the *Bet Midrash*, where we maintain an atmosphere befitting *Bnei Torah*, from the kind of music played to the pictures placed on the walls. Needless to say that gambling, drinking, or watching DVD's in the dorm are grounds for expulsion from the Yeshiva.

- A. "בין אדם לחברו": Please respect the privacy of others and maintain decorum in the dormitory. Be aware that 1:30 - 3:00 PM are rest hours. Quiet should also be maintained after 11 PM. Remember that the dormitory is adjacent to faculty and *Kollel* housing, so please refrain from shouting at any time.

B. **Cleanliness:** The Yeshiva expects the dorms to be maintained in a clean and orderly fashion. This is the home every student in the Yeshiva. Rooms are to be clean and neat, and floors should be washed at least once a week.

Any cooking that's done in the dorm is only allowed in the designated areas and not in the rooms. There is to be no cooking in the dorm after 10:30 P.M.

C. **Food accommodations:** Kitchen and dining room utensils may not be taken to dorm rooms. When bringing food to the dorm to a friend who does not feel well, please request paper plates and plastic silverware from the kitchen. A refrigerator is available for your use in the dorm lobby. It is your responsibility to keep it neat and clean.

3. **DRESS CODE:** The students here follow a simple but conservative dress code, as befitting *Bnei Torah* at an Israeli Yeshiva. On Shabbat, they wear dark trousers and white shirts. During the week they wear slacks and shirts with collars. Please do not wear jeans, T-shirts, or shorts outside of the basketball court area.
4. **KASHRUT:** Keeping Kosher in Israel may be more challenging than it is abroad. Aside from the numerous *מצות התלויות בארץ* (ערלה, תרומות ומעשרות) there are other complications involved. There are various *Hashgachot*, and one should be aware of the most reliable ones. All products sold in the *Markol* undergo *הפרשות תרומות ומעשרות* upon arrival to Sha'alvim.
5. **SEATS IN THE BEIT MEDRASH:** To obtain a permanent seat for *davening* in the *Beit Medrash* you must sign your name on the list posted. There is a diagram with corresponding seats and numbers. Please realize that precedence will be given to *talmidim* who have a specific spot from previous years.
6. **VALUABLES:** Never leave more than a minimal amount of cash in your room. Never leave valuables in open view or unguarded. You will obtain a key to your room. Keep it locked when unoccupied. Each student will receive a personal safe deposit box, with his own key, where he is to keep such valuables as passports, air tickets, cash, travelers checks, etc. Insurance does not cover any lost items that were not in the safe. The \$20 deposit for keys will be refunded upon return of keys.
7. **LAUNDRY:** The Yeshiva provides weekly laundry service for your benefit. You may submit and receive your laundry on Wednesdays from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Dry cleaning service is not available at the Yeshiva and we take no responsibility for such items. We are not responsible for items submitted and not listed on a laundry slip.
8. **MEDICAL ATTENTION:** The Yeshiva provides medical attention on campus. The nurse is on duty at the Yeshiva daily between the hours of 8:00-9:00 A.M. and 9:00-10:00 P.M and will issue referrals to the doctor when necessary. We also cover every student with Shiloah hospitalization insurance. Coverage does not include preexisting conditions, dental work, and physical/ orthopedic therapy.

9. **TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY:** Traveling in Israel is relatively inexpensive and the bus lines get you everywhere. Buses to Yerushalayim and Tel Aviv run about every half hour from Mishmar Ayalon. A bus leaves the bus stop at the Yeshiva and on the Kibbutz several times daily; the hours are posted at the bus stop. The bus from Mishmar Ayalon to the Yeshiva leaves about five minutes before each of these hours.

Hitching rides is dangerous! NEVER enter a vehicle unless you know for certain who the driver is, **EVEN IF HE IS WEARING A KIPPAH**. Sha'alvim/Kibbutz/Nof Ayalon cars have yellow identification stickers in upper right hand corner of windshield. If you ever find yourself stranded or in a big rush do not hesitate to take a taxi. It may cost a few dollars but it is well worth the security. Jogging or walking on the road is not allowed after dark.

10. **"MAKOLET" (MINI MARKET):** The *Makolet* features most items one may need on a daily basis as school supplies, snacks, toiletries, fresh fruit and vegetables, cold drinks, ice cream, etc.

11. **ISRAELI DIET:** At the Yeshiva, lunch is the main meal. It is usually בשרי and well balanced. Breakfasts and suppers may differ from the American norm. You should make every effort to adjust to the Israeli diet. Do not substitute "nosh" for the regular morning and evening meals.

12. **CHANGING FOREIGN CURRENCY:** Cashing money can usually be done in the *Markol*, or at any bank. Do not cash more than the amount you expect to use for a few weeks since rates may change periodically.

13. **MAIL:** Incoming mail will be in the mail box after 1:15 PM.

DO NOT enter the office in search of mail.

Stamps are available at the *Markol*.

The "outgoing" mail box is situated next to the incoming ones by the side of the *Markol*. The e-mail room is accessible only during set times: during breakfast 8:00-8:45 a.m. and during supper 7:15-8:00 p.m.

14. **TIYULIM AND SHABBATONIM:** A major טיול to the North has been arranged for בין הזמנים סוכות, as well as a series of shorter trips, טיולים, and organized שבתונים throughout the year, including a שבתון in the Negev and a שבתון in צפת. We view the *tiyulim* as part of the *chinuch* that you will receive this year and therefore all *tiyulim* are mandatory.

15. **בין הזמנים:** The Yeshiva is closed during *Succot* and *Pessach*. If you need help finding arrangements for these times please consult with your *Mashgichim*.

16. **TRAVEL PLANS:** Please realize that interruptions in the middle of a ומן create many difficulties for both *talmidim* and their *chavrutot*. It is for this reason that we set the following policy:

- a) Any talmid who wishes to leave the Yeshiva for more than one day must first receive permission from Rav Waxman.
- b) The Yeshiva will allow a six day trip to חו"ל only for a *simcha* within a *talmid's* immediate family. Parents' request should be addressed to Rav Waxman.
- c) Parental visits are, of course, welcome. However *talmidim* are not to leave Yeshiva during this period besides Shabbat, one day, and one evening for every week of their parents' stay.

17. **END OF זמן:** 12 Sivan - June 15, 2007. *Talmidim* who wish to stay longer are welcome to stay until *Tisha B'Av*.

18. **חגים IN THE YESHIVA:** The following חגים are to be spent at the Yeshiva:
 ראש השנה, יום כפור, שמיני עצרת (שמחת תורה), פורים, שבועות
 Please be aware of this now, and do not make alternate plans.

19. **TELEPHONE:** These telephone numbers will be helpful to have at hand.

<u>STUDENT PHONE (BET MIDRASH)</u>	<u>(08)927-6530</u>
<u>STUDENT PHONE (DORMITORY)</u>	<u>(08)927-6523</u>
<u>STUDENT PHONE (DORMITORY)</u>	<u>(08)979-0009</u>
<u>RAV YAKOVSON'S OFFICE</u>	<u>(08)927-6520</u>
<u>OVERSEAS OFFICE</u>	<u>(08)927-6552</u>
<u>RAV WAXMAN'S OFFICE</u>	<u>(08) 927-6701</u>
<u>FAX (to be used only for important messages)</u>	<u>(08) 927 6516</u>
<u>EMERGENCY (MADRICH)</u>	<u>0528-396-465</u>
<u>FRIENDS OF YESHIVAT SHA'ALVIM, New York</u>	<u>(718)677-7200</u>
<u>FAX, New York</u>	<u>(718)677-3080</u>

20. **REBBE & TALMID RELATIONSHIP:** We make every effort of giving every *talmid* the personal attention he deserves. You can assure yourself of a close relationship with any one of us by initiating contact and persevering.

21. **PROBLEMS:** Feel free to contact your *mashgiach/ madrich* with any and all problems that may arise on or off campus. Please do not hesitate to discuss all matters with him.

Best wishes for a *כתיבה וחתימה טובה* and a successful year at Sha'alvim,

HaRav Yechezkel Yakovson
Rosh HaYeshiva

Rav Ari Waxman
Mashgiach Ruchani

Overseas Staff:

Rav Chaim Cohen, *Sgan Mashgiach*

Rav David Lebor, *Ra"m*

Rav Yosef Nusbacher, *Ra"m Shana Bet*

Rav Eli Reich, *Ra"m*

Rav Eli Pielet, *Bkiyut*

Rav Ezra Shapiro, *Mashgiach Shana Bet*

Rav Michael Yamer, *Ra"m*

Rav Binyamin Zimmerman, *Ra"m Shana Bet*

Lavi Shimon, *Madrach*