



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL  
LOWER SCHOOL

2021-2022  
5781-5782



Dear Parents:

Shalom! We hope you are enjoying a restful, healthy, and cool end of summer vacation.

As we gear up for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, there are a number of important items we wish to bring to your attention.

First and foremost, we want to express how deeply we value our partnership with each of you. If at any time you would like to discuss a matter with us, please do not hesitate to reach out. The key to your child's success at the Yeshivah of Flatbush lies in healthy communication between parents and school.

We look forward to an exciting and productive year, and seek your cooperation, input, and feedback so as to maximize the learning experience for each student in the Yeshivah of Flatbush.

**We wish you and your family a healthy, happy, fulfilling year!**

**תזכו לשנים רבות!**

**Rabbi Yahel Tsaidi**

Head of School

**Mr. Robert Berkman**

Principal, General Studies

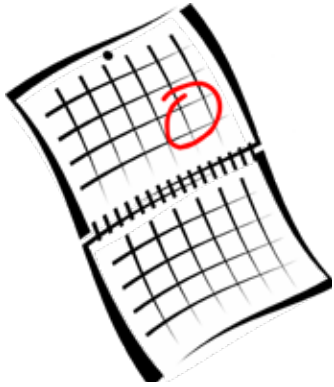
**Rabbi Dr. David Saltzman**

Director of Teaching and Learning, Assistant Principal, General Studies

**Mrs. Chani Gratzman**

Associate Principal, Judaic Studies, Lower School

# I. THE CALENDAR



The full school calendar for 5781-5782 (2021-2022) will be sent under separate cover. Please take a moment to review the calendar carefully, noting vacation and other days when the Yeshivah is closed, special days of early dismissal, and days when regular transportation is not available. There may be slight differences in the Early Childhood, Lower School, Middle School and High School calendars. We bring this to your attention

so that you may plan accordingly. We expect every student to be in attendance every day of school, except in the case of illness. *Please adhere to vacation schedules and please do not take your child out in advance. Make certain that your child arrives at school within his or her designated arrival slot in order to ensure the health and safety of all of our students.*

# II. SCHOOL OPENING PROCEDURES AND CLASS ADMISSION CARDS

Learning begins on the first day of school. As such, we seek parental cooperation in seeing that schedules and times are adhered to and that school supplies are purchased before school begins. This will help maximize learning time and create a comfortable atmosphere for your child. Please check the list carefully, especially if your child is assigned to a separate Hebrew and English class.

Your child(ren)'s Class Admission Card(s) must be presented to the morning teacher upon arrival on **the first day of school**. By separate email, you will receive your login information to the YOF Parent Portal to be able to view your class card(s). Please print and sign the class card. **No student will be admitted to class without this card.**

Proper class placement is essential to a child's academic and social development. Class placement is determined by the administration after a thorough and objective study of each individual student's academic achievements and abilities, as well as social adjustment, parent and teacher recommendations, and individual student needs. Student Services are also consulted in many cases. **Please be aware that any changes to class placement will not be considered until October 29.**

## III. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**Friday, September 10, 2021 - 8:00 AM - 1:20 PM.** Students will report directly to their classrooms as indicated on the class admission card.

*Please remember that on Fridays, as well as those days listed as "Early Dismissal Schedule," dismissal is at 1:20 PM for Grades 1-5.*

## IV. THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

Please make sure that your child arrives on time for school.

Grades 1 - 5

Students will report directly to the classroom at 8:00 AM.

Grades 1 -2 Students who arrive between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM should report to their classrooms.

Grades 3 - 5 Students who arrive between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM should report to the gym. **For safety reasons, please discuss with your child when arriving before 8:00 AM the importance of going directly to the designated location.**



## V. FOOD PROGRAM

Stay tuned for our new lunch program to be announced soon.

Due to nut allergies among some of our students, **we are a NUT SENSITIVE SCHOOL**. Please do **not** send **ANY TYPE OF NUT** butter sandwiches or snacks that contain or may contain nuts/traces of nuts or sesame and/or nut or sesame oil. **In some classes where there is an identified child with a potentially life-threatening allergy, parents of the students in that class will be permitted to send only specifically designated snacks with their child.**



## VI. DRESS CODE:

### THE FLATBUSH WARDROBE

Students in grades 1-5 are to be dressed in the Flatbush wardrobe. The Wardrobe Manual is attached to this email. The Administrators in our Yeshivah are responsible for the application of the dress code policy at their sole discretion. If a determination is made that your child is **not dressed** in accordance with the Flatbush wardrobe, you may be required to bring the appropriate clothing to school before your child will be allowed into class.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to maintain our standards of tzniut (Jewish laws of modesty) and safety and ask you to please dress appropriately when visiting our Yeshivah building.

Please support our vendors as many give back. Please note the vendor information can be found on the last page of the manual.



## VII. CELL PHONES

From the moment a child enters the building until dismissal, cell phones must remain turned off in the child's knapsack. Students are not permitted to make calls or texts from a cell phone during the school day. If a child's cell phone rings or the child is found using the cell, the phone will be taken away. The phone will be returned at the end of the day. In addition, please note that students are not permitted to wear a smartwatch to school.



## VIII. TRANSPORTATION



A separate correspondence has been sent out to all parents regarding transportation for the year. Please make sure to respond to any requests for more information.

## IX. BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Our Back to School Night evenings serve as an important opportunity to meet your children's teachers, hear their expectations and ask questions. Please make every effort to attend. THIS IS NOT AN EVENING FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES BETWEEN PARENT AND TEACHERS. If you have any personal questions and/or inquiries you can always reach out to your child's teacher and set a time to discuss them.

### **Back-to-School-Night Dates over Zoom:**

Grades 1, 2 & 3 - Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

Grades 4 & 5 - Monday, October 11, 2021.

# X. WHO'S WHO IN THE LOWER SCHOOL

**Rabbi Yahel Tsaidi, Head of Elementary School - Ext. 143**

**Mrs. Leah Yaish, Administrative Assistant to Head of School**

**Mr. Robert Berkman, Principal, General Studies - Ext. 183**

**Ms. Elizabeth Fevrin, General Studies Administrative Assistant - Ext. 132**

**Rabbi Dr. David Saltzman, Director of Teaching and Learning,  
Assistant Principal, General Studies, Lower School - Ext. 127**

**Mrs. Sandra Sidoui, Administrative Assistant - Ext. 188**

**Mrs. Chani Gratzman, Associate Principal, Judaic Studies, Lower School - Ext. 212**

**Mrs. Chani Laufer, Judaic Studies Coordinator, Lower School - Ext. 238**

**Mrs. Henriette Yazdi, Judaic Studies Administrative Assistant - Ext. 120**

**Dr. Nicole Yossef, Director of Student Services - Ext. 128**

**Ms. Michelle Arias, Student Services Administrative Assistant - Ext. 189**

**Ms. Esther Stern, Director, Resource Room - Ext. 146**

**Mrs. Paulina Salem, Assistant Director of Campus Life - Ext. 218**

**Mrs. Tiffany Beyda, Assistant Director of Campus Life - Ext. 218**

**Mrs. Iris Bukobza, Family Services Representative - Ext. 169**

**Mrs. Evelyn Glaser, School Nurse - Ext. 148**

**Executive Office Front Desk - Ext. 295**

