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Welcome Letter

Dear Parents and Talmidim,

We are thrilled to extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome to Yeshivas Lev Simcha! As we enter our third year, we look forward to building on the growth and success of the past two years and are excited to have you join us for what promises to be another incredible journey. We're so glad to welcome you into our growing Yeshiva family!

At Lev Simcha, we believe that the Yeshiva experience is not just about imparting knowledge, but also about fostering a sense of community, belonging, and growth. Our dedicated team of Rabbeim, educators, and administrators are committed to creating an environment where each student feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.

As we prepare to open our doors for the coming year, we want you to know that you are not merely joining a school – you are becoming a member of our Lev Simcha family. We are dedicated to treating each Talmid and their parents with the utmost care, respect, and attention, ensuring that your experience with us is truly exceptional.

Please save the date, **September 2nd**, for our upcoming Orientation Day, and first day of Yeshiva.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated team at 561-206-4248 or office@yeshivaslevsimcha.org. We are here to support you every step of the way. Once again, welcome to Lev Simcha! We cannot wait for an amazing year together, and we are confident that the year ahead will be filled with growth, discovery, and unforgettable memories.

Warm regards,

Rabbi Bentzion Klein

Rosh Yeshiva



Academic Expectations

- Attend all Shiurim and classes on time and ready to learn.
- Participate in class discussions and ask questions when needed.
- Respect the academic integrity of the school by not plagiarizing, cheating, or engaging in any other form of academic dishonesty.

School Rules & Regulations

- Treat all members of the Yeshiva community with respect and kindness.
- Follow the dress code guidelines as outlined by the school.
- Refrain from using or possessing any illegal substances on school property or at school-sponsored events.
- Be mindful of your language and conduct both in and out of school. Behavior that reflects poorly on the Yeshiva will not be tolerated.
- Use school property responsibly and treat it with care.

Extra Curricular Activities

- Take advantage of the many extracurricular activities available at Lev Simcha. These activities provide an opportunity to explore interests, build new skills, and make new friends.
- If you choose to participate in sports, music, or any other activity, understand that you are representing the Yeshiva and must always maintain a high level of sportsmanship and behavior.



Attendance & Absences

- Attend Yeshiva every day unless there is a legitimate reason for an absence.
- If you must be absent from school, contact the Yeshiva office as soon as possible to report your absence.
- If you miss a class due to an absence, it is your responsibility to make up the work missed.

Leaving School Grounds

Talmidim who have a valid driver's license and a signed parental release form may drive to and from Yeshiva. Should a Talmid need to leave Yeshiva during class time or before the end of the day, parents must send an email to the Yeshiva office granting explicit permission. During breakfast, lunch, or a free period a Talmid may sign out to leave the Yeshiva with parental permission.

Boys should use the rear of the building to congregate during breaks and not in front of the Yeshiva space.



Phones

Rules for phones in Yeshiva are becoming increasingly important as the use of technology becomes more widespread. Here are some guidelines that can be implemented to create a positive and productive learning environment:

1. All Talmidim may not use their phones for any reason during class time. This includes texting, browsing the internet or social media (unless expressly allowed by a Rebbi or teacher).
2. All Talmidim must keep their phones on silent or vibrate during class time, including during Shiurim, discussions, and group work.
3. During designated break times, Talmidim may use their phones for personal use, provided it does not disrupt other students or staff members.
4. Photos, videos, or any type of recording without permission from all parties involved is strictly prohibited.
5. The Yeshiva reserves the right to inspect any student's phone if there is reasonable suspicion of illegal or inappropriate use.
6. The Yeshiva will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones. It is the responsibility of the student to always keep their phone safe and secure.
7. Smartwatches, wireless earbuds, and other connected devices must be used in a manner that does not disturb learning or create a distraction.
8. Always remember: if you won't share it with your Rebbi, don't share it with your friend!



Bullying & Harassment

Yeshivas Lev Simcha prohibits any type of intimidation, harassment, or bullying toward another Talmid. **ZERO Tolerance.** These types of behaviors can take on many forms. Bullying can be exhibited by the following, but is not limited to:

1. Verbal bullying and derogatory comments
2. Social exclusion and isolation of a student by others
3. Physical bullying
4. Taking others' property without permission
5. Intimidation
6. Racial bullying
7. Cyber bullying
8. Starting rumors or lies about another person
9. Inciting harassment of the victim by another student
10. Discrimination
11. Vandalism of another's property

These guidelines are designed to promote a safe and respectful learning environment for all Talmidim. By adhering to these rules, we can create an environment that supports learning, collaboration, and personal growth.

We are committed to helping you succeed academically and personally during your time at Lev Simcha. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of our faculty or staff. Together, we can create a successful and fulfilling Yeshiva high school experience.



Prohibited Items

The following items may not be brought to school: vaporizers or smoking devices of any type, matches, lighters, knives, or any other dangerous items. Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, and other sports equipment may not be used inside the building.

Outside School Behavior

Yeshivas Lev Simcha recognizes that students and families have lives outside of school. At the same time, students who enroll at Lev Simcha become ambassadors for the Torah and the values we promote. As such, we do have a vested interest in how students conduct themselves outside of Yeshiva. In general, we do not monitor our students' behavior outside of school. However, when instances come to our attention, we as a Yeshiva try to engage with our students and our families. Students should always be mindful of the religious standards set by Lev Simcha when considering eating venues, Shabbos activities, and social gatherings that involve boys and girls. If you have any questions about our standards, feel free to reach out to the Yeshiva administration.



Substance Abuse and Search & Seizure

Yeshivas Lev Simcha is a smoke-free and drug-free Yeshiva. Use of these substances is not tolerated on or around school property at all hours and at Yeshiva events that take place away from Yeshiva property such as away athletic competitions, trips, or shabbatons. In order to provide Talmidim with a mechanism to say “no” to any who offer such substances, the Yeshiva has the option to run random drug tests during the course of the year. The drug tests screen for multiple substances and are conducted during Yeshiva hours by an outside lab. The Yeshiva may test any student on any school or trip day for drug or alcohol use. The results of the tests will be provided by the lab to the Yeshiva and should there be positive results, the Yeshiva Administration will be in touch with the student and the family.

The Yeshiva also runs educational programs that help students learn how to make healthy decisions. Possession of any illegal substance on school grounds or at school events may be grounds for expulsion. Arriving at school or at a school event under the influence of any illegal substance including e-cigarettes, tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol is subject to expulsion and the student may not be invited to apply for readmission in a future school year.

Vaping or possessing any sort of vaping device is forbidden in school. Possession of a vaping device even if it belongs to another person is grounds for suspension. Using a vaping device in school or at a school function, even if it belongs to another person, may result in expulsion.

The Yeshiva may perform unannounced, random searches of lockers, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc. to seize illegal substances and stolen and/or other unauthorized materials in order to maintain overall Yeshiva safety and security, to maintain order and discipline on Yeshiva property and at Yeshiva-related events, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students and Yeshiva personnel. Student automobiles may also be searched while on school grounds. When a student is believed to have contraband or illegal substances on his person, the school will request that student to provide proof that he/she does not. If a student fails to comply, the student’s parents will be contacted, and the police may be summoned for further disposition.



Medication

All medications will be administered by the school administration. If a medication was prescribed by a licensed healthcare provider, a note must accompany prescribed medication as to the dosage and time to be given. Parents will need to sign a medical release form to administer medicines such as over the counter drugs in school.

Dress Code

The dress code at Yeshivas Lev Simcha reflects considerations concerning both dignity and modesty. Just as the workplace establishes certain norms for the dress of its employees to create the right atmosphere, we have established a dress code designed to set the tone for Torah learning. Each Talmid should arrive at school appropriately dressed. This includes:

- Short/long sleeved button down light colored shirts with collars (which are visible at all times) must be kept buttoned and worn at all times in the building. A sweatshirt or sweater may cover a shirt but does not replace the collared shirt.
- No jeans. Pants may not have patches, rips, or sewn-on pockets, and must be worn at the waist.
- Sweatpants, track pants, pajama pants, etc. may not be worn.
- Tzitzit should be worn at all times.
- Kippas must be worn at all times including when playing sports.
- No hats (other than for davening) or hoods.
- Haircuts must look dignified and in consonance with halacha, as determined by the administration (e.g., sideburns must cover the cheekbone and no long hair). A student who refuses to get a haircut when needed, or gets an inappropriate haircut, may be asked to get another haircut before returning to Yeshiva. Students should ask about questionable haircuts before doing something that cannot be fixed.
- All footwear must have backs. No slides, crocs, flip flops, or sandals.

All infractions of Yeshiva rules will be dealt with on an individual basis involving the student and his parents.