



YESHIVA KETANA OF LONG ISLAND

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Dear Parents עמו"ש,

We hope that you and your children are having a healthy, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. Yeshiva Ketana is anticipating an exciting year of growth for our talmidim in limud ha'Torah, yiras shamayim, and midos tovos.

Although our halls were "quieter" this summer without Camp Areivim, the exciting sounds of drills and construction machinery have been ringing in our ears! As you have seen in our construction update e-mails, Yeshiva Ketana is still under major construction which will IY"H enhance our space tremendously. Even with all of the construction, we B'ezras Hashem are planning and expected to start on time. Please note that the first day of yeshiva for grades 1-8 (limudei kodesh only) will be iy"H on Tuesday, August 29, and the first day of General Studies (full day schedule) will be on Wednesday, August 30. The First day of Pre1A will be Thursday, August 31, with an early dismissal. Nursery and Kindergarten orientations will be on Friday, September 1, with the first full day for Preschool on Tuesday, September 5. Please check the enclosed school calendar for details regarding arrival and dismissal times.

We are very excited to welcome a number of new staff members to our YKLI family. As many of you know, Rabbi Avi Schulman has been an incredible asset to our yeshiva since he became our afternoon mashgiach for grades 6-8. We are thrilled that he has accepted his new role as our additional s'gan menahel, working together with Rabbi Pfeiffer. Rabbi Schulman will focus on class management, general decorum, and assist me in the smooth running of all aspects of grades 1-8.

As the previous school year came to an end, we bid a difficult farewell to one of our beloved eighth grade Rebbeim, Rabbi Yaroslawitz. We are most fortunate to have enlisted a phenomenal Rebbe, Rabbi Yaakov Richter. Rabbi Richter has been an eighth grade Rebbe in Yeshiva Ketana of Queens for the past 15 years. He is sought-after and known for his warmth, his mentchlekeit, and his incredible ability to bond with his talmidim.

For our new third grade track, we have hired Rabbi Ben Zion Fruchthandler and Mrs. Esther Malka Parnes. Rabbi Fruchthandler served as an interim fourth grade Rebbe at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath and his performance was exceptional. He also has tutoring experience, as well as specialized training under the Merkaz Teacher Training Course. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Esther Malka Parnes join our 3rd grade staff. With a dual Masters in Education and Special Education, she has experience teaching grades 1 – 7. Mrs. Parnes brings creativity into her lessons to give learning an added dimension of fun while instilling a love of literacy and learning into her students.

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We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Yehudis Ozeri to our 2nd Grade teaching staff. She brings with her two years of YKLI on-the-job training as a top-notch 2nd grade assistant. Her experience from her time already as a head teacher, passion for education, professional knowledge of the YKLI curriculum and culture, make her a welcome asset to our Yeshiva family.

Mrs. Shani Itzkowitz trained at Baruch college and has an extensive 24 years of teaching experience at Yeshiva Tiferes Moshe to share as our new 4th Grade teacher. She loves helping students uncover the joy of learning, sparking their imagination, and igniting their passion for doing their best.

Mrs. Rachy Weber has been teaching for the past 24 years in TAG and her reputation as an exemplary 2nd, 3rd and 5th grade teacher proceeds her. Whoever she teaches, benefits from her thoughtful preparation, dedication to excellence and compassionate approach that brings out the best in each of her student's. Her love for literature and writing will shine as our 7th Grade ELA teacher and her passion for Jewish history will be put to good use as our 6th Grade World History teacher.

Mrs. Gitty Horowitz brings her accounting and teaching experience with her as our new 7th Grade Math teacher. With her love and understanding of math, careful curriculum coordination, and years of tutoring, she will have each student thinking mathematically.

As we have shared with you this summer, we have partnered with Mr. Yossi Strickman, the founder of Project Trust, a technology awareness organization, to help the Yeshiva and its parent body become "educated consumers" in relation to technology. We will keep our parents posted as this new initiative develops.

As we eagerly anticipate the start of a new school year, we ask you all to please work together with us as we pursue all-around excellence in the chinuch of our children. It is imperative that the ideals of the home complement those of the yeshiva. You will receive our YKLI Student Handbook in a separate email next week. Please look out for it, read it through carefully, and familiarize yourselves with the yeshiva's expectations, as they are critical for the success of your child. Please pay careful attention to the dress code when you shop for school clothing. In addition, please review the contents of this packet, and return the appropriate forms as indicated, as they are of great significance. If you have any issues, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to us. The more we work in tandem on the chinuch of our children, the more we can elevate ourselves to be an even greater makom Torah, as we continue to produce wonderful b'nei Torah who make us all proud.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,
Rabbi Tzvi Krigsman, Menahel