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Dear Parents עמו"ש,

We hope that you and your children are having a healthy, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. We at Yeshiva Ketana are anticipating an exciting year of growth in *limudha'Torah, yiras shamayim*, and *midos tovos*. We daven that everyone should stay well, and HKB"H should protect all of us from all types of viruses. Please note that the first day of yeshiva for grades 1-8, *limudei kodesh* only, will be *iy"H* on Monday, August 23, and the first day of General Studies (full day schedule) will be on Thursday, August 26. The First day of Pre1A will be Thursday, August 26 (early dismissal). Nursery and Kindergarten orientations are on Friday, August 27 and the first full day of Preschool is Monday, August 30. Please check the enclosed school calendar for details regarding arrival and dismissal times.

We would like to share with you some exciting news. Baruch Hashem, due to the growth of our Yeshiva and our mission to be attentive to every student, we are thrilled to announce that our very own Rabbi Shaya Baum will assume the newly created position of Director of General Studies for Grades 1-3. Rebbe Shaya has been working in Yeshiva Ketana for 8 years and was recently the Assistant Preschool Director. Rebbe Shaya brings years of educational experience to the table, as he has an MS in education and social work and has been an assistant administrator in the Diamond Program as well as a division head for many years. Additionally, Rabbi Baum has an interdisciplinary degree in education and psychology and he is a behavior consultant as well.Rabbi Baum has already begun working in conjunction with Mrs. Steele to enhance our outstanding General Studies program.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Chaya Kleinman as our new Preschool Assistant Director. Mrs. Kleinman comes to us from YDE where she taught Pre-K for 10 years, providing quality education to the preschool children and assisting with curriculum development. She has a master's degree in mental health counseling and school psychology, and certification in early childhood education. We look forward to Mrs. Kleinman establishing relationships with students, parents, and colleagues, thus building upon the environment of open communication and support in our preschool.

We are very lucky to have enlisted Rabbi Yitzchok Ettlinger, an extremely successful and beloved Pre1A Rebbe for the past seven years in Yeshivat Kol Yaakov, as our new Pre1A Rebbe. We are also excited to welcome Mrs. Dassy Silberberg, our beloved Pre1A assistant who has several years of previous



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teaching experience, as our new Pre1A morah. After several years of experience as a teacher and assistant teacher, Mrs. Leah Krischer joined our preschool 2 years ago and brought her dynamic and warm personality to our kindergarten classes. We are thrilled that she will be continuing at YKLI in her new capacity as kindergarten morah. We look forward to having Rabbi Ettlinger, Morah Dassy, and Morah Leah work together with our current incredible Rebbeim and teachers to inspire our children for many years to come!

We are excited to welcome Rabbi Yaakov Binyamin Pfeiffer as our new 1st Grade Rebbe. Rabbi Pfeiffer worked as our Pre1A assistant to Rabbi Wollman this past year. He has a warm personality and a great rapport with the students. We are delighted to welcome both Ms. Orly Rochel Glusko, our new 2nd grade teacher and Mrs. Sylvia Fuksbrumer, our new 3rd grade teacher, who both come to us with many years of teaching experience. Rabbi Pfeiffer, Ms. Glusko, and Mrs. Fuksbrumer bring with them their enthusiasm, professionalism and dedication, and we are proud to have them as part of our YKLI family.

In addition to his role as an inspiring and beloved 8th grade Rebbe, Rabbi Moshe Greenspan will begin serving in a new role this year, assisting in the implementation of our Limudei Kodesh curriculum. We look forward to utilizing Rabbi Greenspan's expertise, as we continue to build our vibrant and exciting Limudei Kodesh department.

As we look forward to the new school year, we ask you all to work with us in pursuing great *chinuch* for our children. It is so important that the ideals of the home complement those of the yeshiva. You will receive the Student Handbook in a separate email next week. Please look out for it and make sure to read through it to familiarize yourselves with the yeshiva's expectations. There have been a number of additions and changes for the coming school year. 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. Their importance speak for themselves. If you have any issues, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call. We are confident that if we all work together and are sensitive to the goals of the yeshiva, we can make it an even greater *makom Torah*, which will produce *bnei Torah* that will make us all proud.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely, Rabbi Tzvi Krigsman, Menahel