

# KLURMAN MESIVTA

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Student Handbook  
5780 - 5781

Dear Talmid,

Welcome to Klurman Mesivta,

The Mesivta years are formative years in a Bochur's development and maturity, thus essential in establishing Yiddishkeit as the foundation of your life.

The goal of our Mesivta is to help guide every Bochur through their journey of becoming a true *ירא שמים*, *חסיד*, and *למדן*, living up to the Rebbe's expectations and employing all of their capabilities in service of Hashem *מתוך שמחה*.

Mesivta provides a warm atmosphere and structured environment where you will have the opportunity to learn Torah, Daven, and blossom in the ways of Chassidus. The *הנהלה* and *שלוחים* are here for you, caring for your needs and providing you with the necessary tools to succeed.

In order to make these goals into a reality, a solid structure is necessary. This handbook will guide you through your Mesivta experience. Be sure to read through this handbook carefully. Upon completion, sign and submit the agreement form.

Wishing you *הצלחה רבה*!

On behalf of the Hanhala,

Rabbi Schurder  
Rabbi Smith

## **Day-to-day**

### Waking Up

- Every Bochur is personally responsible to make sure he is on time for Seder. It is recommended to bring a personal alarm clock (no radio).

### Mikvah

- Every Bochur is encouraged to use the Mikvah daily and before Shabbos.
- Bochurim are expected to walk to the Mikvah properly dressed and may not leave the dorm dressed in pajamas or clothing inconsistent with the Yeshiva dress code.

### Seder

- Talmidim are expected to use every moment of Seder efficiently including Shiurim and Chavrusa learning.
- Reshus is required to leave Shiur or Zal during Seder, including Davening.

### Zal/Classrooms

Zal is a מקום קדוש designated for Davening and learning, and it should be treated as such.

- No food may be brought into Zal during Seder.
- It is the responsibility of each Bochur to keep the Zal and the classrooms clean, disposing of garbage and keeping tables and chairs in order.
- All Seforim and personal belongings including hats, jackets, and Tefillin should not be left around in Zal. They should be returned to their appropriate places after use.

### Tefilos

- Every Bochur will be assigned a designated seat for all Tefilos and must remain in his place throughout Davening.
- Every Bochur must begin Davening together with the Minyan, saying each word audibly and clearly.

- During Davening there is no talking, communicating with or distracting others.
- Shachris is marked at the beginning of Korbonos and again at 9:25 by which time Tefillin must be on.
- Tefillin should remain on until after Hayom Yom and announcements.
- All Talmidim will be part of a rotation to be Chazzan. Every Talmid is required to be Chazzan when his turn arrives. A Bochur who is unable to be Chazan should speak with the Menahel in advance for Reshus to delay his turn.

### Meals

- Every Bochur is expected to act in an appropriate manner during meals, including disposing of their paperware.
- Bochurim should be careful not to waste food.
- Bochurim should wear a hat and jacket for Benching.
- No one is allowed into the kitchen or storage rooms at any time without specific Reshus from the Hanhala.

### Breaks

Breaks are to be spent in an appropriate manner. This includes the Talmid's manner of conduct, speech and dress.

- All conversations should be befitting a Tomim in the Rebbe's Yeshiva.
- Ball playing and running is prohibited anywhere inside the building (including the 2nd floor hallway).
- Behavior that is contrary to Ahavas Yisroel including and especially fighting, teasing, put-downs and other forms of abuse will not be tolerated in Mesivta and are grounds for a suspension.
- Short breaks between Sedorim should be utilized for transition/preparing for the next Seder not for playing sports.
- There is absolutely no leaving the Yeshiva campus without Reshus from the Menahel.

### Lights out

- Lights out is at 10:15pm for Shiur Aleph 10:30pm for Shiur Beis and Gimmel.
- Every Bochur must be in his room 15 minutes before lights out, that is 10:00pm for Shiur Aleph and 10:15pm for Shiur Beis and Gimmel. All

preparations outside of one's room including preparing Negel-Vasser, must be completed beforehand.

- Bochurim should say Krias Shema with a hat and jacket.
- Bochurim must be dressed B'Tznius at all times; no walking around in public spaces in shorts.
- At the time of lights out, all lights must be turned off. Bochurim must be in their beds and quiet.
- Every Bochur is expected to follow all directives of the dorm counselor without questioning or arguing. His word in the dormitory is final.

### Mivtzoim

Mivtzoim on Fridays is a mandatory part of Seder.

### Shabbos

Shabbos is meant for increased study of Chassidus and Davening.

- בגדי שבת are to be worn throughout the entire Shabbos.
- A schedule of the סדר היום will be posted in Zal before each Shabbos.
- The entire Mesivta eats סעודות שבת together.
- Hats and jackets are to be worn until after המוציא.
- On the week of an off Shabbos, seder ends on Friday at 1:00pm and Talmidim must return to Yeshiva on Motzei Shabbos by the appointed time.

### Farbrengens

- All Farbrengens are to be conducted by the Hanhola or with their permission. Bochurim are welcome to arrange a Farbrengen with permission from the Menahel.
- All Yeshiva scheduled evening Farbrengens are mandatory for every Bochur for the first 2 hours, a Bochur that leaves after that must go directly to bed. At the conclusion of a nighttime Farbrengen Bochurim are expected to go to bed immediately.
- If a Farbrengen continues past 11:59 p.m., seder the following morning will begin with Shachris at regular starting time unless otherwise announced. If a Bochur chooses to leave a Farbrengen before its conclusion, it is his responsibility to find out when Seder begins.

## **Mesivta Policies**

### Assessments and Assignments

- All Assessments must be completed and handed in on time.
- Assessments taken late will have points deducted.
- A Talmid that does not receive a passing grade is responsible to schedule a retest with his Magid Shiur.
- The retest may take place during the breaks.
- A retest will not receive full credit.
- Any violations of academic integrity will result in a grade of 0%, and will be documented in the student records.
- Academic integrity violations include both giving or receiving assistance on assessments.

### Yeshiva and personal property

- Every Talmid is expected to treat the Yeshiva building and grounds with the utmost care. Causing any damage is unacceptable.
- If a Talmid causes any damage, he will be required to pay for the full amount of the repairs in addition to paying a fine as determined by the Hanhala.
- Mesivta Bochurim may not be in the Yeshiva Gedolah Zal without Reshus from the Mesivta Hanhola, whether the Yeshiva Gedola Zal is in session or not.
- Mesivta Bochurim may not be in the Zal side of the dormitory at any time even just to pass through. Hence, when entering or exiting the dormitory, Mesivta Bochurim may only use the west staircase (the side of the Mikvah)
- The Yeshiva is not responsible for lost or stolen belongings.

### Dress code

A Chossid is recognized even by his clothing. In addition, having a dress code creates a more focused environment in Yeshiva.

All clothing should be clean and presentable.

- Solid black Yarmulkas - velvet or cloth.
- Black Hat (regular Yeshiva style)
- Conservative colored suit.
- Solid white button down shirts, with white buttons.
- Dark dress pants (not tight fitting).

- Shoes are to be solid black with black shoelaces and black soles, no high tops. (Crocs, slippers and sandals are permitted for dorm use only).
- Sweaters must be conservative not hooded. No words, pictures or logos.
- Baseball Caps (for sports) must be solid color without logos or writing.
- T-shirts/sweatshirts (for sleeping or sports) must be conservative colors with no words, pictures or logos.
- Pajama pants should be full length.
- Haircuts are to be a number 3 or 4 (maximum) evenly all around

This policy will be strictly enforced. Please understand, the Yeshiva will not be able to consider any monetary losses.

### Electronics

- The only cell phone that is allowed is the Yeshiva approved cell phone with the Yeshiva approved plan. No other cellphones are permitted.
- All internet or radio capable devices are prohibited.
- Only Music players that do not have radio, internet access, or an SD card slot are allowed.
- Only Music composed and sung by Frum singers is permitted in Yeshiva.
- In public areas (Zal, dining room, Dorm, hallways etc.) and in the Yeshiva vehicles only Lubavitcher Nigunim are permitted.
- Upon arrival at Yeshiva, a Talmid who has a cell phone or music player must turn it in to the office to be registered and approved. Once approved by the Menahel, music players will be returned to the Talmid. Cell Phones will be kept by the dorm counselor and will be made available for use periodically.
- A Bochur's periodic use of his cell phone is conditional on his returning it by the appointed time.

All electronics are subject to be searched by the Hanhala at any time.

- Any device that has not been registered in the office will be confiscated until the end of the year, and the Bochur will be subject to a Knas.
- A Bochur that has any device that is prohibited or that contains prohibited material will be subject to:
  - The device confiscated, not be returned.

- A Knas of \$100.
- Suspension/expulsion.

### Reading material

- Only Frum reading materials are permitted. If you are unsure, ask the menahel.

### Mashke

- Absolutely no one has permission to drink, possess, or provide any form of alcohol at any time. (There will be special occasions when the Hanhala will give Reshus for kiddush or a small amount of לחיים).
- Any Talmid in violation of the above will have
  - a one-day suspension
  - a Knas of \$100 to be delivered before returning to Yeshiva.
- The same consequence is in place for any kind of smoking or vaping.

### Dormitory

- Each Talmid is required to make a \$100 deposit to the Mesivta office prior to entering the dorm.
- To receive a room key there is a cash deposit of \$3.
- There is no switching bedrooms without the approval of the Menahel.
- Moving around bedroom furniture is not allowed.
- A Bochur may not bring in or remove furniture from his room unless approved by the Hanhala.
- No hanging posters, signs, hooks or the like without the approval of the Hanhala.
- Damage to the room or furniture will result in being required to pay for repairs or replacements, in addition to paying a fine as determined by the Hanhala.
- All rooms must be kept clean and organized (bedroom floors are cleaned regularly by the maintenance crew). There will be regular inspections by the Hanhala.
- Due to a fire hazard, cooking appliances may not be brought into the dorm. A mini fridge is allowed.
- There is no going on any of the roofs. It is dangerous and will result in a \$20 fine.

All rooms and dressers are subject to inspection by the Hanhala at any time.



### Accepting Authority

It is imperative that every Talmid follows all directives of the Hanhala at all times and complies with all the rules set forth in this handbook. There is no arguing or defying the decisions of the Hanhala. Talmidim are welcome to respectfully discuss any issue with a member of Hanhala at an appropriate time. There is zero tolerance for defiance or disrespect. These are grounds for expulsion from Mesivta.

## **Attendance**

The Rebbeim put a strong emphasis on שמירת הסדרים, as it is fundamental to the success of a Bochur. Keeping seder precisely enables and benefits the learning of the Bochur himself and all other Bochurim. In addition, keeping seder precisely also enhances basic life skills such as responsibility, time management, and organization.

### **Expectations**

Bochurim are expected to be on time for every Seder. Coming to Seder unprepared will be marked as late.

Being on time to Seder means a Bochur:

- Has completed all preparations including food, clothing, bathroom etc. before Seder begins.
- Is in the designated Shiur room for that Seder.
- Is sitting in his designated seat appropriately.
- Has all necessary supplies, and his Sefer is open to the correct page.
- For Sedorim that are Chavrusa based, Chavrusas begin learning when Seder starts.

Being on time for Tefilos means a Bochur:

- Is in his designated seat in Zal.
- Is wearing his hat and jacket.
- Has his Siddur open saying Korbonos or waiting quietly for the Chazzan.
- Has his Tefillin on by 9:25am.

### **Attendance Discipline**

- For every Zman/semester of perfect attendance, a Bochur will be awarded 10 points, which is one letter grade, to the final grade of his choice.
- Bochurim that keep a high track record of punctuality will be recognized periodically throughout the year.

A Bochur coming late to seder is subject to consequences.

- Academic grades include grades for class participation. Poor attendance will lower the academic grade.
- If throughout a semester a Bochur accumulates 1.5 hours of minutes late to a seder, 1 point will be deducted from the Report Card grade of that particular Seder. An additional point will be deducted for every additional 10 minutes accumulated.
- If a Bochur accumulates more than 15 minutes late in one day or 30 minutes throughout the week, that amount of time will need to be made up during the break.
- Blatant disregard of Shmiras Hasdarim may result in other consequences including suspension/expulsion.

### Reshus - Special Permission

In the event of illness, ח"ו, one may receive Reshus to miss a Seder in the following manner:

1. If the Talmid wakes up feeling unwell, he is expected to attend Chassidus and Shacharis. If he does not feel well after Davening, he must seek advice from the office and may ask the Menahel for Reshus to rest.
2. If the Talmid feels too ill, ח"ו to leave his bed because of a fever or the like, he must notify the office immediately.
3. If a Talmid is not feeling well during the day and wants to leave a Seder early, he must ask for Reshus from the Menahel or Mashgiach of that Seder if the Menahel is unavailable.
4. For Covid related matters, please see the Mesivta Covid policy.

**Reshus for ALL planned absences must be discussed well in advance and confirmed with the Menahel BEFORE being finalized.**

### Appointments

Doctor and dental appointments should be scheduled for after Yeshiva. In the event that an appointment must be made during Yeshiva, it must be discussed in advance with the Menahel.

### Simchas

Bochurim will be excused for the following in-town Simchas:

Sibling's wedding: 2 days

Cousin's wedding: 1 day

Immediate family member's Bris: 1 morning  
Sibling's Bar/Bas Mitzvah: 1 day

Reshus for out-of-town Simchas must be discussed in advance with the Menahel.

For all other family Simchas, Events, Get-Togethers, Vacations, a total of 4 days per year will be allowed. Reshus must be discussed in advance with the Menahel to determine the appropriateness and timing of each specific event. Make sure to plan absences accordingly as permission will not be granted beyond the 4-day allowance.

Leaving Yeshivah without Reshus or exceeding the Reshus given, may result in suspension/expulsion.

### Learning

1. In the event of an absence, regardless of the reason, the Bochur is responsible for all material missed. After an absence, a Bochur is expected to be fully prepared for Sedorim upon his return to Yeshiva.
2. Upon return to Yeshiva, the Bochur is responsible for confirming his make-up test day with his Maggid Shiur/teacher.
3. It is mandatory to make up the test within one week of the absence. Points may be deducted from the test grade due to absence or late submission.

### Agreement Form

- Please sign the agreement form and submit the dormitory deposit fee by clicking on this link <https://kmhba.paperform.co/>
- The form must be signed by a parent and the Talmid and submitted prior to arrival at Yeshiva.

The instructions that you have read in this handbook are to ensure a successful year for you and all the other Talmidim. Whenever you are in doubt, or if you have any further questions, please speak to Rabbi Schurder or another member of the הנהלה.

Wishing you a שנת הצלחה בגשמיות וברוחניות!