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STUDENT HANDBOOK 2020/21 ~ תשפ"א

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Dear Student 'יש,

Welcome to Cheder Chabad!

What is a chossid? A chossid is someone whose life is inspired by three loves: love of Hashem, love of Torah and love of every Jew. The goal of the cheder is to nurture these three loves so that your life is driven by these principles. Every instruction and decision at cheder is driven by this purpose.

There are various procedures and guidelines that help us get to our goal. The purpose of this handbook is to present you with clear procedures and guidelines which will nurture the chossid in you.

This handbook is sprinkled with ideas for you to think about. The ideas are sourced in מאמרי הז"ל of the רבי that serve as a guiding light

Read through this booklet carefully, while you will find that many ideas are common sense, it is important to keep in mind that the foundation of a Torah-education is קבלת עול. *Kabolas ol* means doing the right thing even when you don't understand it and even when you aren't in the mood.

Your success at cheder will match your effort in following these guidelines. May you be a source of הסיד'ישע נחת and may your learning and good מידות bring מידוב בקרוב ממש

With wishes for הצלחה רבה,

Rabbi Levi Kaplan Principal

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ACHIEVEMENT / EFFORT

The חכמים tell us that there is no substitute to hard work. Remember that you are investing in yourself. Your success is equal to the effort you invest. When you face a difficulty ask yourself: How much effort am I investing?

ATTENDANCE

אָם תַּעַזְבֵנִי יוֹם יוֹמַיִים אַעַזְבֶרָ

Regular attendance is a necessary in order for you to succeed. Every minute of the cheder day is precious since you can never regain a missed day.

Your attendance is graded and will be included in your report card. Here is what you need to know about absence:

- 1. If you are absent for a full day or more, you must bring a signed note and submit it to your Rebbi. Alternatively, your parent can contact the office directly explaining your absence.
- 2. You are responsible for material missed due to **unexcused** absence or lateness.

Students in Grades 5-8 are responsible to be punctual with school attendance. If you have four unexcused lateness over a four-week period, you will have to have a parent meeting and you may be required to make up the time at after school detention. This includes absences at morning *minyan* for grades 7-8.

Students in all grades are responsible to be back in class right after recess. Students who are late after recess will receive an addendum to this handbook outlining the process for such lateness.

BIRTHDAYS "וואס א חסיד'ישער פארבריינגען קען אויפטאן, קען מלאך מיכאל ניט אויפטאן

The Rebbe instructed us to celebrate birthdays with a *farbrengen*. Before your birthday kindly ask your parents to be in touch with your Rebbi and arrange a farbrengen. *Nosh* should be limited to a cake or

יָגַעְתִי וּמָצָאתִי תַּאֲמִין

cupcakes, one *nosh* and a drink. *Nosh* most be *bishul yisroel, pas yisroel* and *cholov yisroel*. No homemade food may be brought to cheder. Items that aren't approved will be sent home. In honor of your birthday you can donate of a book, or educational DVD for use by your class.

When having a birthday *farbrengen* off premises, invite either the entire class or just two friends. Events in public facilities, (e.g., ice skating, bowling, etc.) most follow cheder guidelines and should be discussed with *hanhalah* before being arranged.

The Birthday *farbrengen* is a time to strengthen ourselves in *kedusha* and *chassidishkeit*. Please make sure that all activities associated with the *farbrengen* are appropriate for a *talmid* of a *chassidishe* cheder.

The office staff don't coordinate rides for private events. Transportation arrangements must be made in advance. The district bus company does not allow us to make transportation changes. Arrangements must be made in advance by contacting the transportation office. Out of district students may not use the bus.

Please do not schedule sleepovers for more than <u>two friends</u> on a school night.

BOOKBAGS

Please make sure you bring your book bag to and from school every day, give your parents all cheder notes and keep your book bag clean and orderly. Make sure to sign your Yoman every day. Book bags may be searched by hanholoh to review appropriateness of content.

BOOKS

ספרי קודש must be treated with care and respect. One may not write or draw, etc. in a ספר פערי סופר, even on the cover pages or binding. General Studies books are loaned to you for learning purposes and should be cared for as though they were your own. Students who neglect to care for the books will be required to pay for them. The following constitute neglect:

- 1. Leaving a book on a desk, shelve, etc., not putting it away properly.
- 2. Defacing a book by writing or marking it; your name should appear only once in the designated space.
- 3. Taking a book that does not belong to you.

BUSING

אַ חָסִיד מַאכְט אַ סְבִיבָה

Safety is number one. Your safety is imported to us and we charge you with observing all safety rules relating to the bus:

- 1. Be at the bus stop 10 minutes early
- 2. Enter the bus quickly, find a seat and sit down
- 3. Remain seated while the bus is in motion
- 4. Always keep your head and arms inside the bus
- 5. Speak in a low voice; no shouting
- 6. When exiting the bus, do so in an orderly fashion; no pushing
- 7. Obey the bus driver's directions
- 8. Keep the bus clean and in good condition
- 9. Be courteous to other students and the driver
- 10. Absolutely no fighting

Misbehavior on the bus is a serious offense. The bus driver will warn you and after repeated offenses may suspend you for one day, then five days and, if there is no improvement, you may be suspended permanently (Accumulation of incidents is within a four-week period). Please remember to make a *kiddush Hashem* at all times.

As per district policies, you are permitted to ride only on your designated route. If you will not be taking your regular bus route, a temporary bus pass must be obtained from the Transportation Office. Children not residing in the ERCSD may not use the buses at any time. Alternate transportation arrangements must be made in advance.

To get permission to walk or ride your bike home, you **must submit a signed note** to the office which is kept on file. Arrangements for you to go home with friends after school via carpool must be submitted IN WRITING to the school.

OUT OF TOWN STUDENTS

Students who are picked up via carpool must fill out a form with the specific times and the phone number of the driver. **Students may not be picked up early.**

נְכִי יָמוּך אָחִיד וּמָטָה יָדוֹ... וְהֶחֶזַקְתָּ בּוֹ

Concern for your fellow is equal to love of Torah and love of Hashem. You cannot have one without the other. Show that you care by:

- 1. Helping a friend with a problem
- 2. Helping a classmate learn something he missed in a lesson
- 3. Compliment a friend about something nice
- 4. Call a classmate who is not well to wish him a רפואה שלימה
- 5. Be careful not to say hurtful things, and much more

You may be asked to leave the room, if you make an inappropriate remark to another student.

We are committed to assuring that every student feels safe. The Cheder has adopted a zero-tolerance policy concerning bullying. Bullying includes taking advantage of students and certain forms of fighting, and intentionally hurting a student's feelings, not respecting their privacy, threatening others or any other type of behavior that may cause another student to feel threatened. The Cheder will deal with bullying strictly including suspension (upon second offense.) Repeated bullying will cause the Cheder to remove the bully from Cheder.

When students care about each other's feelings, the entire environment becomes safe for learning and one filled with caring and ucin מובות מדות. The Rebbe emphasized repeatedly that the reason Hashem created weaker and stronger people is for the strong help the weak, not ה" to take advantage of him. At the cheder, all of us should strive to embody the posuk: דְרָכֶי-הָ דְרָכֵי בוּעַם וְכָל נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שָׁלוֹם - "the ways of pleasantness and peace."

CELL PHONES - ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

For students who carpool and along with their parents we establish that they need a phone the following must take place:

- 1. A contract must be drawn up with the *menahel* that outlines.
- 2. The phone will be kept in the office during the day
- 3. Any phone found on a student without a contract will be confiscated

This policy will be strongly enforced-No Exceptions!

דִירָה נָאָה מַרְחִיבָה דַעֲתּוֹ שֶׁל אָדָם

An attractive classroom is a nice place to spend the day; a disorderly or dirty one is not. While classrooms are cleaned daily, it is incumbent upon the students to maintain order and cleanliness within the classroom during the school day.

Prior to the end of any given learning period, students must spend a moment tidying the room, discarding litter and straightening out the furniture.

Should a student damage any Cheder property intentionally or even unintentionally, they will be subject to a fine reimbursing the Cheder for the damage and labor involved in repairs. In the event of intentional damage to school property, a security deposit in equal amount will also be required. The security deposit will be returned at the end of the year provided that no further damage has been done.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

CLASSROOM

דֶרֶךְ אֶרֶץ קַדְמָה לַתּוֹרָה

Derech eretz is expected of all students. It precedes any learning and preempts any academic subject. You must speak properly to all teachers, your classmates and all cheder staff. Don't interrupt your teacher or a fellow student and in general be civilized in your

behavior. Students may be subject to serious consequences for exhibiting a lack of *derech eretz*.

By the time you reach middle school, you should already know the behaviors that are appropriate in a classroom and the behaviors that are not. In the interest of brevity, only some very general rules follow. You are expected to:

- 1. Give a teacher your full attention and not be distracted; of course, a student must <u>not</u> distract anyone else.
- 2. Speak only when called upon and indicate a wish to be heard by raising a hand; of course, a student must not interrupt the teacher or another student at any time.
- 3. Do only assigned work and be diligent about it.
- 4. Be courteous and respectful of the teacher and your fellow students.
- 5. If the above rules are not adhered to, consequences will follow.

A student in grades 1-5 who will be sent to the principal's office more than twice a month will have to stay after school detention between 4:15-5:15.

DAVENING

וְאֶהְגֶ' לָהֶם מִקְדָשׁ מְעַט

- 1. Talmidim grades 7 and up are required to attend the *shacharis minyan* every day.
- 2. Times: Mon-Fri 7:30am, Sunday 8:30am
- 3. Breakfast: Following *minyan*, you will be served breakfast
- 4. Periodic trips will be planned as a reward for consistent attendance and good behavior.

Boys of grades 6 and below should be encouraged to *daven* with a *minayn* whenever possible.

דע לפְנֵי מִי אָתָה עוֹמֵד - Know before Whom you stand. תפילה demands כוונה attention to what is being said and an awareness of to whom it is being said. During *davening*, it is not appropriate to chat nor walk around.

Shabbos – Talmidim, grades 5 and up, are expected to daven with a *minyan* all of the *Shabbos tefilos* including *krias hatorah*. You should conduct yourself in shul according to *halachah* (e.g. not talking during *davening*, etc.). Boys of grades 4 and below should try to *daven* as much as they are able.

DRESS CODE

הַלְמִיד חָכָם נִיכָּר בִּלְבוּשׁוֹ

Cheder students are expected to dress in a way that reflects the atmosphere and values of a chabad chossid in a Torah setting. The following guidelines strive to express our chassidishe standards and reflect our values:

- 1. A yarmulke and *tzitzis* must be worn at all times. No leather, knitted or bright colored *yarmulkes* allowed.
- 2. Masks: no logos or words on Facemasks and shields.
- 3. Pants: Black or navy blue pants (no jeans, oversized-cargo pockets or skin-tight pants allowed).
- Shirts: Button down shirts (white, blue or light blue with white stripes. No t-shirts, polo shirts or collarless shirts). Shirts should be tucked in at all times (except during play time).
- 5. White shirts should be worn on *Rosh Chodesh* and *Chassidishe Yomim Tovim*.
- 6. Sweaters: The Cheder sweater, chidon sweater or a plain navy blue sweater may be worn.
- 7. Shoes: No sandals, crocs or heelies allowed. Shoes need to be dark colored and conservative looking. No white or bright colors on them.
- 8. Boys who are in 7th & 8th grade may wear only white shirts, a plain dark yarmulka without any writing. Boys who reached *Bar Mitzvah* age must come to Cheder every day with a hat and a dark colored suit jacket or blazer for *davening* and

bentching. Zippered jackets or sport jackets are not acceptable.

- 9. Hygiene: Students are expected to bath/shower, brush their teeth and dress in clean clothing
- 10. Hair: students are expected to take short haircuts and maintain short hair. *Payos* should reach the ear lobe.

A student who isn't dressed according to the cheder dress code will wait by the office until he is taken home or proper clothing is provided.

FRIENDSHIP

קְנֵה לְדָ חָבֵר

Friends made during the early years of school frequently last a lifetime. This is why the friendship of classmates should be cherished and cultivated.

- 1. Friends can disagree, but must not allow a verbal "fight" to become a "war"
- 2. Friends don't always see things the same way, but shouldn't permit differences to come between them
- 3. Friends know each other's strengths and weaknesses and try to bring out the best in each other; they must not encourage the worst
- 4. Friends help each other, but also allow each other to shoulder separate responsibilities
- 5. When choosing a partner to work with, choose the person who is the best working partner it may not always be your best friend
- 6. Friends who know the value of friendship don't allow unimportant issues to spoil a good relationship
- 7. Cliquishness and choosing of sides is an indication of immaturity and interferes with true friendship. Students should try to refrain from this behavior. Although you may have a "best friend" or group of friends, it is important not to leave someone else out; leaving someone out can hurt their feelings, the opposite of *ahavas Yisroel*

assigned to your division.

HOMEWORK

You can expect that teachers will:

Explain assignments clearly, so that you understand what is 1. expected of you

GOING OUT

You should only attend an event with a מחיצה. Students should not partake in a "mixed" functions or activities, i.e. parties, ice skating, professional ball games, shows, etc.

Shopping malls contain many stumbling blocks to a chassidishe bochur. Malls should not be visited as a pastime and should only be visited with adult supervision.

Students should dress in a dignified and modest manner at all times.

HALLWAYS AND STAIRWELLS

School hallways and corridors have only one purpose: to lead people from one place to another efficiently. We decorate hallways to celebrate special days and celebrate students' work. We must keep them clean and free of litter, so they are safe for passage. Students may not play, shout or speak noisily in a hallway or stairwell at any time. Running or playing tag in the hallways or stairwell will not be tolerated. Ball playing indoors is not appropriate and may be dangerous. Cheder will confiscate any ball being played within the building.

Hallway and staircase etiquette is to always walk on the right side of the hallway or staircase. This allows for the flow of two way traffic minimizing the risk of anyone getting hurt by bumping in to someone walking towards them.

All sports equipment most be stored on the first floor in the bin

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וְהַגִיתַ בּוֹ יוֹמַם וַלַיִלָה

וּבְלֵכָתָּדְ בַדֵרָדָ

- Homework assignments will not require the use of books or materials that are not available to you such as the internet or public libraries.
- 3. Homework will be at the ability level of your ability, to promote independent work.
- 4. Homework, when completed and turned in, will be graded or otherwise marked in a timely fashion.

Teachers expectations from you:

- 5. Homework will be done neatly, (so that the teacher does not need to strain to read it.)
- 6. Homework will be completed and turned in on time voluntarily
- 7. You will put forth your best effort and not "borrow" a classmate's or friend's completed homework assignment, transcribe it and present it as your own.

Homework assignments will be kept to no more than the following in both the *Limudei Kodesh* and General Studies subjects:

Grade 1-2: 15-20 minutes per teacher

Grade 3-4: 25-30 minutes per teacher

Grade 5-6: 30 minutes per teacher

Grade 7-8: 30 minutes in each subject (not more than 2 hours a night)

Homework books/sheets must be signed each night by one of your parents. Unsigned homework may be marked "incomplete." If your homework is not complete because either you did not have time or it was too difficult, a note must be sent in by your parents.

(MEALTIME TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED זֵה הַשֵּׁלְחֵן אֲשֵׁר לִפְנֵי ה'

The time a student spends eating breakfast or lunch is meant for eating and no other activity. A student is expected to:

- 1. Stay in the lunchroom, no bathroom breaks during lunch
- 2. Sit down with your feet facing the table and eat your meal
- 3. Be ready to recite המזון ברכת or a ברכה אחרונה at the proper time
- 4. Wait to be dismissed

- 5. Keep the eating area litter-free; deliberate littering or rowdiness will not be tolerated
- 6. Take three components
- 7. Do not deface food or the table cloth. Making a mess in the lunchroom will require you to stay back during recess and clean up.

The cheder will not warm up any food sent from. You may bring a thermos of hot water to cheder.)

NEATNESS

נְקִיוּת מֵבִיאָה לִידֵי טָהָרָה

During the formative years, you learn to be neat and organized, so that you can learn better and function better as adults. Unkempt appearance, messy notebooks and disorganized loose leaf notebooks prevent you from reaching your full potential. Therefore, the cheder requires students to dress neatly and maintain a semblance of organization about them.

Teachers will require students to tuck in their shirts, button a shirt or lace their shoes. They may require students to clean up a mess in their immediate classroom environment, so as to help them function better.

Teachers will not accept assignments and papers that are not neatly written and properly presented.

ODDS AND ENDS

- 1. No hard baseballs or baseball bats allowed
- 2. No trading or selling toys, food, etc.
- 3. Sports cards, such as baseball cards, etc. are inappropriate and should not be brought to cheder.
- 4. Except for a few coins for *tzedakah* or trip money, don't bring money or other valuables to school. Cheder takes no responsibility for lost money, valuables or other items.

OFFICE

The Office is the seat of the school administration. It is not the domain of the students. It is never appropriate for a student to be in the office without permission. Unless sent there by a teacher or invited by one of the office personnel, no student may visit the Office.

If a child feels that he must call home during the day, he must first get a written note from the teacher or principal. He may not ask the Office staff to use the phone without permission. When coming to the office, keep your hands out of the reception window and speak respectfully.

RECESS TIME

הֶיוֹת הַגוּף בָּרִיא מִדַרְכֵי ה' הוּא

Recess is an opportunity for you to relax and get some fresh air. Students may be in the playground <u>only</u> with teacher supervision. Children's play must be civilized; fighting is <u>never</u> allowed. If an argument occurs, the teacher should be called before it escalates into a fight. If an accident, $1"\pi$, happens or a child is hurt, call a teacher <u>immediately</u>. Don't rely on anyone else!

Students who wish to stay inside during recess must stay in the stairwell area, not in the hallway near the classes that are in session. Students may not hangout by the office during recess.

RESPONSIBILITY

אָדָם מוּעָד לְעוֹלָם

In a school environment, responsibilities are divided among many people: your Rebbi, the office staff, English teachers, janitorial staff, etc. Your rebbeim carry most of the responsibility but you have an area of responsibility as well. Here is a list of some of your responsibilities:

- 1. When arriving at school, go straight to class
- 2. You may not a classroom other than your own

אֵיזֶהוּ חָכָם הַמַּכִּיר אֶת מְקוֹמו

- Bring all necessary items: ספרים, books, papers, notebooks, pencils, etc.
- 4. Pay attention. Ask questions and to make sure understand what is being learnt. Your Rebbi shouldn't have to keep pulling you in to the learning.
- 5. Do all assigned work (class work, homework, etc.) and do so in the manner prescribed. Your Rebbi should not have to pursue you to submit your work, you should eagerly hand it in. If you miss an assignment, talk to your Rebbi and get an extension, if possible.
- 6. You are responsible for YOUR behavior; it is never acceptable for a student to say, "Someone else told to do that...," "I didn't know the rules ..." or "he also did it..."
- 7. Participate in student activities such as: plays, trips, *chesed*, choir, and other special events which are responsibilities shared between teachers and students. Student activities function as a partnership between faculty and students.
- 8. If you miss or fail a test, you will be held responsible to make it up either during recess or by staying in cheder after school is over to take the test.

SCHOOL PROPERTY AND GROUNDS

מַמוֹן הֶקְדֵשׁ

The School Grounds are private property on which the school exercises full authority and takes full responsibility. Leaving school premises without written permission is a safety hazard for which you will be suspended from school.

You may not move anything on cheder property, desks, tables, basketball hoops or the like should remain where they are and may not be moved. If the need arises, ask your teacher permission before you move anything.

Light switches, locks, water mains, etc. may not be tampered with. Students who touch or move cheder property will have to provide a monetary deposit to assure that they don't do it again and may be fined even for a first offense.

SNACKS

'ה הַגוּף בָּרִי וְשָׁלֵם מִדַרְכֵּי ה

Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks and bottled water each day. All snacks must be *bishul yisroel, cholov yisroel* and *pas yisroel*. Popcorn, pretzels, rice cakes, crackers, fruit and raw vegetables are appropriate. No *shehakol* snacks such as candies, chocolate, sugary snacks or soft drinks are allowed. Candy brought to cheder will be confiscated. No nuts or nut snacks may be brought to cheder.

Due to food allergies that children may have and different levels of *kashrus* observance students may <u>not</u> share or trade food.

TALKING

יְהֵא דִבּוּרְדְ בְנַחַת עִם הַבְּרִיוֹת

The mark of a refined person is the way he speaks. Every student should strive to speak appropriately. A student should use a respectful, natural tone of voice. Just because you are screaming doesn't mean you are being listened to.

It is appropriate for a student to speak only when no one else is speaking. Students are expected to address teachers and adults respectfully. Foul language will not be tolerated at any time. Serious consequences will be applied for the use of inappropriate language, including suspension.

דבאCHERS אַשֵּׁה לְדָ רַב - מוֹרָא רַכָּךְ כְּמוֹרָא שֶׁמָיִם

Your Rebbim and teachers care deeply about your success. They teach you the most valuable life-lessons and connect you to Hashem and your Yiddishkeit. Chazal tell us, that respecting our teachers is even greater than respecting our parents.

- 1. A teacher may be friendly but is not your friend.
- 2. A teacher can be a trusted confidante, but doesn't share in your gossip.

- 3. A teacher can help, guide, prod, probe or chastise, depending upon what the situation requires, but it is always in your best interest.
- 4. A student would be wise to seek the advice of his teacher, as a *mashpia*, and carefully their that advice.

Most successful adults are fortunate to have had a teacher or two who inspired them and helped them believe in themselves. Our school has outstanding *Rebbeim* and teachers who are eager to help students shape their lives successfully.

TV, VIDEO, INTERNET, READING

וְנִשְׁמַרְתָּ מִכָּל דְבָר רָע

- Watching <u>television</u> and/or <u>secular videos</u> is ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN. Most TV programs include material that is *halchicaly* prohibited, wastes time, dulls the mind and creates insensitivity to issues of *tznius* and violence destroying your pure *neshomoh*. What we see finds its way deep into our hearts, affecting our behavior. As a result, students relate disrespectfully to their peers and their elders. Not watching these things is a big *nisayon* and we are here to help you overcome this challenge by offering you activities and outlets that are filled with purpose and meaning, connecting you to HaShem.
- 2. No electronic devices are allowed in cheder (cell phones, iPods, Game boys, Cameras, MP3 players, etc.). Any item deemed inappropriate will be confiscated for a short period upon first offense, and confiscated for good upon second offense.
- 3. You should not own a device with internet access. Owning such a device can result in your permanent suspension from the cheder.
- 4. You should not share or exchange digital media via any means at cheder.
- 5. Before you read a secular book it should be reviewed by your parents for appropriate content (clean language, *tzniusdik* pictures, etc.). All secular books brought to cheder must be approved by your Rebbi.
- 6. Unapproved material will be confiscated

INTERNET – VERY IMPORTANT! לְפָּנֵי עָוֵר לֹא תִתֵּן מִכְשׁוֹל The Torah says, "Do not place a stumbling block before the blind." The internet is one of the greatest stumbling there are and it is hard to protect oneself from it. It is *halachicaly* forbidden to have

Your parents help you limit your use of the internet for your benefit. Follow their instructions meticulously. If you most use a computer here are some important guidelines:

- 1. Before using a computer make sure it has a filter
- 2. It should be used only for a focused purpose, never to just randomly browse or look around.
- 3. Only use the internet with adult supervision

unfiltered internet in a *frum* home.

- 4. A computer with internet access should be in a public area of the home (e.g., the kitchen, family room, etc.).
- 5. Email Your parents need to be aware of your email accounts and passwords and read them regularly.
- 6. Limit your time on the computer by setting an alarm and going off when you meet the limit no matter what
- You may not have an account on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or any other social networking sites. If you are found to have a Facebook or other social media account, your return to cheder will depend on a parent meeting and the necessary changes made.

LIVING THE LIFE OF A CHOSSID

As a Chassidim of the Rebbe we strive to dedicate our lives to learning Torah with *yiras shomayim* while excelling in *ahavas* Yisroel. Set for yourself learning goals that involve *chazoroh* of what you learned in the past, take on *hachlotos* to learn more on your own.

You should always be learning something *baal peh*, Tanya, *mishnoh* or *gemoro*. Participate once a week in *mivtsoim*, join an older *bochur* or call another yid on the phone and encourage them to do a mitzvah. Remember that a *neshomoh* comes down to this world 70-80 years in order to do a favor to another Yid. Try to complete your missions in Tzivos Hashem and to be a living example to your classmates, family members and others.

IN SUMMARY

We look forward to an exciting and productive school year. With your cooperation and participation in following the guidelines set forth in this Handbook, you will grow in learning, *yiras shomayim, mentshlichkeit and chassidishkeit.*

BAR MITZVA

As you celebrate your Bar Mitzvah, we encourage you to invite your parents and grandparents to the cheder to celebrate your *hanochas teffilin* and on the day of your Bar Mitzvah. The Chabad *minhag* is to be called to the *Torah* for the first time at either Shabbos *mincha*, or on the first Monday, or Thursday immediately following your 13th birthday. When planning your *Bar Mitzvah* celebration, please invite <u>all</u> your classmates. If you plan your *hanochas tefilin* at a location other than cheder, you may not invite your friends.



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