

Cheder Chabad of Monsey Handbook

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Students,

At Cheder, rules aren't restrictions—they're tools for growth. Just as astronauts, soldiers, and surgeons rely on structure and protocol, so too must our talmidim. With the Torah as our blueprint, we aim to raise Chassidishe boys with yiras Shamayim and strong middos.

Much time and thought have gone into making the rules clear and focused. Please take a moment to review them carefully.

Ksiva V'chasima Tova,

Rabbi Shaya Itkin – Principal

1. Bussing

- Be at the stop 10 minutes early.
- Enter the bus quickly without pushing and sit down.
- Remain seated while the bus is moving. Keep head and arms inside.
- Don't shout or bother other students. Speak nicely and be courteous.
- Obey the driver and keep the bus clean.
- Misbehavior will result in escalating consequences: warning, one day suspension, and further suspension as needed.
- Office staff do not coordinate rides. No changes are allowed to bus routes or drop-offs.
- Out-of-district students may not ride the bus.
- Walking home requires a signed note.

2. Attendance & Lateness

- Students must arrive on time. Success starts with being on time.
- For any absence of three days or more, a signed note from a parent must be brought to the principal. The student will meet with the principal before returning to class to review missed work.
- Students must return to class right after recess. If late, they will lose outdoor recess for the day.
- When coming late in the morning, please make sure to bring a late note from a parent.
- Any student who misses more than 15 days during the school year will be required to reapply for admission to Cheder for the following school year.

3. Dress Code

- **Yarmulka:** Only black or dark navy. No leather, knit, bright colors, writing, or logos are allowed at all.
- **Pants:** Black or navy blue (no jeans, shorts, sweatpants, oversized or tight pants).
- **Shirts:** Light blue or white collared button-down shirts, tucked in. Top button must be closed.
- White shirts on Chassidishe Yomim Tovim. Grades 7–8 wear white daily.
- **Sweaters:** Plain navy or black only. Non-compliant items will be confiscated and returned with a \$10 fee.
- **Shoes:** Black only. No sandals, crocs, or hee-lies. No colored shoes no white bottoms
- Accessories: No wristbands, necklaces, or other accessories.
- **Hair:** Short, even-length haircuts with no bangs. Peyos must reach the bottom of the earlobe.
- Bar Mitzvah boys: Must wear a hat and dark suit jacket to school. No zippered or sports jackets. No feathers, pins, or ornaments.

4. Carpool

- Drop-off: Curbside only on the Cheder side.
- Dismissal: Enter Bluefield Road and line up in a single file. Stay in your vehicle. No crossing the street or U-turns.
- Students waiting more than 25 minutes after dismissal will be charged a \$25 fee.

5. Briefcase & Books

- Briefcases must be cleaned and brought daily. Yoman must be signed every day.
- Seforim must be treated with respect. No drawing or writing in seforim or textbooks.
- Students who are negligent will be charged a \$50 deposit for workbooks.

6. Davening

- Grades 7–8 must attend daily minyan at Cheder. Mon–Fri: 7:30 am | Sun: 8:30 am
- The shul next door may only be used for mikvah before 7:30 am. Students are not permitted to daven there under any circumstances.
- Breakfast is served after Tehillim.

7. Mealtimes

- Students must choose 3 lunch components, including at least one fruit or vegetable.
- Sit only in your designated place and remain in the lunchroom.
- Keep your feet under the table. Clean up any mess you made.
- Join bentching with everyone. Help with cleanup.
- **No** noodle soup, no hot water, no gum. Cheder does not warm food—bring a thermos.

8. Snacks

- Healthy snacks encouraged: popcorn, pretzels, rice cakes, crackers, fruit, raw vegetables.
- No candy, sugary snacks, soda, or gum.

- All snacks must be bishul Yisroel, cholov Yisroel, and pas Yisroel.

9. Library

- Books may be borrowed for two weeks. Lost or damaged books must be replaced. Replacement fee: \$35.

10. Electronics & Media

- No electronic devices are allowed in Cheder (including phones of any type, iPods, game consoles, smartwatches, MP3 players, cameras, etc.). Any electronics brought to school will be confiscated and will not be returned.
- Students may not have any access to unfiltered internet at home. In addition, students may not have any social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc.)

11. Safety & Security

- Metal bats and hard balls are not allowed at Cheder.
- Students may not leave Cheder grounds without permission—this results in suspension.
- No money or valuables should be brought. Cheder is not responsible for lost items.
- No trading or selling. Items and profits will be confiscated.

12. School Property

- Students must pay for accidental damage.
- Intentional damage: repair + \$20 deposit. Further damage: \$50 deposit.
- Stuffing toilets/urinals: not acceptable students will be charged a \$50 cleaning fee.

13. Birthdays

- In-school birthday farbrengens should be arranged with the rebbi a week in advance.
- Donuts can be ordered on the Cheder website.
- Out-of-school parties must invite either the entire class or only two friends.
- Book donations to the class or library in honor of a birthday are encouraged.

14. Snow Days

- Weather updates via WhatsApp and email by 7:15 am. Minyan times posted by 6:30 am.

15. Incident Reports

- A report will be sent home whenever there is a serious incident involving a student. Incident reports are color-coded based on the category of the issue. These notes should not be taken lightly. They must be signed by a parent and returned before the student may reenter class the following morning.
- Green Note: General behavior issue
- Red Note: Chutzpah
- Orange Note: Inappropriate subject material
- Yellow Note: Bus incident

16. Hanachas Tefillin

- Boys are encouraged to host their Hachnasas Tefillin at Cheder. Family members are welcome to attend. Please be in touch with Rabbi Itkin to coordinate the details.
- If held elsewhere, classmates cannot attend.

Remember, the most important rule is to show up every day and be the best version of yourself. And remember—what happened yesterday, last week or last year doesn't matter. Every day is a brand-new day. *Morgen Vet Zein Gor Andersh!!*

Rabbi Shaya Itkin – Principal

Daily Schedule

	Grade 1 - 2	Grade 3 – 5	Grade 6	Grade 7 - 8
<i>Sunday</i>				Minyan 8:30
Start of class	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:45
First Recess	10:30	10:55	11:20	11:20
Second Recess	11:50	12:20		
Lunch	12:15	12:45	11:45	11:45
Back to class	12:40	1:00	12:00	12:00
Mincha - <i>bizmano</i>			1:15	1:15
Dismissal	1:30			
<i>Monday – Thursday</i>				Minyan 7:30
Start of class	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:55 (M&T 9:05)
First recess	10:20	10:40	11:05	11:05
Second recess	11:35	12:15	1:00	1:00
Lunch	12:00	12:40	1:25	1:25
Mincha		1:35	2:45	1:50
Third recess		1:45	3:00	3:00
General studies	2:05	2:05	3:25	3:25
Dismissal	4:00	4:00	5:00	5:00
<i>Friday</i>				Minyan 7:30
Start of class	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:35
Recess	10:10	10:30	10:55	10:55
Dismissal	11:45	11:45	11:45	11:45

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