

**ZAREINU'S BOYS' YESHIVA**  
**Bais Shalom**  
**2007/2008 PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK**

**LOCATION**

Zareinu 's Boys' Yeshiva program is fortunate to be located at Adath Israel Congregation, a traditional Jewish Synagogue that emphasizes Torah values and teachings.

**PHILOSOPHY**

Our philosophy is based on the belief that each student is a valuable member of our community and has the right to an adapted education, opportunities for improving life skills and communication and our respect for their strengths, as well as, a focus on their needs. The family must be an integral part of our efforts; their input treated with respect and their participation in planning individual programs for their child is encouraged. We believe that each of our students has potential and deserves our united efforts in providing learning strategies that will improve the quality of life and facilitate participation both in their families and in the Jewish community.

**STAFFING**

Our program at Yeshiva Bais Shalom is staffed by the following specialists:

Program Supervisors:	Mrs. Goldie Kass and Mr. Jamie Sherman
Special Education: (Hebrew and English studies)	Mr. Yanky Wolkenstein and Rabbi Shlomo Weitz
Teaching Assistants:	Mr. Aaron Spodek Mr. Yaniv Barda
Teacher (specialties)	Mrs. Andrea Zians
Social Skills Instructors:	Mr. Jordan Goldman
Occupational Therapist:	Mrs. Masha Posen
Speech & Language Dept:	Mrs. Rochelle Muller
Social Worker:	Mrs. Gene Chodos
Consulting Paediatrician:	Dr. Leo Levin

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES**

Please observe the following guidelines and help our student(s) understand them.

**Daily Schedule:**

	Monday – Thursday	Friday
Starting Time:	Class Time – 9:00 a.m.	Class Time – 9:00 a.m.
Departure Time:	4:00 p.m.	12 noon

**After School:** Students need to leave the school grounds as soon as possible after they are dismissed. Students are not to remain in the classroom unless supervised by a staff member.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Please refrain from calling the classroom. The safety supervision and learning environment are compromised. As in any school setting, we request that you call the school office at 905-738-5542 for all matters, day or night. Mrs. Goldie Kass' extension is 333 and Mr. Jamie Sherman's extension is 310.

If it is an urgent matter, please ask Sarah Weitz, Zareinu's school secretary, for assistance.

## **THE YESHIVA ENVIRONMENT**

To maintain the dignity, tranquility, and safety of the Yeshiva environment, the Yeshiva has implemented the following guidelines:

- Students may leave the Yeshiva grounds during scheduled breaks. (If parents have concerns, please notify us.) To insure punctual attendance, we must insist that students restrict themselves to the general neighbourhood of the Yeshiva. During school hours students may not patronize commercial establishments along Bathurst Street except as part of a Yeshiva sponsored activity. Even within the Yeshiva neighbourhood, certain establishments may be declared "off-limits" to our students. If this privilege is abused (e.g. returning late to class), it may be withdrawn.
- **Students may not bring cell phones or other communication devices to Yeshiva.** The distraction these create cannot be overstated. These will be subject to confiscation during school hours.
- **The sanctity of the Bais Medrash will be strictly upheld.** No eating, drinking, or doing homework will be permitted; designated areas will be provided for these activities.
- **Students may not light fires, nor bring or possess matches, lighters, or any objects or materials used with fire or to make fires.** Violation of this rule will be grounds for immediate expulsion at the discretion of the Yeshiva administration.

Respect for authority is a cornerstone of Yeshiva life. While all people must be treated with dignity, those from whom we receive benefit and to whom we owe gratitude especially deserve this.

Students may not bring radios or televisions to the Yeshiva. Books, newspapers, magazines, music tapes, CD's, etc. must be appropriate for a Ben Torah.

## **POLICIES**

### **DRESS**

The Yeshiva has instituted a dress code as outlined below:

- Shirts: Light-coloured, buttoned shirts with collars (no T-shirts or polo shirts). **Shirts must be tucked in at all times.**
- Pants: Dark-coloured, conservative style pants (no jeans, sweat pants, or cargo pants).
- Shoes: **Running shoes or sneakers may not be worn except during physical education and sports activities or if required for health related reasons.**
- Outerwear: In cold weather, a sweater or sweatshirt may be worn, but may not feature any conspicuous logo or imprint (e.g. "Roots", "Gap", or "University of X").
- Hats: Hats and caps (e.g. baseball caps) other than "Davening hats" may not be worn.
- Grooming: A conservative hair cut is required; students whose practice is to shave may not grow beards.

For Davening, all students are required to wear suit jackets or blazers. We encourage our students to follow the accepted style of the Yeshiva community and wear hats as well. Needless to say, ***yarmulkes and tzitzis must be worn at all times – including during sports activities.***

### **CONDUCT**

As a student in Zareinu's Yeshiva Bais Shalom, you have a unique opportunity to create a Kiddush Hashem – Sanctification of the Divine Name, or conversely, a Chillul Hashem – Desecration of the Divine Name.

The principles of Derech Eretz guide must guide all interactions with fellow students. Fighting, and/or verbal abuse are intolerable within the Yeshiva community.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Staff are also offered training in CPR, First Aid and C.P.I.

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**Emergency Information** – Make sure you notify the school immediately whenever there is a change in the contact persons for emergencies. Please make sure that our Health records include updated information.

**Immunization** – Schools are mandated by the Public Health Department to require immunization of students. Health Inspectors come to the schools to check on this. They have the legal right to exclude from school any student who has not complied with regulations. Please ensure that all forms sent home in this regard are returned promptly.

**Medications** – Whenever possible, parents should request that their physician schedule medication to be taken before the student leaves for school or when the student arrives home. When this is not possible, the school will cooperate in dispensing medication. Prescription medication must arrive in the original bottle. If meds are Tylenol, cough medicine, etc., please supply your child with the medication and instructions and a signed medication form (available at the office).

**First Aid** - The office takes care of minor injuries, superficial cuts, etc. If indications are that the injury is more severe, parents will be notified. If, in the judgment of the school, the matter requires medical attention, we will insist that a parent arrange to pick up the child immediately. In deciding on the appropriate line of action in each particular case, school staff exercises judgment with utmost care. Wherever possible, we must consider the well being of all the children in the classroom and children who present as being unwell will be sent home.

If special medical conditions apply to your child, please notify the office of the details of the condition and emergency procedures to be followed. If your child has any condition potentially requiring the use of an **EpiPen**, please ensure that the expiry date is carefully monitored.

There are times when your child **must** be taken home or kept home. We offer the following as guidelines:

If your child has any of the following symptoms: fever, sore throat, earaches, stomach pains, nausea, unusual rashes – check carefully with your pediatrician to evaluate the condition. Sending children to school with these symptoms or even with just a “bad common cold” can impede the child's own recovery and can also spread the sickness to others. If we notice these or any other symptoms of illness, contagious or otherwise, we endeavor to notify you. If, in our judgment, there is any likelihood of your child infecting other children, we will ask you to collect your child from school. If a child continually exhibits serious symptoms, we may request a doctor's note or contact to better understand your child's needs. Children who are vomiting or who have diarrhea must be kept home for **24 hrs.** until clear of all symptoms according to Ministry requirements.

Please notify the office immediately if your child contracts any communicable disease. Chicken pox and measles are the most common. We follow the Public Health regulations as to how many days must elapse before a student is allowed to return to school after a communicable illness. We ask for your cooperation in preventing the spread of illness to your child and others as well as to staff members.

**Dangerous Allergies** - We have discovered that some students entering our building are highly allergic to peanut and nut products. These children can have a fatal reaction to the smallest trace of a substance such as peanut butter. In order to provide a safe environment for the students of Zareinu, we have instituted a NO PEANUT/NUT POLICY.

Please note that this does not apply to your children's home eating habits. In order to implement this policy, we ask you not to send children to school with ANY foods containing peanuts or nuts. We regret the inconvenience that this policy may cause for some parents and students. However, we hope that you understand the dangers that this type of allergy can pose. As it is difficult to monitor all food being brought into the building, we are counting on your cooperation in this matter.

Substitutes: We suggest the following as nutritional and menu substitutes: salad, eggs, salmon and tuna salad, macaroni and cheese.

Please inform the principal – in written form – about any other allergies your child has or emergency medications (EpiPen, puffers, and ventilators) to remain at school.

### ***ADMISSIONS & TUITION POLICY***

In order to ensure a place for your child, the following steps need to be followed:

1. Payment of the registration fee before June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.
2. Post dated cheques, payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the full amount of the tuition are to be delivered to the school prior to your child's placement.
3. No child may begin the program if there is an outstanding tuition balance from a prior year.
4. If a child leaves the program during the middle of the year, tuition cannot be refunded as a result of the commitments made to staff. Tuition may only be refunded in extraordinary circumstances.
5. Zareinu is a partner with the Board of Jewish Education. If you are unable to pay the full tuition and require a subsidy, you must submit a completed subsidy application form. If you have children in other day schools, those schools will be contacted in order to arrive at your total family tuition obligation. You will then be advised regarding your tuition fee.
6. Any questions regarding financial arrangements should be directed to Randy Spiegel, Executive Director, and will be addressed by the Admissions and Tuition Committee.

**Parents must agree to Zareinu's Admission & Tuition Policy and confirm by checking the appropriate box on the Student Application.**

### ***DISMISSAL POLICY***

Zareinu reserves the right to dismiss a child and their family should they come to an impasse regarding services. If the family requires, Zareinu will help the parents find a more suitable setting for their child. At the parent's request, Zareinu staff will agree to remain in contact with the family and the new setting to facilitate a child's well-being during transition.