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# Cheder Chabad Boys' School Parent Manual

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Dear Parents, ‘ש

I hope you and your families are having an enjoyable summer. As we approach the coming school year we are focusing on all the preparations necessary to ensure that it is a successful one.

The following is the Cheder parent/student handbook presented to all parents and students of Cheder. This handbook represents a compilation of the Cheder’s educational and administrative policies, requirements and procedures along with some suggestions. This handbook is meant to be of reference throughout the year to enable a smooth and productive year for your children.

We at Cheder Chabad of Monsey are committed to educating each student in a warm and chassidishe environment.

Communication is very important to achieving success in each student’s Chinuch. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns either via email at [menahel@chedermonsey.org](mailto:menahel@chedermonsey.org) or by phone at 845-356-1213 Ex 2101.

We look forward to a meaningful year with your child/children!

With wishes for הצלחה רבה,

Rabbi Levi Kaplan  
*Principal*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Cheder Chabad of Monsey is a growing, vibrant educational facility that meets the *Limudei Kodesh* and *General Studies* needs of each individual child. Established in 1999, our mission has been to lay the necessary and proper foundation and training of today's children to meet the challenges of the future, by forging links between our traditional and uncompromising Jewish values and the world around us.

The uniqueness of our school is the fervor and flavor of *Chabad Chassidus*, as inspired by the teachings of the *Lubavitcher Rebbe*, with particular emphasis on *ahavas Yisroel* and serving Hashem with *simcha*, interjected into all aspects of the school programs.

Our dedicated Melamdin create an atmosphere of excitement and stimulation due to their passion and dedication to Jewish life and learning, while instilling a love of learning in our *talmidim* and *talmidos*. Our *Limudei Kodesh* Program includes the highest level of Hebrew/English learning in *Chumash*, *Mishnah*, *Talmud*, *Halacha*, *Novi*, *Tanya*, *Parshas HaShavuah*, *Yomim Tovim*, *Chassidus*, *Tales of Tzaddikim*, *Nigunim*, and more.

Our General Studies curriculum interweaves Torah values into its program creating an integrated tapestry of an up-to-date secular education and an authentically Jewish worldview. Above all, we are dedicated to educating the generation of tomorrow today!

Our school is affiliated with the Board of Education of New York State. The East Ramapo Central School District (ERCSD) supervises our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program and administers the Federal Title I-V programs that fund many of the special services we receive: Bus Transportation, School Nurse, Tutor/Mentor Program, ESL Tutoring, Psychologist, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Resource Room, etc.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

### ARRIVAL:

#### Grades 1-6

1. Monday through Friday, Cheder begins at 8:45 am.
2. On Sundays, Cheder begins at 9:15. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:45 until 9:00 in the classrooms. There will be no breakfast served after 9:00.
3. Children should not be brought to Cheder prior to 8:40 as there will not be supervision. On Sundays children should not be dropped off earlier than 9:10.

#### Grades 7-8

4. All boys from grades 7 and up are required to attend the shacharis minyan at Cheder every day unless otherwise recommended by the principal.
5. Minyan times: Monday-Friday at 7:30; Sunday at 8:30. Sunday minyan after Pesach at 9:15
6. Following minyan, the children will be served breakfast.
7. Children who are brought to Cheder for minyan should be dropped off only once the door of Cheder is open, at 7:30 Monday-Thursday and on Sundays at 8:20.

### DISMISSAL:

8. Grades 1-5: Cheder ends at 4:15 pm, Monday through Thursday.
9. Grades 6-8: Cheder ends at 5:25 pm, Monday through Thursday.
10. All Grades: Sunday Cheder ends at 1:30 pm and Friday at 12:10 pm.
11. On non-bus day Monday thru Thursday all grades are dismissed at 4:15.
13. When picking up a child early, parents must go to the office to sign out their child. The secretary will arrange for the child to be sent from the classroom. **Parents should not go to the classroom to pick up their child or for any other reason.**

Students who wish to walk or ride their bike to and from Cheder, they need a special pass. To receive this, the student **should submit a signed note from his parents** which will be kept on file in the office.

- Please make every effort to set all transportation arrangements before your child comes to Cheder.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

12. Parents are encouraged to make sure that children are in Cheder each and every school day. Permission from a principal is required before a planned absence from Cheder.
13. Just as it is of utmost importance for every child to be in Cheder the first day of Cheder, so too, it is of equal importance that every student be in school the day following Succos, Pesach, Chanukah, or mid-winter break.
14. In the event that a student is late or has been absent from Cheder, a note must be sent to the Rebbi/teacher explaining the situation.
15. All appointments (medical, dental etc.) should be made after school hours, if possible. If it is necessary for your child to leave during school time, please send a note with your child in the morning. The note should be addressed to the Rebbi/teacher that your child will be leaving at the scheduled pick-up time. When you come to pick him up, proceed to the office to sign out. The secretary will call your child out from class.
16. Parents are not to enter the classroom at any time unless given explicit permission from the Cheder office.
17. Parents are to avoid calling the office to have messages delivered to their children except in a genuine emergency.
18. All students from grades 6,7,8 must remain in school Monday – Thursday until their class is dismissed at 5:25.

## **LATENESS**

Children who arrive late disturb the routine of the entire class and are deprived of the very important beginning rituals of each day, including important social interactions with classmates. In the event of lateness, a note from the parent must be presented to the rebbi/teacher.

Students in grades 7-8 who arrive after the completion of *shacharis* must complete davening before they come to Cheder. Parents must send a note indicating that their child has already *davened*.

## **BUS TRANSPORTATION:**

Safety is of utmost importance. Due to the lack of adequate supervision on the bus, it is the parent's responsibility to make sure their children know the appropriate behavior for the bus. Some children have been cited by ERSD busing for misbehaving and bullying on busses, which compromises the safety of all the children, as well as causing a big *Chillul Hashem*.

Parents are urged in encouraging observance of all safety rules pertaining to busing:

- Be at the bus stop 10 minutes early.
- Enter the bus quickly and find a seat.
- Remain seated at all times when the bus is moving.
- Keep head and arms inside the bus.
- Absolutely NO fighting or bullying.
- Speak in a low voice; no shouting.
- Leave the bus in an orderly fashion; no pushing.
- Obey all directions of the bus driver.
- Help keep the bus clean and in good condition.
- Be courteous to the driver.

All children who are residents of the East Ramapo Central School District (ERCSD) (in the meantime Ramapo Central School District (RCSD) is not providing bussing) are eligible for free bus transportation.

Families residing in ERCSD need to complete a Transportation Request Form and bring it to the ERCSD Transportation Office, 557 New Hempstead Road, with proof of age (birth certificate) and residence (rent contract, deed, utility bill, etc.). For more information, please contact the bus transportation office directly at 845-577-6490.

(When RCSD will provide transportation, families residing in RCSD need to complete a Transportation Request Form and bring it to the RCSD Transportation Office, 45 Mountain Avenue, with proof of age (birth certificate) and residence (rent contract, deed, utility bill, etc.). For more information, please contact the bus transportation office directly at 845-357-7783.)

There is no bus transportation on Sundays or on Public Holidays, as indicated in our school calendar. Please arrange your own carpools accordingly.

A bus pass will be mailed to every student. Please have your child bring it to school so it can be attached to his knapsack.

The school district will not tolerate misbehavior on the bus. After the first incident, the student will receive a warning notice from the driver. After two incidents, the student will be suspended from the bus for two days. After three incidents the student will be suspended for a week. After four incidents the student will be suspended for a month. A fifth incident will invite permanent suspension from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

As per district policies, children are permitted to ride only on their designated route. If a child will not be taking his regular bus 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.

### **CARPOOL ARRIVALS:**

Students who are transported by car may be dropped off at the curb along the side of the building. Vehicles may never enter the fenced play area/driveway, even if the gate is unlocked or in inclement weather. Please do not drop off children across the street.

### **CARPOOL DISMISSALS:**

Cars should enter Bluefield Rd. and line up in single file line alongside the curb. Please do not use the Widman Court entrance for carpool pickup. The driver must remain in the vehicle. If you wish to leave your vehicle, please park in the lower parking lot and walk to the waiting area to pick up your child. There should not be any parking directly across the street of the carpool area. U-Turns are not allowed at any time. This is for the safety of the children.

We urge parents to be considerate regarding picking up children ON TIME and to exercise extreme caution when driving through the pickup area. Children in grades 1-5 may not be left in Cheder to wait for grades 6-8 dismissal at 5:25.



## **THE SCHOOL DAY**

### **BREAKFAST, SNACKS AND LUNCH**

Breakfast will be served to all students first thing in the morning, Sunday through Friday.

During the course of the afternoon all students will be served snack.

Students are encouraged to bring *pareve*, 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. Bringing candy to Cheder is not permitted.

Sunday through Thursday, a nutritious lunch will be served to all of the children. Should you prefer sending along lunch, we ask you to please adhere to the lunch calendar.

Students at Cheder will not be able to attain hot water. You may send a thermos of hot water with your son.

On days that there is a Fleishig lunch please do not send dairy foods with your son. During the rest of the week Milchig will be served; please do not send Fleishig for lunch. On a day that Fleishig is served, please do not send Milchig snacks for the afternoon.

Please be aware that this year Cheder Chabad Boys' School is not a nut free zone. However, new situations do arise and we try to accommodate children with various allergies. Please contact the office if your child has any allergies.

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

## Excerpts From the Rebbe's Letter About Kashrus

Free translation by: Tzvi Freeman

*"...concerning how to deal with food that is not "kosher lemehadrin"...but this food can give a child a better appetite:*

In general, it is explained in many places that hiddur in kosher food is not just a matter of keeping a mitzvah. Rather, since every food becomes the blood and flesh of the body, and the body is connected with the neshama, so the kashrus and purity of the food affects the character and good midos of whoever uses this food. Therefore, any contribution we can make to the hiddur and purity of the food should also be seen as a contribution to the development of a refined and pure human character. And if this is so by adults, it is much more so by children whose character is still in its formative stages. With children we must be very concerned about the direction we are taking them.

*According to this, you can certainly understand my opinion that since we are not dealing, chas v'shalom, with a matter that a child's entire health is dependent upon--it's only a matter of adding more flavour and strength [?]-so we don't have to diminish the hiddur of the food. Certainly we can find other ideas and ways to strengthen a child's appetite and make a child healthier that do not compromise the kashrus and hidur." (אגרות קודש הי"ח מכתב ו' תרי"א)*

### DRESS CODE

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

- A yarmulke and *tzitzis* must be worn at all times (off-hours as well). No leather, knitted or bright colored *yarmulkes* allowed.
- 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).
- White shirts should be worn on *Rosh Chodesh* and *Chassidische Yomim Tovim*.
- Sweaters: The Cheder sweater or a plain navy blue sweater may be worn.

- Shoes: No sandals, crocs or heeies allowed. Shoes need to be dark colored and conservative looking. No white or bright colors on them.
- 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.
- Hygiene: Students are expected to bath/shower, brush their teeth and dress in clean clothing.
- 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.

Visitors: in respect of our shared values parents participating in any school function, on or off the Cheder premises, including carpool, are expected to dress according to halacha

Men: yarmulkas, tzitzis, sleeved shirts and knee-length pants and socks

Women: skirt length below the knee, closed necklines and sleeves covering the elbow. Married women must cover all their hair. Friends or relatives who participate in school functions are expected to respect our values.

## **DETENTION**

A Talmid will receive after school detention if he skips class. He will have to stay supervised after school to make up the time that he skipped. Detention may be given to a student who does not complete his work in class.

## **SUSPENSION**

A suspension is carried out when a Talmid does something that jeopardizes the physical or emotional safety of the school environment. This may include a situation in which a Talmid does not acknowledge or respond to staff instruction on an ongoing basis or if a Talmid breaches one or more of the Cheder policies.

This is not a punishment to the Talmid, rather it sends a message that under no circumstance can a Talmid behave in a way which is not appropriate for Cheder. The amount of days a child is suspended varies on what the cause was. Once the Talmid's behavior is safe for the Cheder environment he will be welcomed back.

The following are offenses that may result in an in-school or out of school suspension:

1. Talmid is unresponsive to teacher or staff member
2. Talmid is blatantly disrespectful to staff member
3. Talmid physically or emotionally hurts another Talmid
4. Talmid uses foul language
5. Talmid leaves school property without permission

## **INTERNET/MEDIA**

The *Torah* says, "Do not place a stumbling block before the blind." The internet is today's generation's greatest stumbling block from both a *halachic* and *chassidische* point of view. There are many *Rabbonim* who are opposed to the presence of internet in our homes. Therefore, children should be discouraged from using the internet as much as possible.

Over the past few years many children often from wonderful homes have been traumatized and horribly scarred by inappropriate exposure to the internet, when non vigilant parents did not exercise proper precautions. It is wiser to be overly cautious in this area, rather than risk any dangerous exposure.

Please consult your Rabbi or Mashpia, before making a decision regarding the use of the internet for your children. If using the internet is necessary, please make sure to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Students may not have access to any social media accounts such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube or the like. **Having such will be reason for dismissal from Cheder.**
- Students who use the internet should do so only when supervised by an adult.
- A computer or device that has internet access should be in a public area of the home and must be password protected.
- Parents must install filters and monitoring software on all devices that have access to the internet.

- Students may not have their own email address. If it is necessary for a student to have their own email address, it must be with the principal's approval and be constantly monitored.
- When friends come over to play or to make a project on the computer, it is imperative that the internet is not available for use.

## **TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

- Cameras, electronic games, music players, I-pods, MP3/4 players, flash drives etc. may not be brought on the bus or in the Cheder building.
- Students may not have their own cell phones. They may NOT bring a cell phone to Cheder, regardless if it's a smart phone or not. Any of the above brought to Cheder will be confiscated.

Exposing our children to television and/or secular videos is ABSOLUTELY NOT PERMITTED. Most TV programs include material that is prohibited to be seen, according to *halacha*. It is general knowledge that watching TV and secular videos is *bitul Torah*, dulls the minds of children and creates insensitivity to issues of *tznius* and violence and destroys the *aidelkeit* of our children.

### **Excerpts From the Rebbe's Sichas about T.V.**

Free translation by Sichot in English --Adapted from Likkutei Sichos Volume 18 (e. 459)

*“Television is an agent of moral breakdown like no other. We are at a point where non-Jews are speaking up strongly against television because they recognize its destructive influence on children. We often hear of violence and murder cases as a result of the television and movies programs that influence these kinds of acts. Even if someone might think they will watch the educational programs, but how can the parents be guaranteed that their children will not watch the other programs. Moreover, the children can say “If my parents watch television why shouldn't I?” Furthermore, who is guaranteeing the parents themselves that they will not fail? Today they watch “kosher” programs and tomorrow they catch a glimpse of another program and slowly they can reach the point that “all is acceptable”. Some people claim that there are good religious Jews that have a TV in their house and why can't we learn from them? This can be compared to someone who says, since so and so has an eye infection I also want to be like him! So too spiritually – nobody is perfect, so why copy the **faults** of another person?”*

*Among all those who have a television, you cannot find even one that will claim that they bought it – out of being G-d fearing, or because of good character traits that they acquired from it. Rather each person has their own “excuse” for it, either in order to furnish their house better or for their spouse, or they received it as a gift – therefore how could they throw it out?*

*Once people were careful not to pass by a church and preferred to go around it. Mothers would warn their children not to come close to a church and not to look at crosses- and today by means of a television they are bringing the church, the priest and the cross into their home "Rachmana Litzlan". Therefore, it is of utmost importance that all of the above be immediately rectified and corrected.”*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### 1. Games

- Certain items and games are disruptive and not within the spirit of that with which Cheder wants to imbue its students.
- This includes but is not limited to: Secular reading material, game boys, radios, cell phone, cameras, sportscards, MP3 players, Ipods, toy guns. **These items will be confiscated if brought into the Cheder.**

### 2. Sales by students

- Students may not buy or sell any type of articles or food during Cheder. Any such materials will be confiscated.

### 3. Reading material

- Parents are advised to carefully screen their children’s reading material.
- Only reading material provided by the Cheder may be used in the Cheder.

### 4. Propriety of students’ possessions

- All lunchboxes, school bags, loose-leaf folders, etc. should only bear pictures and writings that are consistent with “good taste” and Tznius.
- No sports, TV, movie or cartoon characters permitted.
- All possessions belonging to students should be clearly labeled with their first & last name.

## **BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS**

The Bar Mitzvah and its celebration set a foundation for the life of the young bochur and his *chaveirim* who are celebrating together with him. It is therefore critical that the atmosphere of the celebrations and its results are such that they promote positive, Torah'dik and *chassidische* values. As you prepare for this event, we would like to make some practical suggestions to help enhance your *simcha*.

Before setting a date for the formal Bar Mitzvah celebration, please check the school calendar to assure that the celebration does not conflict with a school event. As soon as the date has been set, please notify the Cheder office. By having this advance knowledge, we can help avoid having two celebrations scheduled on the same day and can try to avoid conflicts with school activities still being planned.

The Cheder will be pleased to serve in an advisory capacity with regard to *Bar Mitzvah* preparations for its students, but does not undertake such training. The Cheder looks forward to taking part in the student's *simcha* of becoming *Bar Mitzvah*. We therefore invite the parents and grandparents to join the Cheder *minyán* on the first day that a boy puts on *Tefillin* and then again after he is 13 and one day old. Nothing is expected of the parents other than that they participate with us, as we honor their son. Some parents may wish to offer the students a light treat at breakfast such as cake/doughnuts and juice. Please do not plan a lavish breakfast for this event. Parents should check with the *menabel* concerning what is appropriate and acceptable. Of course, the celebration in Cheder is not a substitute for the *Bar Mitzvah* celebration in one's *shul*.

When planning a *Bar Mitzvah* celebration, please make sure all of your son's classmates are invited. When making a *Bar Mitzvah* celebration on a school night, please schedule the event in a manner that all children can be home at a reasonable time (around 10:00 pm) so that they can function properly the next day in Cheder. Please make sure that the atmosphere at this auspicious event is within parameters set by *halacha* and in a *chassidische ruach*, including a proper *mehitzah* and appropriate music.

## **BIRTHDAY FARBRENGENS**

If you wish to make a birthday *farbrengen* at school, kindly speak to the rebbi a few days in advance to arrange a date and to discuss appropriate refreshments.

Birthday *farbrengen* will only be arranged during Limudei Kodesh sessions. A cake or cupcakes, one nosh and a drink are appropriate. Please make sure all nosh is *bishul Yisroel, pas Yisroel* and *cholov Yisroel*. Any additional or inappropriate items will be sent home. No home-baked items may be brought to school and no *pekelach*, please!

If you wish to have a birthday *farbrengen* outside of Cheder hours, at home or at a public facility, please be considerate of all the boys in the class. A small party with two classmates is appropriate, otherwise every classmate needs to be included.

## **HEALTH**

- New York state law mandates that any child not in compliance with the required immunizations be excluded from school until the immunizations are brought up to date.
- State law mandates that all new students in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades must have a physical within a year of the start of the school year. If you do not send proof of a private physical, your child will automatically be examined by a school district appointed physician.
- If it becomes necessary for your child to have medication during the school day, **DO NOT SEND THE MEDICATION WITH YOUR CHILD** to take it on his own. It is to be brought to the office **BY AN ADULT** with a note from a doctor to administer it.
- The law requires that any medication, prescription and over the counter, i.e., Tylenol, Benadryl, etc. found with a child be confiscated and thrown away.
- Children entering Cheder from out of the country must be checked for lice and nits before admission to school.

## **DERECH ERETZ**

Parents should encourage their children to adhere to the *derech eretz* standards enumerated in the student handbook. Under no circumstances should a parent criticize any member of the Cheder staff in front of a child. Any grievance should be privately and respectfully directed toward the teacher and/or principal.



## **GOING OUT בדרך ובלכתך**

- Students can only attend functions with a **מחיצה**. Students may not partake in any “mixed” functions or activities, i.e. parties, ice skating, ballgames, shows, etc.
- Students should dress in a dignified and modest manner. The dress should conform to *chassidische* standards also while not in school.
- Shopping malls contain many stumbling blocks to a *chassidische bochur*. Students may go only with parental approval and with an adult. Malls should not be visited just to spend time.

## **SCHOOL CLOSING AND DELAYS**

Since most of the children are bused by the East Ramapo Central School District, consideration will be given when they close school, but the final decision will be made by the Cheder. Following are the procedures in the event of hazardous weather:

- Email/text will be sent to the parents notifying of the decision.
- An advisory will be on the Cheder’s message line phone system 845-356-1213 at number 5.
- East Ramapo info line (845-577-6565) will have the latest information regarding their transportation after 7:00 am.

In the event of morning transportation delay the schedule will be:

- A one-hour delay: Cheder begins at 9:45, students will daven in Cheder.
  - Minyan will begin at 8:45
- A two-hour delay Cheder will begin at 10:45, students should daven before coming to Cheder
  - Minyan will begin at 9:45

## **SUNDAY SNOW**

- In a situation where there is a possibility of a Sunday snow day, the decision will be made by the **מנהל** and Vaad Hachinuch. An email and text will be sent out notifying parents of the final decision and the times of Cheder.

## **EARLY DISMISSAL**

In the event that East Ramapo Central School District closes schools early because of snowstorms, icy conditions, or other emergencies, parents are advised to follow the announcements recorded on the Cheder message line. We will also send out an email with the details.

## **COMMUNICATION**

To facilitate communication between school and home, Student Progress Reports will be sent to parents three times a year. The report cards represent the teacher's best efforts to evaluate a student's progress. Two Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled throughout the year. Parent-Teacher Conferences are recognized as the best method for advancing mutual understanding between school and home.

As soon as school begins, our teachers must give their undivided attention to the children. All conversations between parents & teachers must be reserved for after-school hours, except in cases of emergency.

Rebbis and teachers make themselves available after school hours when there is a need to communicate with parents. Please be considerate when calling teachers and call at a reasonable hour.

## **SCHOOL GROUNDS**

The school grounds are private property over which the school exercises full authority in addition to full responsibility for all students. Leaving the school premises without written permission is a serious infraction, for which a student may be suspended from school.

## **TEXTBOOKS – GENERAL STUDIES**

The East Ramapo Central School District provides General Studies text books for its students, through a program of government grants. It is expected that every book issued to a student will be returned in good condition. In the event a book is damaged or lost, the student will be charged for the book.

## **DAMAGES**

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.

The Cheder has invested in expensive technology, should a student damage any such equipment they will be required to reimburse the Cheder the full amount of the damages.

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 is done by the student.

## **VITAL INFORMATION**

Changes of address, telephone numbers, employment details, medical conditions, allergies or any other important information must be given to the school as soon as possible. Parents going on vacation, moving to a new home, and illness of a family member, birth of a sibling or any other changes in the household can impact on your child's behavior and ability to concentrate in class. Please inform the teacher or the office of any changes at home.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework is an important link between school and home. It helps our children recognize the interrelationship between teachers and parents. Homework reinforces material learned in class; particularly *Limudei Kodesh* homework emphasizes the importance of *Limud Torah* throughout the day, at school and at home. It is also an opportunity for parents to become involved in their children's learning, as well as a vehicle for communication with the classroom rebbi or teacher.

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

- Grade 1-2: Not more than - 15 minutes
- Grade 3-4: Not more than - 25 minutes
- Grade 5-6: Not more than - 35 minutes
- Grade 7-8: Not more than – 45 minutes

If you see your child spending more time on homework than indicated, or he needs extensive help in completing his assignments please write a note to the teacher(s).

The homework book/sheets must be signed each night by the parent, after ascertaining that the assignments were completed by the child. Unsigned homework will be marked “incomplete.” The homework book/sheets may be used to record any comments or questions you may have for the teacher or *rebbe*. If your child was unable to complete the homework, please explain the reason on the homework sheet.

## **INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS**

Every student wishes to feel safe from any form of harm when they are in school. The Cheder has therefore adopted a zero tolerance policy concerning bullying. Bullying can include fighting, hurting another student’s feelings, not respecting a student’s privacy, threatening others or any other type of behavior that may bother another student. The Cheder will deal with bullying in a very strict manner including suspension (upon second offense.) Repeated bullying will cause the Cheder to remove the bully from Cheder.

## **LOST & FOUND**

Please label clothing, books and other personal articles brought to Cheder. Unmarked articles are placed in the Lost & Found box. Items left unclaimed will be deemed “Hefker”, not owned by anyone, and will be disposed of after 30 days.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

Remember, Cheder Chabad is an extension of your home. Your child will be in the hands of experienced staff, who work to create a warm, *chassidische* atmosphere and are in touch with the needs of young children growing up in today’s world. We at Cheder Chabad of Monsey, care very much about the happiness of your child. Therefore, cooperation and communication between parents and staff are vital. We encourage you to feel free to arrange an appointment to speak to your child’s *rebbe*, teacher or to the principal, whenever there is a concern about your child. Please call the Cheder office to arrange an appointment.

## Daily Schedule

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

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