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Welcome to Yeshivat He'Atid!

The administration, faculty, and staff are delighted that you have chosen to give your children the gift of a Yeshivat He'Atid education. Please remember that we are partners in this educational process. As such, communication between home and school plays a critical role in helping your children achieve their maximum potential.

About Us

YH is a Modern Orthodox co-ed Yeshiva day school that opened in September 2012 in Teaneck, NJ. Committed to academic excellence in both Judaic and secular studies, YH maintains an affordable and self-sustaining tuition model in a dynamic, engaging, and warm learning environment with an emphasis on Torah values.

Our Mission

Yeshivat He'Atid provides a nurturing school community that has adopted an innovative model for high-quality, sustainable, and affordable Jewish Day School education.

Our Core Values

- **Living a Torah life - תורת חיים** – Yeshivat He'Atid is a community continuously guided by a love of Torah, Medinat Yisrael and Middot Tovot. We cultivate an environment where Torah informs and infuses all elements of our day as our students learn about their Jewish identity, history, culture, and Mesorah.
- **Joyful Mindset - הכל בשמחה** – We enable our students to approach their learning with wonder and joy. We provide learning opportunities that energize our students.
- **Respect & Community - כבוד וקהילה** – Yeshivat He'Atid is a community that embodies kindness, respect, humility, and thoughtfulness. We value the social-emotional growth of each child and see a community-wide responsibility to help foster these intrinsic values. A strong parent partnership is integral in educating the whole child.
- **Committed to Best Self - מצויינות עצמית** – We are committed to a growth mindset, which fosters intellectual inquiry, perseverance, and self-reflection. These skills enable each student to achieve his or her academic potential.

The School-Home Partnership

The ability to communicate openly and effectively is the cornerstone of all good relationships. This is especially true in terms of the school-family partnership. In order to support effective communication, we offer the following guidelines:

Family to School

Please keep us informed. Everything that happens in the home affects your children. As a result, it is critical that we are informed of any unusual events which are taking place in the family. This includes both the happy and the sad – births, special *smachot*, illnesses at home, anticipated trips by parents, deaths in the family, family dynamics, etc. Properly informed teachers will be able to help your child with greater understanding. Please notify the administration and teachers by email or telephone of any significant event. Please be assured that all information of this type will be kept strictly confidential.

Throughout the school year, there will be opportunities for face-to-face meetings with your children's teachers. Please refer to the school calendar dates for Parent-Teacher Conferences and Back-To-School-Night.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact your child's teacher first. While there are formal opportunities to discuss your child, such as parent-teacher conferences, we recognize that issues may arise at any time, and we want you to feel free to contact us whenever necessary. In order to ensure such discussions take place when a teacher can focus completely, we first ask that you send a note, email or leave a message in the office for your child's teacher. The note should briefly state your concern and convenient times for a teacher to reach you. Teachers will return all non-emergency messages within 24-48 hours.

If you wish to further discuss the matter after talking to your child's teacher, please contact the administrator in charge. The administration will become involved only when the teacher and/or parent feels that the situation has not been satisfactorily resolved.

WhatsApp Groups

Yeshivat He'Atid Parents WhatsApp Groups are a safe space where parents can ask questions, share information, gain clarification on school-related happenings, or volunteer their time and talents to the school.

Any issues or concerns relating to individual students, classes, or policies should be communicated directly to the teacher or administration.

It is inappropriate to utilize this WhatsApp to stir controversy, vent classroom issues, or engage in gossip. Posting these types of messages in this forum undermines the mission of Yeshivat He'Atid and the sense of community that is unique to our school.

Some tips to consider before messaging this group:

- Will parents have access to the information I am seeking?
- Am I more likely to receive accurate information from the school teachers or administration?
- Will other parents benefit from what I am sharing?
- Will my message incite anger or spread panic among parents?

- Am I likely to stir up controversy with my post?
- Is this message in line with our Core Value of Kavod v'Keila?

WhatsApp is a wonderful tool for us to connect with one another. Please help us ensure that it does not impede those connections and Achdut.

School to Family

Emails

In order to receive all pertinent information, please keep us informed of any changes to e-mail addresses. **Please check your email account on a daily basis. E-mail is the primary method of communication, including homework assignments.** Please inform us immediately of any changes to your personal and emergency contact information.

- He'Atid Happenings - A weekly email of the week's upcoming events will be sent each Sunday morning.
- Class Newsletters:
 - Early childhood teachers will be sending bi-weekly newsletters
 - Elementary School teachers will be sending a newsletter once a month

Our Website

Our website, www.yeshivatheatid.org, is a great way to stay informed about what's happening in school. The website hosts an up-to-date calendar, the latest information about our educational program, upcoming events, after-school enrichment, and YHPA volunteer opportunities.

He'Atid Achshav

Yeshivat He'Atid's weekly newsletter, He'Atid Achshav, is sent home via e-mail to all families each week. The newsletter offers highlights of the many exciting activities that occurred during the week and a glimpse of those to come. Please read the newsletter each week as important notices for the upcoming weeks will be posted.

Social Media

Follow the [Yeshivat He'Atid Facebook](#) and [Instagram page](#) and join our [Yeshivat He'Atid Parents](#) Facebook group.

Report Cards/Anecdotal

The academic year is divided into two semesters. Report cards are issued at the conclusion of each marking period. Parents are urged to review and discuss these report cards with their children. Any specific issues or concerns should be addressed to your child's teacher.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night, which is held in the Fall of each school year, is designed for parents to meet their child's teachers. Dates are listed on the school calendar. This event will be dedicated to teachers presenting an overview of the area of study and the year's curriculum. Please note this is not a time for parents to discuss individual children or concerns.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice a year during the fall and spring. Please consult the school calendar for specific dates.

Parental Involvement

There are numerous ways to contribute to school life. Teachers often request help for special projects or school events. If you would like to volunteer your time or have a specific skill you would like to share, please contact your child's teacher.

School Polices

Code of Conduct

Derech Eretz and proper middot are an integral part of Yeshiva education. We are proud of the respect and behavior displayed by our students. However, there may be an occasion when a child has difficulty adhering to school regulations. Most disciplinary concerns will be handled by faculty and administration. If necessary, parents may be contacted for a cooperative resolution. Video games, cell phones, iPods, smart watches, personal tablets, and other electronic devices may NOT be used at school without permission from a school educational administrator. Students will only be permitted to call home by using the regular school phone system AND with the approval of a teacher or administrator. **Students are not permitted to use their cell phones during the school day, including lunch and recess.**

Student Behavior

Derech Eretz is an integral part of our Jewish heritage and of our educational program. All facets of school life – relationships, environment, activities, curriculum, and classroom learning – will reflect this heritage and our commitment to it. We believe that a positive learning environment, with guidelines and expectations for respect and safety, provides the atmosphere most conducive to learning. Clear expectations regarding behavior in school will be established at the beginning of each school year and reviewed in the classrooms regularly.

Interpersonal relationships shape our school atmosphere and are guided by the following principles:

1. Everyone has a right to feel safe in school.
2. Everyone has a responsibility to treat others and their belongings with respect and consideration.
3. Children are encouraged to understand that others learn in their own way and at their own pace. Individual learning styles are encouraged and respected by all.
4. Being part of a learning community obliges one to strive to help others learn, and not to interfere with the learning of others.

5. Misunderstandings and disagreements among children will arise. We help children develop social negotiation skills by talking directly with the other party to resolve outstanding issues. Before speaking, we ask children to pause and consider the questions: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? We remind children to: stop, breathe, think; then act.
6. In supporting the children to work through these potential conflicts, a teacher may ask that a student take time out of the classroom to reflect and/ or take a break before returning to class.

YH takes a strong stand regarding Derech Eretz, respect for others. Bullying, name calling, or physical harm is not allowed at any time and will be addressed immediately.

Bullying is defined as intentional aggressive acts directed at another student or students in a school setting. These acts are persistent/ consistent, targeted and with the potential to have a severe impact on the child's emotional well being and / or education. This includes any verbal, physical, electronic or written acts done towards another student.

Our school has zero tolerance for bullying. We expect our students to treat each other with dignity and respect at all times.

Care of School Property

Children are responsible for books and devices issued to them. They are expected to take proper care of them. Lost items must be replaced, and you will be notified of the cost. Students will not receive a new book or device until payment has been remitted.

Dress Code

We ask for your partnership in ensuring that our children are appropriately dressed for school in accordance with the following guidelines:

Early Childhood

- Please dress your child in comfortable clothing to ensure their enjoyment of the day. Children should not be afraid to get dirty or messy. Please also dress children appropriately for the changing seasons.
- Please ensure your child has a (seasonally appropriate) extra pair of clothing they will keep in their cubby.
- Children should **not** wear Crocs or sandals to school.
- Boys should wear a hat or kippah and tzitzit.
- The children go outdoors daily. Please send your child with appropriate outerwear.
- **Please clearly label your child's name on all items sent to school.**

1st - 8th Grade Students

At Yeshivat He'Atid, we want to instill a feeling of unity in our school; adhering to the dress code is a positive and easy way to create that feeling each day. Please partner with us by reviewing your child's readiness for school daily and relaying to your children the importance of following this policy.

In addition, please be mindful that your children are growing students, and their wardrobe needs to meet the dress code guidelines throughout the entire school year.

Boys' Dress Code:

- Tops: Boys need to wear collared shirts
 - Shirts may be in **any solid** color
 - Words are **not** allowed
 - Small logos are allowed
- Boys must wear Tzitzit and a Kippah at all times
 - Hats are not allowed
- Pants: Boys need to wear solid-colored chino-style pants
 - Pants can be dark/navy blue, khaki, black or gray
 - Sweatpants, denim, and athletic wear are not allowed
 - Shorts are **not** allowed
- Sweatshirts need to be solid, striped, or patterned
 - Small logos are allowed
 - Bar/Bat Mitzvah swag is allowed
 - School swag is allowed
 - Words are **not** allowed
- Flip-flops, sandals, and Crocs may not be worn.
 - Shoes must be closed-toe and closed-back.
 - Please wear sneakers on gym days.
- Hair should be neatly groomed, kept at its natural color and worn at a moderate length

Girls' Dress Code:

- Tops: Girls need to wear solid-colored shirts
 - Cap sleeves and crop tops are not allowed
 - Words are **not** allowed
 - Small logos are allowed
- Skirts: Girls can wear solid-colored skirts
 - Skirts can be dark/navy blue, khaki, black and gray
 - Denim and athletic wear are not allowed
 - Skirts must touch the knee when sitting, walking, and standing
- Dresses: Girls may wear solid-colored dresses that touch the knee when sitting, walking, and standing
- Sweatshirts may be solid, striped, or patterned
 - Small logos are allowed
 - Bar/Bat Mitzvah swag is allowed
 - School swag is allowed
 - Words are **not** allowed
- It is strongly recommended that leggings or bike shorts be worn underneath skirts
 - Pants or sweatpants are not allowed
- Flip-flops, sandals, and Crocs may not be worn.

- Shoes must be closed-toe and closed-back.
- Please wear sneakers on gym days
- Hair should be kept at its natural color and not dyed
- Hats are not allowed

We expect to see all children in grades 1-8 routinely following the school dress code. However, in the event that a child does not adhere to the dress code, parents (and MS students) will be notified via email. The emails will be sent from “dresscode@yeshivatheatid.org.”

First Incident	An email will be sent from “ dresscode@yeshivatheatid.org ” with a reminder of the dress code policy.
Second Incident	A second email will be sent from “ dresscode@yeshivatheatid.org ” with a reminder of the dress code policy.
Third Incident	Parents will be asked to bring a change of clothing to school. The student will not be allowed into class until they are dressed according to the dress code.
Fourth Incident	The student will be sent home for the remainder of the day.

Kavod Hamakom

As we all know, the best way to teach a child is by example. We expect our parents to respect these policies when coming to visit our school, or at any school event.

Homework

Homework is an extension of classwork that is both meaningful and purposeful. At Yeshivat He’Atid, we believe that the goal of homework is to reinforce our curriculum, foster a love of learning, and empower our students to become independent lifelong learners.

- Assigned homework should be completed by the child
- Parents will receive nightly homework notifications

Grades 1-2

First and second-grade students, in both Judaic and General Studies, will receive nightly homework. Students will receive Kriah, English reading and math homework each night. Each of these assignments should only take a short amount of time. In addition, any other General Studies homework will be given on Monday and Wednesday. Any other Judaic Studies homework will be given on Tuesday and Thursday.

Grade 3-5

Third through fifth-grade students in both Judaic and General Studies will receive weekly homework as well as projects to be completed at home.

Middle School

In addition to routine homework assignments, our Middle school students will engage in long-term projects as well as quizzes and tests.

We value our parent partnership. If you find that your child has difficulty with homework, please reach out to your child's teacher. Our faculty is here to help your child succeed.

Photography Policy

Yeshivat He'Atid photographs students engaged in learning and related activities throughout the year. The photos/captions do not contain children's names and are used for publicity on our website, in newsletters, brochures, and other related venues of public relations for the school. Yeshivat He'atid understands that parents give permission and consent for such photos to be used. Any parents that object to the use of photographs that include their children should send a signed letter to the school office.

Birthday Parties

In-school birthday parties take place in Shorashim and Pre-K. Students are not permitted to leave class to attend a sibling's party.

Kindergarten students will celebrate their Hebrew birthday in a class-only celebration.

Students in grades 1 and up will not have in school parties.

If your child will be having an out of school birthday party, please be mindful when inviting classmates. We want to ensure that no student feels left out of these celebrations.

School Hours

Arrival: 8:10-8:30

Dismissal: Monday-Thursday: Shorashim-5th: 3:20-3:40
MS: 4:25-4:40

Short Friday: 1:00-1:20

Long Friday: 1:50-2:10

Late Arrivals

Punctuality is an integral component of the educational process as well as an important behavior we hope to instill in our students. A child who is late disrupts an entire class and misses part of the daily work. **Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. must be brought by a parent to the front office to be signed in. Please do not drop off your children by the carpool entrance. We ask that you do not escort your child to the classroom. Students that arrive late must receive an admittance slip to be permitted into class.**

Dismissal

Please enter the school parking lot in the same manner as arrivals. Ensure that your carpool number is in clear view on your front windshield. Carpools will be loaded in the order they arrive. **Please do not try to pass any cars on the carpool line.** Dismissal for all carpools with a Shorashim child will be from the main entrance.

Change in Dismissal

If there are any changes in your child's dismissal, you must inform the school in writing of your alternative plans. All changes in dismissal must be emailed to transportation@yeshivatheatid.org **no later than 2:00 p.m.** or noon on a short day. No child will be released if we are notified after 2:30. (This includes, but not limited to, early pick-up or change in carpool)

A parent or designee must come to the school office and sign the student out. Do not go directly to your child's classroom. Students will not be released under any other circumstances. In the case of an emergency, children will only be released into the care of those who are pre-authorized by being listed on the Authorization for Dismissal form filled out at the beginning of the year.

As per licensing regulations:

1. The provision that each child may be released only to the child's parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:122-6.8(a)3, to take the child from the school and to assume responsibility for the child in an emergency if the parent(s) cannot be reached;
2. The provision that if a particular non-custodial parent has been denied access or granted limited access to the child by a court order, the school shall secure documentation to this effect, maintain a copy on file, and comply with the terms of the court order.
3. Written procedures to be followed by the staff member(s) if the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), as specified in (a)1 above, fails to pick up a child at the time of the school's daily closing. The procedures shall require that:
 - a. The child is supervised at all times;
 - b. Staff members attempt to contact the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parents; and
 - c. An hour or more after closing time, and provided that other arrangements for releasing the child to his or her parent(s) or authorized person(s) have failed and the staff member(s) cannot continue to supervise the child at the school, the staff member shall call the Department's State Central Registry Hotline (1-877- NJ ABUSE/1-877-652-2873) to seek assistance in caring for the child until the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s) is able to pick up the child; and
4. Written procedures to be followed by a staff member(s) if the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), as specified in (a)1 above, appear to be physically and /or emotionally impaired to the extent that, in the judgment of the Head of School and/or staff member (so, the child would be placed at risk of harm if released to such individual. The procedures shall require that:

- a. The child shall not be released to such an impaired individual;
- b. Staff members attempt to contact the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parents;
and
- c. If the school is unable to make alternative arrangements, as noted in (a)3ii above, a staff member shall call the Department's State Central Registry Hotline (1-877- NJ ABUSE/1-877-652-2873) to seek assistance in caring for the child.

School Closings

The Yeshivat He'Atid school policy is to follow the lead of the Teaneck school district when it comes to school closing. If the Teaneck school district closes due to inclement weather, Yeshivat He'Atid will be closed as well; if Teaneck announces a delayed opening, we will do the same (barring a possible Friday scenario). As always, our goal remains to adhere as closely as possible to our school schedule and provide educational services for your children. We understand the impact a school closing or delayed opening may have on our families and aspire to stay open as often as possible. We fully recognize that decisions of this sort require as much advance notice as possible. The administration will do its best to inform our parents in a timely and convenient way as possible. Our goal is to ensure a safe arrival and departure of each child. We developed this policy with the direction of the Teaneck Police and the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management. The rationale for this decision is based on the fact that the district has better information than we do with regard to local street conditions, downed lines and trees, other road/safety concerns and when roads can be considered safely passable. Most importantly, opening our school when the local district is closed jeopardizes our access to emergency responders who may already be required to attend to other pressing matters.

In the event of a school closing, parents will be notified by email and text by 6:30 AM. This information will also be posted on the school website and Facebook page.

Bus Transportation

Time on the bus is an extension of the school day. *Derech Eretz* and student safety are extremely important. We ask parents to speak with their child(ren) about the following guidelines:

1. Wait quietly without disturbing a neighbor or damaging any property
2. Respect the authority of the bus driver
3. Enter and leave the bus properly
4. All children must be wearing a seatbelt while the bus is in motion
5. Remain seated until the bus reaches your stop
6. Keep hands, head, and arms inside the bus

No student will be permitted on any bus other than his/her assigned bus.

If your child left an item on the bus, please contact the bus Company directly.

Please contact [Ora Kornbluth](#) with any bus issues or concerns.

Attendance

Regular attendance in school is essential for a student's progress. To help us more effectively keep track of student illness and absence, we ask that you call or e-mail the school nurse, when you have decided to keep your child home from school. Please let us know the nature of your child's symptoms as well. Parents must notify the school when students are diagnosed with contagious diseases such as chicken pox, shigella, Fifth Disease, strep, scarlet fever, pink eye, lice, fever, or stomach virus. In addition, if your child does not feel well in the morning, please do NOT send your child to school with instructions to call home. Our concern is for the health of all students.

We follow the code of attendance mandated by the State of New Jersey that a student who exceeds twenty days absence risks being denied academic credit for the year. Any student absent for 5 or more consecutive school days requires a doctor's note prior to returning to school.

The school requests that parents schedule vacations during school holidays. If circumstances make it necessary that the family takes a vacation during the school session, we ask that you please contact the school in advance. The student is responsible for assignments, homework and missed assessments.

Chugim (Afterschool Programs)

Our school offers a variety of chugim for our students. After-school activities often give children an opportunity to explore new and developing skills: socially, intellectually and physically. These after-school activities take place from 3:30 through 4:25 Monday through Thursday. Please take the time to carefully consider your own child's stamina and interest after a full school day of learning.

Aftercare

Aftercare for our Shorashim-5th grade is offered by KC Kids on Mon-Thurs from 3:30-5:30 and Fridays from 1:30-3:30. For more information, please visit [our website](#).

Food

Kashrut

All food brought into Yeshivat He'Atid must be certified kosher by a reliable organization such as OU, OK, Chof K or Star K. Only products from supervised, kosher establishments may be brought in. No home-baked items are allowed. The RCBC (Rabbinical Council of Bergen County) recognizes the following Kashruth symbols of rabbinical supervision acceptable:



The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations



"Star-K" Kosher Certification





Upper Midwest Kashruth



Vaad Harabonim (Vaad Hakashrus) of Massachusetts

Nut Policy

Yeshivat He'Atid is a nut aware school. Students may not bring any food to school that states “may contain nuts” or “may contain traces of nuts.” Items that say “made in a facility that processes nuts” may be brought in for individual consumption only, e.g. for your own child’s snack, but may not be brought in for class parties.

Food may not be brought in to celebrate birthdays in any grade above Kindergarten. For Shorashim, Pre-K, and K class parties, only foods from a nut free facility are allowed. Please remember to check all labels. Any label that states “may contain nuts,” “may contain traces of nuts,” or “made in a facility that processes nuts” are all not allowed for class parties. We will be allowing donuts from Dunkin Donuts in school, as well as the glazed donuts from Krispy Kreme. If your child has a nut allergy and you are not comfortable with him/her eating Dunkin Donuts or Krispy Kreme, please let us know.

The nut free status of our school can never be assumed. Please educate your children regarding the importance of adhering to our nut policy and the importance of not sharing snacks in school. If children pack their own snacks, please ensure that they only choose from snacks that are pre-approved by an adult. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and ask for your assistance in monitoring the products brought into the school building. If you ever have any questions concerning a food product, please feel free to consult Nurse Rachel.

Lunch

School lunch

- The lunch program is a voluntary program. In order to participate in the program or for the pricing, please contact the business office.
- The school lunch menu can be found on [our website](#).

Home lunch

- Please pack a healthy, wholesome lunch for your child including a drink. Please note: No lunches will be heated and hot water is not provided for soups or cereals.
- Meat days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please send in meat lunch on those days. If you decide to send a meat sandwich, please make sure that it meets standards of kashrut.
- Please discuss with your children that taking lunch from children who are on the lunch program is not permitted.

Snacks

Parents in ALL GRADES are asked to send in two healthy and wholesome snacks, one for the morning and one for the afternoon.

Health

Health Forms and Emergency Contacts

Updated medical forms must be completed by your child's pediatrician and uploaded to Parent Locker prior to the first day of school. The date of exam must be within a year. Without this information, your child will not be allowed into school.

Emergency contact information was submitted during the online enrollment process via Parent Locker. If contact information changes at all during the school year, please provide us with updated information.

Vaccinations

Yeshivat He'Atid requires every student to show proof of immunization that complies with the New Jersey Department of Health Immunization Requirements. We do not accept religious exemptions. For questions/concerns, please speak to the school nurse.

Medication in School

Ideally, all medications should be given at home. Please ask your physician to structure the time schedule so medications can be given before and after school hours.

Any medication that must be given during the school day, both prescription and over the counter, can only be dispensed with doctor's orders and parent's permission. **Students may not take medications in school on their own.** A Medication Authorization Forms must be completed by your doctor and signed by a parent. The medication should be sent in the original pharmacy bottle which includes the student's name, medication, dosage and time. The information on the bottle must match the information on the Medication Authorization Form. Please email the school nurse before sending in any medication.

When to Keep Your Child Home From School and When a Child Will Be Sent Home

Our goal is to maintain a healthy environment for our students and faculty. Students should stay home or will be asked to leave school for the following illnesses:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher. Students must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.
- Vomiting/Diarrhea. Students can return to school when they are no longer vomiting or experiencing frequent episodes of diarrhea, are eating normally, and are feeling well enough to function in a classroom setting.
- Any child diagnosed with a bacterial infection (strep, impetigo, bacterial conjunctivitis, etc.) can return to school after 24 hours on antibiotics and an improvement of symptoms.
- If your child is experiencing cold symptoms that prevent them from properly functioning in the classroom setting, please keep them home.
- New rashes of unknown origin should be seen by a doctor before returning to school.

- If your child must go home in the middle of the day, please do your best to get your child in a timely manner.

If Children Fall Ill During the Day

Students who feel ill in school may go to the nurse's office. The nurse may call the parents to pick up the child from school. Children must be fever free for twenty-four hours and have an improvement of symptoms before returning to school. The school nurse may ask for doctor's clearance depending on circumstances.

Allergies and Asthma

Students with allergies that require medication should have the Allergy Action Plan form completed. Students with asthma should have the Asthma Treatment Plan form completed. Both forms should be completed by your doctor, signed by a parent, and uploaded to Parent Locker. Yearly forms are required. Parents must provide the nurse with their child's appropriate medication and it must match the information on the forms completed by your doctor. If your child is a new student and has an allergy that requires a medication, please email the school nurse before school begins.

Lice Information & Policy

Yeshivat He'Atid has a no-nit policy and any child who has nits will be sent home for proper treatment. Parents are responsible for checking their children's hair for lice and nits periodically and frequently throughout the school year, especially after school breaks, traveling, and known exposures to lice. If lice or nits are found, the lice and nits must be removed before the child returns to school.

It is the responsibility of the parents of affected child/ren to inform any carpool members, previous sleepover guests, or playmates of the fact that lice/nits have been discovered. To combat the spread of lice, strongly encourage your children to wear long hair in ponytails, buns, pigtails or braids. Encourage your children not to share hats, brushes, or clothing.

If a student is found to have nits/lice, the following procedure will be followed:

1. He/she will be removed from class and asked to be picked up immediately.
2. Parents of the class will be notified.
3. If it is deemed necessary, the entire class/grade will be checked for lice and nits in school.
4. The school nurse will check all siblings of the affected student. (Yeshivat He'Atid students)
5. Once a student is sent home with lice and/or nits, the student will not be permitted back into class unless the school nurse determines the student to be lice and nit free. Parents are expected to take all necessary measures to remove the lice and nits from their child.
 - a. The school nurse will check all students upon their return to school to determine if the child can return to class.

Reports of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

Yeshivat He'Atid is required to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect brought to our attention. Pursuant to the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services regulations N.J.A.C 6A:16-10.1 and 10.2, all school personnel must immediately report to the Department of Children and Families incidents of child abuse and neglect where there is reasonable cause to believe child abuse or neglect has occurred. The suspicion of child abuse and/or neglect may be based on complaints of the child or on the direct observations of the employee over a period of time or both. Failure of the school to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect is a violation of New Jersey state law.

Safety & Security

Safety and security of students are one of our top priorities. Our school building is equipped with video surveillance and buzz in devices. We have an ongoing relationship with the Teaneck Police Department to help ensure security at school.

A variety of drills will take place throughout the school year to ensure the safety and well-being of our children. They include:

- Fire drills
- Shelter drills - intruder in the building
- Evacuation drills

School Supplies

Generic lists of school supplies are posted on the website during the summer. Please label all supplies with your child's name. Teachers may request additional specific supplies. Students will have approximately two (2) weeks to obtain the required supplies.

Lost & Found

Please label all articles of clothing and other items to prevent loss of clothing. Any lost items are brought to a box near the office; please regularly check the box and retrieve your missing item. Please call the bus company directly for misplaced items left on the bus.

Trips

When a school trip is scheduled, an email containing all the pertinent information will be sent out to parents. The trip fee will be added to your ParentLocker account.

Yeshivat He'Atid Parent Association

The Yeshivat He'Atid Parent Association (YHPA) was organized to offer Yeshivat He'Atid families a way to be directly involved in crafting and fostering the culture and spirit of our school. The YHPA is devoted to developing programs and events that advance both the internal morale and camaraderie of its parent body as well as promote the school's unique mission to enhance and revolutionize Jewish day school education.

The Association organizes programs that enable families to get to know one another and build school spirit in fun and exciting ways. Such events include the annual Back to School Bash and Chanukah Chagigah. We also have fundraisers for the enrichment of the students' academic experience and for the appreciation of their teachers- such as the Purim Mishloach Manot fundraiser, school calendar, and the collection of holiday and end-of-year teacher gifts.

We would love for all parents to be involved, and there are many ways to do so! You can become a member, attend events, help organize programs, assist with fundraising, or help out in any way you can. We encourage you to join the YHPA and offer us your ideas, suggestions, or feedback. Please contact us at YHPA@yeshivatheatid.org if you have any questions or want to find out more about joining the YHPA!

We would love for all parents to be involved, and there are many ways to do so!

How can you get involved?

1. Become a YHPA Member Family

www.yeshivatheatid.org/yhpa-membership

Your participation in our events, fundraisers, and discretionary membership dues help to support the YHPA. Money collected directly to benefit both the students AND our beloved teachers! Examples of how the funds have been used in the past include, providing school faculty with a catered lunch during Teacher Appreciation Week, a Lag B'Omer outing for the preschool and elementary age students, and End of Year ice cream truck treats for all the students... and much more!

This membership helps us raise the funds needed to continue our work and also entitles you to discounts at many YHPA events.

We offer two levels of membership:

Annual Membership- \$36 per year

Lifetime Membership- A one-time contribution of \$180

2. Volunteer Opportunities

www.yeshivatheatid.org/get-involved

We would love for you to be involved. Our amazing volunteers make our high-quality programming possible. Above is our Volunteer Form. When you check that you would like to volunteer for a certain event, we then put your name on an email list so we can be in touch with you when we start planning that event. You may then be involved in whatever capacity works for you. You can help plan an event, help pick up food, arrive early to set up, check in families at the event, be at the school for a shift of the Book Fair....

Whether you work out of the house full-time, part-time or work from home, there are opportunities for you to be involved at whatever level you feel comfortable with.

3. Purchase the Discount Card

www.yeshivatheatid.org/purchase-a-discount-card

Local Yeshivot have come together to create a joint discount card. Your card entitles you to discounts at over 90 local vendors!

4. Sponsor A Day of Learning- Parnas Yom Iyun:

www.yeshivatheatid.org/sponsor-a-day-of-learning

The children at Yeshivat He'Atid come in every day with smiles on their faces, ready to learn and grow. So many resources go into educating these eager minds. The Sponsor a Day of Learning-Parnas Yom Iyun program offers you an opportunity to sponsor a day of lessons in your child's classroom in honor of a birthday, anniversary, yahrtzeit or in the merit of a speedy recovery for any friend or relative. Your generous \$100 sponsorship will contribute substantially toward the daily costs of offering your child a premium Jewish and secular education, while celebrating or honoring a loved one. An email will be sent to the parent body announcing your day of sponsorship.

5. Enroll your child's party and give gifts through the Birthday Club

www.yeshivatheatid.org/birthday-club

Creating a Birthday Account is the perfect way to imbue your child's birthday with the idea of Tzedakah and giving on a day that's usually all about "me." The Birthday Account allows your child to receive one gift card to Amazon instead of multiple smaller gifts. 10% of the money collected will be donated to Yeshivat He'Atid in honor of your child's birthday. By participating in the Birthday Account program, your child can take pride in commemorating his/her birthday with a huge mitzvah, and as an added bonus, choose his/her own present.

How It Works:

Birthday Children:

- Indicate on the invitation that your child has created a Birthday Account! (Include link)
- Fill out the form at the Birthday Club Link.
- You will receive the gift card around a week after your child's birthday, including a card letting you know who participated.

Birthday party guests:

Give a Birthday Club gift by paying at the Birthday Club link. Your gift of \$10, less the 10% the Birthday Child donates to the school, will be added to the gift card. To cover payment processing fees, the total charge to you is \$10.60

(Please be sure to give your Birthday Club gift on or before the scheduled party date.)

6. Amazon Wish List:

www.yeshivatheatid.org/amazon-wishlist

Give gifts to your child's classroom to celebrate birthdays, honor special events, or just to recognize a teacher or class for an amazing job! These educational items vary in price and are specifically chosen by the teachers to enhance the classroom setting.

When celebrating a child's birthday in school, the school's policy is to encourage parents to buy a gift for the classroom in lieu of giving out goody bags to all the kids. To make the process easier for you, the YHPA has created these Amazon Wish Lists for each class from 1st through 5th grade.

To purchase an item for your child's class please follow these instructions:

- 1- Click the link for your child's class.
- 2- Find an item you would like to give and add it to your cart
- 3- When checking out, please select the Yeshivat He'Atid Gift Registry Address as the address the item/s will be shipped to.
- 4- If it is an option, click the "This is a gift" checkbox (when the item is in your cart) or "Add gift options" link (further in the check-out process).
- 5- To ensure that the gift makes it safely to the proper classroom please email the classroom teacher to let them know that you have sent a gift that they should look out for.
- 6- If you clicked "This is a gift" or "Add gift options" you can write a card- please include your child's name and class. PLEASE NOTE: Even if you DO select this option Amazon often does NOT include the gift message! Please do not forget to email the classroom teacher so that they know to expect and look out for a package.

7. Condolence Cards and Simcha Cards:

www.yeshivatheatid.org/condolence-cards

Contributions can be made to the Yeshivat He'Atid Parent Association as a meaningful way to memorialize or celebrate someone. Cards are available for purchase:

- \$5 for one card and envelope
- \$20 for five cards and envelopes
- \$6 for one card mailed to recipient

8. Yeshivat He'Atid Apparel:

www.yeshivatheatid.org/shop

Demonstrate your school spirit with the purchase of sweatshirts, kippot and other cool He'Atid swag! All are available to buy online.

9. Contact Us

Offer your ideas, suggestions and feedback! Feel free to reach out to: YHPA@yeshivatheatid.org

**Thank you for partnering with us and we look
forward to a wonderful year!**