

**מכון שושנת ירושלים לבנות חב"ד מחו"ל**

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Cheshvan 5770**Dear Parents,**

We are happy that you are considering enrolling your daughter at Machon Shoshanat Yerushalayim Seminary for the coming school year. Please read the following information carefully which will give you a more clear picture of our Seminary, its goals and its standards. Please make sure that both you and your daughter sign this letter and she brings it to the interview.

Our Seminary focuses on learning Chassidus in depth, for the purpose of internalizing and bringing down to Masse bepoal. The setting provided for our students is a very intense schedule of high level learning in both Hebrew and English. A chassidische Atmosphere is created through the many Farbrengens, programs, Mivtzoim and extra curricular activities. Our dedicated staff provides individual attention to each girl to assist her in her personal growth- applying the teachings bepnimiyus. In order to ensure the above we demand very high standards of Tznius as well as Chassidische hanhaga and Yiras Shamayim from our students. *Please note: We advise that your daughter applies to another Seminary as well, as space is limited in our program and we are not able to accept as many girls as we would like to.

Curriculum

Our program includes:

***Nigle: Chumash, Nach, selected topics from the Talmud, Halachah with emphasis on the mitzvos of Eretz Yisrael, and areas of Halachic concern for women.**

***Chassidus: including Tanya, sichos, selected maamaorim, hashkafah, and inyonei Geulah and Moshiach.**

Our students benefit from both; classes as well as individual learning –limmud azmi- which includes delving into texts and pacing according to their level.

We also offer a verity of other classes such as Habayis Hyehudi, Education, Group Dynamics, Jewish History and more.

Daily schedule

Below is our basic weekday schedule: (Sunday – Thursday)

8:00	-	9:00	Chassidus before davening
9:00	-	10:00	Davening & Breakfast
10:00	-	11: 15	Class
11:15	-	12:30	Class
12:30	-	12:35	Break
12:35	-	1:50	Class
1:50	-	2:30	Lunch
2:30	-	3:45	Class
3:45	-	6:15	Afternoon Break
6:15	-	7:00	Dinner
7:00	-	9:30	Evening classes, special lecture or farbrengen

There are no classes on Friday.

Shabbos

The Shabbos calendar for the upcoming school year will be handed out to each student at the beginning of the year, as part of the orientation kit.

A. Our “**in**” Shabbosim include:

- **פנימיה** – The girls will spend Shabbos in the dorm with a guest family.
- **נסיעה** – Group travel outside Yerushalayim.

B. Our “**out**” Shabbosim include:

- “**חופשה**” – Each girl makes her own plans for Shabbos. When making her Shabbos plans, she must make sure that the families that she chooses to spend Shabbos with will be befitting in all aspects (Hashkafa, Kashrus etc.) We will be closely inspecting this every Shabbos.
- “**אופציה**” – The girls have the option of staying in the dorm and will be placed with families in Ramat Shlomo

General Guidelines

Following you will find some of the main rules and guidelines of our Seminary.

These guidelines stem from our Seminaries hashkafa and standards, and will be strictly enforced.

- *Certain destinations are off-limits at nights including Motzai Shabbos and vacation. Such places include Ben Yehudah, Emek Refaim, and other locations to be enumerated at orientation.*
- ***Internet cafes are not allowed unconditionally.*** *The seminary will provide students with computer and internet access.*
- *After night classes, students **may not** leave Ramat Shlomo (The neighborhood which the Seminary's located in).*
- *Curfew is at 11:30 **sharp** and is strictly enforced. Students must be in their apartments by that time.*
- *We do not allow our students to have Laptops, Dvd's and the like. I pods should contain **appropriate** sound and video tracks only. I.e.-Yiddishe, chassidishe music by frum artists and only Rebbe Videos.*

All Seminary rules apply during vacation time as well. (Sukkos, last days of Chanuka, etc.)

All interviews will be held at 1353 Carrol st. Between Kingston and Brooklyn. Please make sure to bring this signed document, the signed Tznius code, and 75\$ registration fee in cash.

With sincere wishes for true Chasidishe Naches from all your children, we all pray for an immediate Geulah with the Rebbe נשיא דורנו.

***Sincerely Yours,
Mrs. Y. Goldshmid***

Tznius Guidelines:

*Tznius is of top priority in our Seminary. A true Bas Chabad must keep halachos and have a sensitivity and aichelkeit, beyond the letter of the law. Chassidishkeit is reflected in the levush of a girl. **If your daughter doesn't feel that she is capable of these standards, this might not be the right Seminary for her.***

Uniform – Our school uniform is an oxford style button down shirt. It should be solid or with an aichel design.

Tznius guidelines:

- ◆ *Your wardrobe should not include any clothes that are tightly fitting or made of clinging or transparent material. Blouses and tops should not have designs or lettering that reflect pop culture. Jeans and leather material of any sort is not acceptable.*
- ◆ *Your blouses should be amply sleeved so as to cover your elbows at all times. Sleeves with wide ends are not acceptable. The neckline should be closed from all sides. Button down shirts should enable proper coverage. The shirt should be long enough and loose enough to allow full coverage at any position.*
- ◆ *Undershirts may not stick out from the bottom of your shirt. Our seminary's standard of tznius considers this look to be contrary to the aichel appearance which we aspire to uphold.*
- ◆ *Your skirts should cover your knees amply, **standing and sitting**. Slits, on any side of the dress or skirt, even if they do not expose areas which should be covered, are not allowed.*
- ◆ *For both summer and winter, only fully Tznius nightgowns- are acceptable. You must have a robe that will properly cover you after showering.*
- ◆ *Your socks must cover your feet at all times. Your footwear should be solid and subdued in color. Bobby socks, slouch socks, netted and loud colored footwear are unacceptable.*
- ◆ *Your shoes should be aichel in style and design.*
- ◆ *Your hairstyle should be the crowning glory of a Bas Chabad - aichel and dignified. Long hair should not be worn loosely.*
- ◆ *Any accessories including jewelry, hair pins, belts, purses, sun glasses and the like should enhance the tznius look you are striving to convey. They should be aichel in style and design. Long earrings are not appropriate.*
- ◆ *Make-up should be reserved only for appropriate occasions and should be applied in a subtle and dignified manner. Only clear nailpolish is allowed.*

❖ *I have read the Tznius guidelines carefully and commit to adhere to the code in its entirety.*

Student's Signature: _____

**WE THE PARENTS OF _____ שְׂתַחֲוּ
FULLY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER.**

Father

Mother

Student