

Talmud Torah V'Haarev Na

Takanon

Talmud Torah V'Haarev Na is a Charedi institution servicing the Ramat Beit Shemesh community. We operate under the educational, executive, and rabbinic leadership of Rav Daniel Myers shlit"á, Rav Ron-Ami Meir shlit"á, and Rav Avishai David shlit"á respectively. In combination, the three-fold leadership sets the halachic and hashkafic tone of the school.

The V'Haarev Na **family** conducts itself in accordance with normative halacha and embodies commitment to Avodas Hashem and Torah based values. The family is growth oriented, seeks emes, and maintains a personal connection with a rav.

The atmosphere in the **home** is imbued with a love for Yiddishkeit, respect for gedolei yisrael, and a reverence for our mesorah. Dedication to Talmud Torah permeates daily life; the father is koveah itim and strives to set an example for his children.

Our **parent body** represents diversity of profession, background, and talent; what draws them together is their devotion to Torah, their idealism, and the application of their strengths toward personal and societal betterment.

At V'Haarev Na we value a **holistic approach to chinuch**; academic rigor, foundational character development, and a love for learning are the building blocks of our educational philosophy. Parents are expected to be invested in their children's chinuch and to partner with the staff and administration to maximize student achievement. We view this partnership as a critical component of children's success.

As a Torah institution, we apply the maxim "Derech Eretz Kadma L'Torah": **middos and derech erez** are the cornerstones of our school community. Well rounded growth is most effectively achieved in an environment of mutual respect. We seek to engender a sense of communal accountability and to nurture positive communication and healthy relationships with peers and adults. Our students exemplify honesty and cooperation in the classroom; good sportsmanship and a spirit of inclusion are ground rules of the courtyard.

We recognize that chinuch extends beyond the hours spent in school; therefore, we expect a consonance between school and home environments that manifests as follows:

Technology and Media:

Exposure to technology and media should be limited, carefully supervised, and monitored by parents to ensure that an atmosphere of kedusha is maintained in the home. Any devices with internet access should be properly filtered. It is imperative that parents feel comfortable sending their children to friends' houses; as such it is expected that technology and media will not be accessible when hosting other children from the school.

Cell phones and other devices are not permitted in school under any circumstances.

Dress Conventions:

The school dress code is intended to foster a positive self image and a respectful attitude toward school and Torah learning.

Student code:

1. Polo or buttoned down [specific color?] shirts [emblazoned with the school semel].
2. Students in ג-א כיתות may wear shorts; in ח-ד כיתות only long pants are allowed. Jeans and sweatpants are not permitted.
3. Sweatshirts must be free of pictures and words.
4. Socks are required; closed shoes only, no Crocs or sandals.
5. Kippah should be a dark color.
6. White shirts should be worn on Rosh Chodesh.
7. Students in ח-ז כיתות must wear a buttoned down shirt with dark pants.
8. Students over bar mitzvah are expected to wear a hat and jacket for davening.

Members of the family are expected to dress in a manner congruent with halachic and social norms accepted within the charedi community.

Men should wear a dark kippa and long pants and present themselves as Bnei Torah. Women should maintain a refined and modest appearance in accordance with halacha.

While the above criteria serve to anchor our institution in alignment with our stated mission and broader community, admissions are subject to interview.

We have read and understood the above and commit to maintaining the standards and expectations outlined herein.
