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THE YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL  
**EXPERIENCE**



# OUR MISSION

**INSPIRE** our students to make a lifelong commitment to Jewish values, learning, and observance, and to view all disciplines and pursuits through the prism of Torah.

**CHALLENGE** our students with an excellent Judaic and General Studies program that engages the heart and mind, builds character and develops knowledgeable and thoughtful young men and women who will continue the journey of learning.

## YHS VALUES



# THE YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

has inspired the hundreds of teenagers who have entered its doors as eager adolescents and graduated as mature young adults. This viewbook depicts the unique energy and excitement of the YHS experience, as well as the details of its program. From its suburban Boca Raton campus, YHS is transforming the lives of teenagers throughout South Florida.



**TORAT YISRAEL**  
*Devotion to Jewish law and observance*

**AHAVAT YISRAEL**  
*Embracing all Jews*

**MEDINAT YISRAEL**  
*Supporting and celebrating the State of Israel*

**KAVOD HABRIYOT**  
*Respecting all human beings*

**TIKKUN OLAM**  
*Contributing to the community*

# ADMISSIONS

**YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL** welcomes families of all backgrounds who share our goals of academic and spiritual growth for their children. Students are expected to respect *kashrut*, *Shabbat* and appropriate interactions between young men and women both in and out of school.

All YHS applicants are interviewed, submit two years of report cards, take the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE), and have recommendations written by their English, Math and Judaic teachers. An admissions committee, consisting of educators with a broad range of perspectives, thoughtfully considers each applicant.



# ATMOSPHERE



At Yeshiva High School, students learn and live Torah and treat each other with respect. Students dress in a dignified and modest fashion.

Energy and excitement fill the halls each day. Music and dancing play an important role in *kumsitzes* and *chagigot*. At YHS, students work and play hard.

## FACULTY

All teachers at Yeshiva High School are experts in their field and love teaching and learning with high school students. Teachers endeavor to give personal attention to each and every student. Judaic teachers frequently invite students to *Shabbat* meals at their homes.

## STUDENT BODY



A typical grade is a diverse group comprised primarily of graduates from a dozen Jewish day schools and yeshivot in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. We also welcome students who attended other private or public schools, students who have just moved to South Florida and students from communities outside of South Florida without a Jewish high school.

Among a student body that is about 300 strong, YHS has a significant population of Sephardic students. There is a daily Sephardic *minyan* and other special programming promoting Sephardic culture.



YHS STUDENTS  
COME FROM

16



SOUTH FLORIDA  
CITIES

20 SONGS



SUNG AT A FRIDAY  
KUMSITZ



40

CO-CURRICULAR AND  
ACADEMIC CLUBS  
& COMMITTEES



150+

STUDENTS ATTEND  
NIGHT SEDER



WE ANNUALLY  
PARTICIPATE IN

17

IN AND  
OUT OF STATE  
TOURNAMENTS  
&  
COMPETITIONS

OVER



\$3,500

RAISED FOR MDA WALK

20+

COLLEGES  
COME  
TO VISIT



90+% OF OUR  
STUDENTS SPEND A YEAR IN  
ISRAEL



POST GRADUATION

769  
UNITS OF BLOOD DONATED  
IN THE LAST 5 YEARS



4,750

CHESED HOURS  
COMPLETED ANNUALLY



2,307

LIVES SAVED  
THROUGH BLOOD DONATION



# CO-CURRICULARS

- ◆ Anti Drug Club
- ◆ Anti Texting/Driving Campaign
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Bio Medical Club
- ◆ Book Club
- ◆ Business Club
- ◆ Chazak - Band
- ◆ Chesed & Tzedakah Committee
- ◆ Chess Club
- ◆ Chidon HaTanach
- ◆ Computer Programming Club
- ◆ Current Events Club
- ◆ Drama
- ◆ Environmental Club
- ◆ Fundraising Committee
- ◆ Geography Club
- ◆ Girls Choir
- ◆ Girls Hashkafah Club
- ◆ Harry Potter Society
- ◆ Health and Wellness Committee
- ◆ Holiday Committee
- ◆ IPAC (Israel Club)
- ◆ Israel Fundraising Club
- ◆ Jedi Appreciation Club
- ◆ Juggling Club
- ◆ JUMP
- ◆ Law Club
- ◆ Math Club
- ◆ Mock Trial
- ◆ Moot Beit Din
- ◆ Model UN
- ◆ Parkour Club
- ◆ Publicity Committee
- ◆ Photography Club
- ◆ Running Club
- ◆ Sign Language Club
- ◆ Speech & Debate Club
- ◆ Stock Market Challenge
- ◆ Torah Affairs Committee
- ◆ Videography Club
- ◆ Yachad Club



# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- ◆ Adult Ed Shiurim
- ◆ Breast Cancer Awareness Speakers
- ◆ Career Day
- ◆ Chanukah Programs
- ◆ Chesed Day
- ◆ Color War
- ◆ Family Learning Opportunities
- ◆ Freshman Mentor Programs
- ◆ Grade Bonding Activities
- ◆ Graduation Trip
- ◆ Kumsitzes
- ◆ Out of Town Tournaments & Competitions
- ◆ Purim Chagiga
- ◆ Rosh Chodesh Breakfasts
- ◆ Senior Sunrise Davening at the Beach
- ◆ Sports Banquet
- ◆ Storm Madness Senior Night
- ◆ Student Leadership Awards
- ◆ Talent Show
- ◆ Teshuva and Selichot Programs
- ◆ Veterans Day Program
- ◆ World Renowned Speakers
- ◆ Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Program
- ◆ Yom Hazikaron Program

# PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Ashreinu
- ◆ Brainstorm
- ◆ Dimensions
- ◆ Highlites
- ◆ Ivrit Newspaper
- ◆ Literary Magazine
- ◆ Moed
- ◆ Sports Magazine
- ◆ StormStyle
- ◆ Yearbook



# SPORTS

The YHS Storm sports teams compete against other private and public schools through the Florida High School Athletic Association. In addition, our teams compete against other Jewish schools. Additional team sports are added at the suggestion of our students. At this time, YHS offers:

## FALL SPORTS

- ◆ Boys Cross Country
- ◆ Girls Cross Country
- ◆ Girls Varsity Volleyball
- ◆ Boys Varsity Flag Football
- ◆ Boys Golf

## WINTER SPORTS

- ◆ Girls JV Basketball
- ◆ Girls Varsity Basketball
- ◆ Boys JV Basketball
- ◆ Boys Varsity Basketball
- ◆ Girls Varsity Soccer
- ◆ Boys Varsity Soccer

## SPRING SPORTS

- ◆ Girls Tennis
- ◆ Boys Tennis
- ◆ Boys Varsity Volleyball
- ◆ Girls Yoga

# COMMUNITY

Chesed and tzedaka projects are an integral part of YHS's co-curricular activities. YHS students build homes for the homeless, run and participate in blood drives, raise funds for various projects in Israel and in the community, collect and package food for the hungry and run in marathons to benefit cancer research. Chesed-minded juniors compete against other Jewish day schools in JUMP, in which they must create replicable chesed programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in a service learning elective where they learn directly from local senior citizens. Each trimester, students are responsible for independently performing community service at Jewish and non-Jewish non-profit organizations of their choice for at least 7 hours.



# JUDAIC STUDIES

The goal of Judaic Studies at YHS is for each student to be engaged in religious growth and to identify as proud, confident and humble Modern Orthodox Jews.

Our classes are grouped by different skill levels and by gender. The classes that comprise our Judaic Studies curriculum include:

## ORAL LAW | Gemara, Torah She B'al Peh

In Talmud, students study at least one tractate (*mesechta*) in each of the following three areas (*sedarim*): holidays (*moed*), marriage (*nashim*) and civil law (*nezikin*). In *Torah She B'al Peh*, students study the development of the laws of *Shabbat* and holidays, blessings and prayers, Jewish lifecycle and *kashrut*.

## PENTATEUCH | Chumash

An intensive study of four out of the Five Books of Moses that balances depth and breadth, as well as textual skills.

## PROPHETS AND WRITINGS | Navi

We study select books from the Early and Later Prophets and Writings including Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, the *Megillot*, Isaiah, and Jeremiah.

## HEBREW | Ivrit

All students develop proficiency in reading, writing and speaking Ivrit. Through their Ivrit classes, students are exposed to Israeli culture and the language using a variety of traditional and progressive methodologies.

## COOPERATIVE STUDY | Beit-Midrash

To hone students' textual skills and prepare them for post secondary Torah study, this directed self study of Talmud and various Jewish texts is offered to seniors in place of Hebrew and/or Navi.

## JEWISH THOUGHT | Hashkafah

For two periods each week, students meet in smaller groups with teachers and study Jewish thought. The course is designed to elicit deep conversation among the students as they explore important Jewish themes. Topics include the Jewish approaches toward Truth, the purpose of mitzvot, classical themes in Jewish philosophy among many more. The goal of the Hashkafa class is to inspire students to consider their own personal connection to different aspects of Jewish life.



# GENERAL STUDIES

The goal of General Studies at YHS is for students to broaden and deepen their understanding of the best that the world of knowledge has to offer while developing the skills and passion for life-long learning. YHS offers several levels of learning (AP, Honors, Accelerated, Grade Level, Basic). We offer a dual curriculum that is thought provoking and challenging. Students are placed in the level that is most suited to their aptitude and achievement in each subject area.

|                | 9TH GRADE                       | 10TH GRADE   | 11TH GRADE                                 | 12TH GRADE   |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>ENGLISH</b> | World Literature I              | World Literature II                                | American Literature*                       | English Seminars<br>English Language and Composition*  |
| <b>MATH</b>    | Geometry<br>Geometry/Algebra II | Algebra I<br>Algebra II<br>Algebra II/Pre-Calculus | Algebra II<br>Pre-Calculus<br>Calculus AB* | Trigonometry<br>Pre-Calculus<br>Calculus<br>Calculus AB/BC*  |
| <b>SCIENCE</b> | Biology                         | Chemistry  | Physics<br>Physics I*                      | Biology*<br>Physics II*<br>Physics C*<br>Psychology<br>Psychology*<br>Forensics<br>Human Anatomy   |
| <b>HISTORY</b> | Human Geography                 | European History*                                  | US History*                                | Jewish History Triad:<br><i>Revolutionary Jewish Thinkers</i><br><i>Holocaust Studies</i><br><i>Zionism &amp; the Modern State of Israel</i> |

\*course is offered at the AP level

## MAJORS:

Students who take 3 years of electives in a particular discipline are considered to have majored in that discipline. Students are encouraged to focus on an area of study that interests them and to develop an expertise in that area as they progress throughout their high school career in their elective course.

Majors include: **Foreign Language** (Spanish, Arabic) | **Engineering** | **Fine Arts** | **Business** | **Multimedia Design**

## ELECTIVES:

Spanish I, II, III | Arabic I, II, III | Service Learning | Photography/ Videography I, II, III  
Business | Art I, II, III | Engineering I, II | Criminal Law | Astronomy & Cosmology



# DAILY SCHEDULE

Our day begins with *shacharit* at 8:00am, followed by breakfast and then a rigorous course of study. The day ends on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:45pm, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at approximately 3:45pm and Fridays at 2:00pm.

To increase opportunities for Torah and Tefilla, the school offers two optional programs. The weekly boys and girls Night Seder programs include dinner, Torah study and evening prayers. On Sunday mornings, boys can study and pray with YHS staff in communities throughout South Florida.

# ISRAEL GUIDANCE



Spending a year in Israel after graduation studying at a yeshiva or seminary strengthens the bond our graduates have with the State of Israel and a committed Torah lifestyle. It is an important transition year from the highly structured high school life to the independence of the college experience. Colleges also encourage the gap year abroad, realizing that they will get a more well-rounded, mature student. Our Israel Guidance Counselors visit seminaries and yeshivot in Israel every year to keep current with the many options that are

available to our graduates. Representatives from approximately 30 Israel schools visit YHS each year. The Israel Guidance staff runs an Israel Night for parents and students and meets with families individually to identify the most appropriate school for each student.

## COLLEGE GUIDANCE

YHS students have successfully enrolled at and graduated from a range of highly selective colleges, religious and secular, public and private, in-state and out. The vast majority of our graduates matriculate at a college where they will find a considerable, engaged Modern Orthodox community.

College Guidance at YHS begins as early as freshman year and continues through graduation and beyond. Freshmen receive early exposure to college entrance exams to familiarize them with standardized tests. As sophomores, students meet both individually and in small groups with academic advisors and College Guidance counselors. Their academic performance and results of standardized tests are analyzed annually to make sure that each student is appropriately challenged and is meeting his or her full intellectual potential. College Guidance is more intensive for upperclassmen as juniors and seniors are guided step by step through the college exploration and application process, from making the most of campus visits, preparing for interviews, and crafting meaningful college application essays, to determining which colleges meet individual abilities and aspirations, academically and religiously. Our seasoned College Guidance professionals provide a variety of seminars and workshops for students and parents at every grade level. Topics include Deciphering the Results of PSAT, SAT, ACT, and AP Exams; The Nuts and Bolts of Applying to College; and Financing Your College Education, among others.

The College Guidance department is committed to ensuring that every graduate attends an institution of higher learning that will build on the strong foundations set during their formative years at YHS.



# STUDENT

## DEVELOPMENT



**THE GUIDANCE STAFF** monitors the development of the whole child, helping YHS students become independent learners and self actualizing young adults. Guidance counselors and learning specialists carefully monitor student progress. They support and encourage the development of responsible attitudes towards learning, peer relationships and communication with adults. The guidance department identifies and intervenes when there are areas of concern, counseling students on how to balance demanding academics, religious responsibilities and extracurriculars with their personality and learning styles. The counselors help students with the process of developing good decision making skills, using appropriate judgment, and accepting accountability for their actions.

# GRADUATION & BEYOND

YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL graduation is a majestic and uplifting ceremony. The uniqueness of each student is highlighted and celebrated. The close relationship between faculty and students continues well after the diploma is mounted proudly on the wall. Students studying in Israel are called and visited by YHS faculty. Graduates frequently visit YHS during their breaks from college and yeshiva, notably at the annual Purim *Chagiga*. They receive the weekly Yeshiva Highlites email newsletter which gives updates on alumni, faculty and school milestones. The school runs alumni programs in the Northeast, Florida and Israel.



The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County provides YHS with significant support, enabling us to offer scholarships for deserving families, and inservice programs for our teachers. As the central address for our Jewish community, the Federation's Department of Jewish Education brings together all the day schools to address issues of common cause.

