



KATZ YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL
OF SOUTH FLORIDA

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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.

KYHS VALUES



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has inspired the hundreds of teenagers who have entered its doors as eager adolescents and graduated as mature young adults. Our new facility on the campus of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County affords our students the environment to learn and grow in so many ways. With state of the art classrooms, a beautiful beit midrash, art studio, MakerSpace, coding lab, and flexible indoor and outdoor learning spaces, our students develop and grow as thoughtful young Jewish men and women.



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

KATZ YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL OF SOUTH FLORIDA 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 KYHS applicants are interviewed, submit two years of report cards, take the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE), and have recommendations written by their English, Math, Hebrew Language, and Judaic teachers. An admissions committee, consisting of educators with a broad range of perspectives, thoughtfully considers each applicant.



STUDENT BODY

In a student body that is about 385 strong, 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. KYHS welcomes students who attended other private or public schools and students who have just moved to South Florida.

ATMOSPHERE



At Katz Yeshiva High School of South Florida, 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. Music and dancing play an important role in *kumsitzes* and *chagigot*. At KYHS, students work and play hard.

FACULTY

Teachers at Katz Yeshiva High School of South Florida are experts in their fields and love teaching and learning with high school students. Teachers endeavor to give personal attention to each and every student. Teachers frequently invite students to Shabbat meals at their homes.



JUDAIC STUDIES

The goal of Judaic Studies at KYHS is for each student to be engaged in religious growth and to identify as proud, confident, and humble Modern Orthodox Jews. Students develop textual skills to become independent learners and are challenged to consider the deeper issues raised by these texts.

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

GEMARA/TORAH SHEB'AL PEH

An in-depth study of Jewish law, with a focus on both the process and the practical through critical thinking and textual skill building. We offer a Masmidim shiur for our most highly motivated students with strong skills. In addition to their daily Gemara shiur, these students learn Gemara bekiut both independently and under the guidance of their rebbe.

CHUMASH

An intensive study of selected parshiyot of the Torah, with a focus on building analytical and critical thinking skills as well as fluency in reading and comprehending primary and secondary sources.

NACH

A study of the events and messages of the period of Biblical history that begins with the decline of both Jewish Kingdoms, through the experience of exile in Bavel, and the ultimate return back to Israel to rebuild the land and the Temple.

IVRIT

A rich grounding in listening, reading, writing, and speaking Modern Hebrew. Much of the curriculum is based on the internationally recognized Bishril Halvrit curriculum and pedagogy.

TEFILLA

A discussion based course designed to make Tefilla more personal and meaningful. This year we are focused on learning the meaning and depth of Shemoneh Esrei.

BEIT MIDRASH

A directed self-study of Talmud to hone students' textual skills and prepare them for post-secondary Torah study.

ADDITIONAL TORAH OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Seder and Sunday Mishmar are optional learning opportunities. Wednesday Night Seder is an opportunity for both boys and girls to learn after school ends. The groups are led by older students and teachers. There is also optional learning for boys on Sunday mornings led by the KYHS rebbeim.



GENERAL STUDIES

The goal of General Studies at KYHS 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. KYHS offers several levels of learning (AP, Honors, Accelerated and Grade Level). 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
ENGLISH	Intro to Literature & Composition	American Literature	British Literature* English Language and Composition*	English Seminars English Literature and Composition*
MATH	Algebra I Geometry Geometry/Algebra II	Geometry Algebra I Algebra II Pre-Calculus	Algebra II Pre-Calculus Calculus AB*	Math for College Readiness Pre-Calculus/Statistics Calculus Calculus AB/BC* Statistics*
SCIENCE	Biology	Chemistry Computer Science	Computer Science* Biology* Physics Physics C* Chemistry*	Chemistry* Biology* Physics C* Psychology* Forensics
HISTORY	Human Geography* World History	European History*	US History*	Jewish History

*course is offered at the AP level



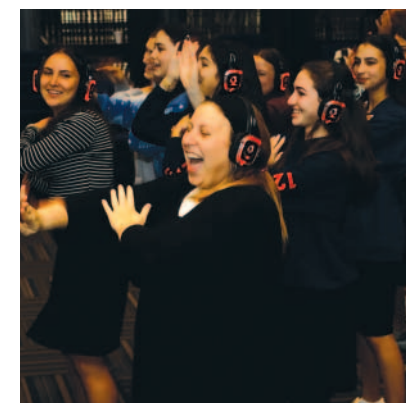
ELECTIVES:

Spanish I, II, III | Arabic I, II, III | Photography/ Videography I, II, III
 SAT Prep | Physical Education | Art I, II, III
 Engineering I, II, III | Computer Science | Drama
 Dance (girls) | Beit Midrash | AP Government



DAILY SCHEDULE

Our day begins with *shacharit* at 8:20am. We offer daily Ashkenazic and Sephardic *minyanim*, 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 on Fridays at 2:10pm.





KYHS STUDENTS
COME FROM

17

SOUTH FLORIDA
CITIES



23 SONGS



SUNG AT A FRIDAY
KUMSITZ



40

CO-CURRICULAR AND
ACADEMIC CLUBS
& COMMITTEES



165+

STUDENTS ATTEND
NIGHT SEDER



25+
DYNAMIC
GUEST
SPEAKERS



150
LIVES SAVED
THROUGH KYHS
BLOOD
DRIVES

OVER
20
COLLEGE
PRESENTATIONS
ON
CAMPUS

90+% OF OUR
STUDENTS SPEND A YEAR IN
ISRAEL
POST GRADUATION



1,500
CARE PACKAGES
AND MORE THAN
350
FOOD DONATIONS

TO BAHAMIAN VICTIMS OF

HURRICANE DORIAN



6,650
CHESED HOURS
COMPLETED ANNUALLY



CO-CURRICULARS

- ◆ Apiary Club
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Biomedical Club
- ◆ Book Club
- ◆ Chazak - Band
- ◆ Chesed & Tzedakah Committee
- ◆ Chess Club
- ◆ Coding Club
- ◆ Comic Book Club
- ◆ Debate Club
- ◆ Drama
- ◆ Film Club
- ◆ Finer Things Club
- ◆ Fitness Club
- ◆ Geography Club
- ◆ Girls Who Code
- ◆ Harry Potter Society
- ◆ Knitting Club
- ◆ Lessons in Tanya
- ◆ Mahjong Club
- ◆ Math Club
- ◆ Moot Beit Din
- ◆ Model UN
- ◆ Musical Theater Club
- ◆ No Stress Quest Club
- ◆ Online Writing Lab (OWL)
- ◆ Peer Tutoring Club
- ◆ Photography Club
- ◆ Robotics Team
- ◆ Sign Language Club
- ◆ STEM Club
- ◆ STORM for Israel
- ◆ Student Social Activism Club
- ◆ Study Skills Club
- ◆ Technology Club
- ◆ Tisch Club
- ◆ Torah Affairs Committee
- ◆ Yachad Club
- ◆ 1980's Club
- ◆ 3D Printing Club

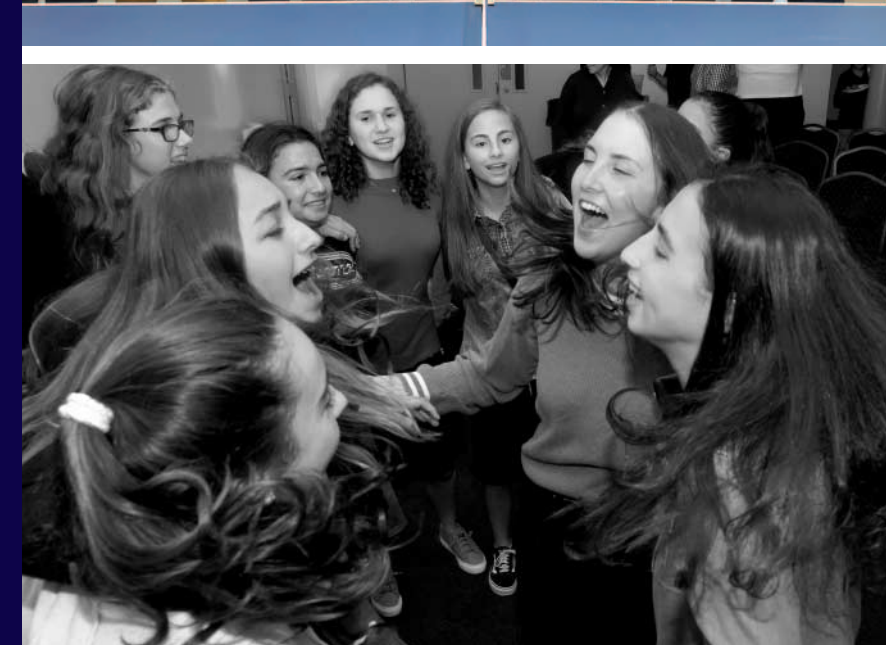


SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- ◆ Chagigahs
- ◆ Chanukah Programs
- ◆ Chesed Outings
- ◆ Color War
- ◆ Community Service Volunteer Opportunities
- ◆ Drama Productions (Girls Musical and Coed Comedy)
- ◆ Family Learning Opportunities
- ◆ Freshman Mentor Program
- ◆ Grade Bonding Activities
- ◆ Grade Shabbatons
- ◆ Graduation Trip
- ◆ Holiday Programs
- ◆ Israel Education
- ◆ Kumsitzes
- ◆ National Holiday Programs
- ◆ National Tournaments and Competitions
- ◆ Purim Chagigah
- ◆ Rosh Chodesh Programming
- ◆ School-wide Shabbaton
- ◆ Senior Sunrise Davening at the Beach
- ◆ Sports Banquet
- ◆ Storm Madness Senior Nights
- ◆ Student Leadership Recognition
- ◆ Talent Show
- ◆ Teshuva and Selichot Programs
- ◆ World-Renowned Speakers
- ◆ Yom Haatzmaut Celebration
- ◆ Yom Hashoa Program
- ◆ Yom Hazikaron Program

PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Ashreinu (Weekly Parsha)
- ◆ Brainstorm
- ◆ Dimensions
- ◆ Highlites (Weekly School E-Newsletter)
- ◆ Literary Magazine (Creative Writing)
- ◆ Yearbook





STEM

SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY. ENGINEERING. MATH

STEM education plays a central role at KYHS. With our state-of-the-art 1,500 square foot MakerSpace, students are able to explore and develop their interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. With a flexible space that incorporates technology and art, our students are afforded the opportunity to imagine the future. With professional grade equipment in our STEM center, including a laser engraver, a computer numeric controlled router with a square meter drill bed, 3D printers, a virtual reality hub, a circuitry and soldering station, a woodworking zone, and an integrative art center, KYHS students are poised to be the leaders of the next generation of innovators.

Our formal curriculum includes multi-year courses in engineering, computer science, and computer-aided design that culminate with our students presenting their capstone engineering projects at the annual South Florida CIJE Innovation Day, where our students have won first and second place in previous years. Complementing our formal curriculum, students compete in robotics competitions, and qualified for the state competition during the past two years. KYHS students compete in internationally recognized engineering programs and won the grand prize of full-year college scholarships for two consecutive years in The Technion's international Rube Goldberg engineering competition.



KYHS SPORTS

The KYHS 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, KYHS offers:

FALL SPORTS

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

WINTER SPORTS

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

SPRING SPORTS

- ◆ Girls Tennis
- ◆ Boys Tennis
- ◆ Boys Varsity Baseball

COMMUNITY

Chesed and Tzedakah projects are an integral part of KYHS's co-curricular activities. KYHS students build homes for the homeless, participate in blood drives, raise funds for various projects in Israel and in our community, collect and package food for the hungry, and run in marathons to benefit cancer research.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students are responsible for independently performing community service each year at Jewish and non-Jewish non-profit organizations of their choice.

S.A.V.E.

(SENIOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE)

KYHS believes that having had the blessing of a Jewish education, seniors should have an opportunity to give back to the community in a meaningful way.

Last year, students visited Chai Lifeline children, mentored underprivileged elementary-school students at Florence Fuller Child Development Centers and Kids in Distress. They also volunteered at the Jacobson Family Food Pantry and Gateway Outreach Center packaging food for the needy. Students also volunteered at JARC, dancing with adults with disabilities. We received tremendous positive feedback from both our students and the places they volunteered and we are excited to offer this opportunity again this year.



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 KYHS annually. The Israel Guidance staff meets with each senior and his or her parents to identify the most appropriate school in which the student will continue on their path of religious growth.

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

KYHS students have successfully enrolled at and graduated from a range of highly selective colleges, religious and secular, public and private, in America and Israel. Almost all of our graduates matriculate at a college where they will find a considerable, engaged Modern Orthodox community.

College Guidance at KYHS 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 the nuts and bolts of applying to college, financing your college education, and deciphering the results of the PSAT.



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

STUDENT

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

The guidance staff at KYHS monitors the development of the whole child and ensures that students are able to manage the struggles of adolescence. Whether dealing with the emotional challenges that teenagers typically endure to acute crises that they may encounter, our guidance counselors have an open door that welcomes and supports all students.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Under the Director of Learning and Academic Support and his staff, KYHS works to ensure that students are able to learn in ways that suit their individual learning profiles. Whether meeting with individual students who need help with organizational skills or small groups of students who work on effective study habits, our Director of Learning and Academic Support and his team ensures that students are both supported and challenged. By coordinating accommodations and modifications for individual students and by working with teachers to tailor educational experiences, our team aims to facilitate the learning environment that provides each of our students with the opportunity to succeed.



A program of small group instruction with a learning specialist and speech and language pathologist is available. It includes the supervision of a case manager, who oversees the overall academic progress of a student, serves as a liaison between teachers, students, and parents, and coordinates any necessary accommodations and modifications to the curriculum.

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

Every student in grades 9-12 meets with an adviser to discuss their experience in school. Students consider whether they are registered in the appropriate classes, working to their potential, taking advantage of the myriad of extra-curricular activities, and what they can do to best enhance their high school experience.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

The *Mashgiach Ruchani* is tasked with raising religious awareness throughout the school by working with students to create additional learning opportunities during lunch periods, mitzvah awareness campaigns, daily Halacha information sheets, and special programs focused around the *chagim*, ensuring that everyone is always on a path of growth.

GRADUATION & BEYOND



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graduation is a majestic and uplifting ceremony. The uniqueness of each student is highlighted and celebrated. The close relationships between faculty and students continue well after the diploma is mounted proudly on the wall. Students studying in Israel are called and visited by KYHS faculty. Graduates frequently visit KYHS during their breaks from college and yeshiva. They receive the weekly Yeshiva Highlites email newsletter which gives updates on alumni, faculty, and school milestones. Virtual classes, given by KYHS teachers, are attended by alumni from all over the world.



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The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County provides KYHS 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.