



POLITZ

Yeshiva & Bais Yaakov

Kindergarten Handbook

• מתענג על ה' •

FINDING JOY WITH HASHEM EVERY DAY

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WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are so excited to begin this special year together! In Kindergarten, we strive to create an environment where every child can 'ה' **מתענג על ה'** experience sincere simcha and joy in their connection to 'ה' as their **חלק אלוקה** connects to Hashem by doing **מצוות**, learning Torah and davening, and performing chesed. We will not only be teaching our kinderlach how to perform Mitzvos, how to learn Torah, how to do Chesed and how to daven- they will learn why we do those things. Our goal is that our children leave Kindergarten with a strong foundation, knowing HOW to be a Yid and WHY being a Yid is the greatest Zechus in the world.

In Kindergarten, we immerse ourselves in Limudei Kodesh and learn General Studies subjects. In Limudei Kodesh, we learn about the Yomim Tovim and foundational concepts in **יהדות**, while fostering a deep personal connection to Yiddishkeit and a love for **תורה** and **מצוות**. We strengthen **קריאה** and early literacy skills, building a strong foundation for continued **לימוד התורה** and a lifelong pursuit of a **תורה**-authentic life. In General Studies, we build literacy foundations while developing number sense, mathematical thinking, and an excitement for science and discovery.

We also focus on emotional growth through explicitly teaching emotional awareness, self-regulation, and coping skills in an age-appropriate way. Through engaging lessons and activities, children learn to identify feelings, build relationships, and navigate challenges with confidence.

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SCHOOL ADDRESS:

9225 OLD BUSTLETON
AVENUE PHILADELPHIA PA
19115

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER:

215-969-5960

SCHOOL HOURS:

8:15-4 | FRIDAY: 8:15-1

ROSH HAMOSAD:
RABBI DOVID ENGEL

KINDERGARTEN DIRECTOR:

MRS. RACHEL STEINIG

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ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

ARRIVAL

- Students may begin entering the school building at 8:15 a.m. through Door A and should proceed directly to the gym.
- In order to foster independence, students will then transition to their classrooms with their teachers and classmates.

DISMISSAL

- Please make sure the dismissal form is filled out and handed into Mrs. Steinig before the first day of school.
- Any changes to dismissal must be made on parent locker or called into the Transportation Coordinator by 3:15 on Monday through Thursday and 12:15 on Friday. The transportation coordinator can be reached at office@politzbyby.org or ext. 111.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

We want all children to be successful in their educational experience. Consistent and timely attendance helps us reach that goal!

ATTENDANCE:

- The school day begins at 8:15 AM and attendance is recorded at 8:35 AM.

Students arriving late must check in with the front office.

MAKE-UP WORK:

- Kindergarten students are not provided with work to complete at home during an illness or planned absence, as the learning at this age is highly hands-on, interactive, and teacher-guided. New concepts are primarily taught and reinforced through in-class experiences, and students are best supported in catching up upon their return to school.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

KINDERGARTEN RULES:

- Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful.
These apply to all areas of the school – both in and out of the classroom.

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- If a student repeatedly uses his/her body to hurt others or disrupt our learning environment, a parent will be contacted and the child may be removed from the classroom or sent home.
- In the event that a child is sent home, a parent or guardian must arrive to pick up the child within 90 minutes. We understand that this may sometimes be challenging; however, this policy must be adhered to for the well-being of all students.
- Failure to retrieve your child within this timeframe will result in your child not being permitted to return to school until a meeting is scheduled with parents, school administration, and/or classroom teachers.

DRESS CODE

Kindergarten students are expected to dress in a way that shows pride in being a Ben Torah/Bas Yisrael and reflects the special values we learn about every day.

BOYS DRESS CODE:

- Students must wear:
 - Collared shirts
 - Navy or black pants
 - Shorts are allowed on hot days
 - Socks and closed toe shoes. Students should be able to put on and take off their shoes independently (and tie if necessary.) No slippers or floafers.
 - Yarmulke & Tzitzis

GIRLS DRESS CODE:

- Students must wear:
 - Uniform skirts or jumpers found at Fraylich Uniforms in Lakewood
 - Collared uniform shirts. They may be white, gray, blue or maroon. Long sleeves and $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeves are both acceptable.
 - Knee socks/tights and closed toe shoes. Students should be able to put on and take off their shoes independently (and tie if necessary.) No slippers or floafers.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Only children who are signed up to ride on the bus will be allowed to go home on the bus.
- Any updates about the bus routes or schedule will come from our Transportation Coordinator.
- Please make sure the dismissal form is submitted before the first day of school.

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HOMEWORK POLICIES

- **LIMUDEI KODESH
HOMEWORK**

- Students are expected to complete assigned Hebrew reading homework every night.
- The homework assigned is intentional and helps students progress through our Kriyah curriculum at an appropriate pace.
- Homework completion will periodically be rewarded, sometimes without prior warning. Only students who did homework that night will be awarded the prize.

HOMEWORK POLICIES

- **GENERAL STUDIES
HOMEWORK:**

- Students will be assigned homework that reinforces skills taught in class that day.
- Homework completion will periodically be rewarded, sometimes without prior warning. Only students who did homework that night will be awarded the prize.

GRADING

- **G** = Good – Student completely understands the subject learned and could teach others.
- **S** = Satisfactory – Student understands the subject learned.
- **N** = Not yet at grade level – Student has some gaps in the subject learned and could use some extra assistance in mastering the content.

COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Steinig can be contacted via email at **rsteinig@politzby.org**. A message can also be left with the school office.

Classroom Teachers can be contacted via phone. A message can be left with the school office and they will return your call as soon as they are available.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION YOU CAN EXPECT:

- School-wide Newsletters and Class Newsletters will be sent home periodically on Fridays.

HEALTH POLICY

Symptoms that require a child to stay home from school:

- Fever: A fever is considered a temperature of 100.4°F or higher. If your child has a fever, they must stay home from school and may return only after being fever-free for at least 24 hours without the help of Tylenol® or any other fever-reducing medication.
- If a fever develops in school, your child will be sent home to prevent germs from spreading
- Vomiting: 2 or more times in a 24 hour period. Note: please do not bring your child if they have vomited in the night.
- If your child vomits at school, s/he will be sent home to avoid the spreading of germs.
- Scalp, lice, rash, or any other spots that resemble childhood diseases, including ringworm.

LICE CHECKS

- All students must have completed lice checks prior to the start of school and hand in their lice check form prior to the first day of school.

Be'ezras Hashem, we should all have a healthy school year!

LUNCH AND SNACKS

Please send your child to school each day with a healthy, filling lunch and four nourishing snacks that they are able to open and manage independently as much as possible.

To help lunchtime run smoothly, please practice opening containers, wrappers, and drink bottles at home.

Examples of snacks include crackers, chips, fruits, vegetables, etc.

Please send in all required utensils.

BIRTHDAYS

We love celebrating birthdays in Kindergarten!

- Celebrations take place in the classroom only
- No visitors, including parents or siblings.

Birthday treats can include any store-bought cupcakes or individually wrapped cakes. Please do not send in candy or pekalach.

Class Sizes:

- KG – 26 students
- KB – 21 students

A donation of a book or game in honor of a birthday is always appreciated!

CURRICULUM

KRIAH

- Recognizing all Hebrew letters
- Learning nekudos (vowel sounds)
- Blending letters and nekudos to read simple words
- Early exposure to nikud malei patterns
- Directional reading (right to left)
- Beginning decoding and reading strategies
- Developing accuracy, confidence, and early fluency

YOM TOVIM

- Understanding the meaning of each Yom Tov
- Learning key mitzvos and minhagim
- Exploring Yom Tov themes through stories, crafts, and discussion
- Building excitement and a strong connection to our mesorah and Yiddishkeit

YEHADUS

- Tefillah, brachos, and recognizing Hashem in our daily lives
- Torah stories and lessons in middos tovos
- Shabbos and Yom Tov concepts and halachic awareness
- Building Ahavas Hashem, Yiras Shamayim, and Middos Tovas
- Strengthening a sense of pride and connection to Klal Yisrael, our Mesorah and with Hashem

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CURRICULUM

MATH

- Number recognition and counting
- Number writing
- Shapes, patterns, and sorting
- Addition and early subtraction
- Problem solving and math vocabulary

LITERACY

- Letter sounds and phonics
- Sight words and early reading
- Listening and story comprehension
- Vocabulary development using Read Bright language and texts
- Handwriting
- Simple informational texts and class learning projects

SCIENCE

- Plants and animals (ecosystems)

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- Sharing and taking turns
- Following classroom rules and routines
- Expressing feelings in healthy ways
- Problem-solving and working with others
- Building kindness, empathy, and respect