



## PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK



## DEAR PARENTS



Welcome to the Yeshivah of Flatbush Elementary School! We are honored and excited to show you what makes our Early Childhood program unique. In addition to providing a safe, warm and dynamic atmosphere, our experienced and stellar faculty guides our students to help them achieve important milestones that define early childhood education.

With a curricular focus on project-based learning, experimentation and discovery, our students absorb concepts at a pace that is comfortable for each child individually. Creative art projects, innovative STEM activities and free play provide the opportunity for our future scientists, musicians, doctors, and teachers to be immersed in an educationally fulfilling atmosphere.

We share with the students that Torah, mitzvot, and a relationship with Hashem are central elements to each of our lives. Our students recognize and thank Hashem through the recitation of brachot, singing songs and modeling customs and practices of Shabbat and chagim. The foundation for a lifelong connection to Eretz Israel and Medinat Israel is infused into activities throughout the year. Our fully immersive Ivrit b'Ivrit Hebrew language program continues to serve as the model for yeshivah day schools across the country.

Our Early Childhood faculty works with our Lower Division team to ensure a seamless transition for our students from Kindergarten to First Grade. Our students' social, emotional and academic growth is closely followed and cared for as our children progress through our program.

The Yeshivah of Flatbush Early Childhood Middot In Action program introduces a new character trait each month. The children learn songs, read books, do special activities and make projects to reinforce the concepts. The children are encouraged to practice the midah at home. The Middot in Action program helps us teach the children what it means to be a good person and enables them to grow socially, as well as become vital members of our Jewish community.

Our faculty and staff are dedicated and passionate learners committed to understanding from research and best practices in all areas of education. We feel honored that you are considering us to be partners with you in the education of your children. We invite you to visit us by scheduling a tour of our Yeshivah to see the beauty and warmth of our school.

With gratitude רבה בהכרה,

**Rabbi Yahel Tsaidi**



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Since 1927, the Yeshiva of Flatbush has stood at the forefront of American Jewish education and has set the standard of excellence emulated by other academic institutions. It has imbued its students with a thirst for knowledge, a commitment to Torah and Zionism, a love of the Hebrew language and the dedication to serve the greater Jewish and secular communities. The school philosophy is a synthesis of Judaic studies, liberal arts and extracurricular activities that places great emphasis on the students' character development. It has evolved into a unique complement of Jewish and American values that focuses on all aspects of education and enables our graduates to meet the challenges of college and life. In the years to come, we look forward to continuing the traditions of excellence, innovation and leadership that have made us a world-renowned institution.



# EARLY CHILDHOOD



## EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL HOURS

Our school hours are Monday through Thursday from 9AM to 3PM. On Fridays, the hours are 9AM to 12:30pm.

## TRANSPORTATION

### NYC Big Yellow Bus: Kindergarten students only

Kindergarten children who live more than a half-mile from school have the option of taking the big yellow bus, a free bus funded by New York City. Please be aware that ONLY students in Kindergarten are permitted to ride the NYC big yellow bus. Please note that there are no matrons on the bus.

### Private Van:

Door-to-door van service is available for a fee.

### Carpool:

Parents may arrange a carpool.

## AGE CUT-OFFS

A student must be age 2, 3, 4 or 5 by October 31 of the current school year to attend Atideinu 2, Atideinu, Nursery, or Kindergarten, respectively.


## CLASS PLACEMENT

Students are placed in classes based on their interviews, parent intake form and teacher reports. Several factors are considered in placing students, including academics, social and emotional considerations, learning style of the student, teaching style of the teachers, and mandated related services.

## DRESS CODE

YOF has several dress code rules that parents will receive when registering their child. Please note that all boys must wear a kippah and tzitzit each day and only girls in preschool may wear pants.

## KASHRUT

All food must have strict kosher certification of . No home-prepared or baked items may be served or used during a class activity.

## LUNCH

The Naomi Houllou A"H Ladies Auxiliary provides an online school lunch program, which must be paid for in advance. If a child does not subscribe to the school lunch program, he/she must bring either a dairy or pareve lunch from home. A morning and afternoon snack and drink will be provided for the children.

## ALLERGIES

We ask parents to inform teachers of any allergy their child may have. The Yeshivah of Flatbush Elementary School is a nut sensitive school. No nuts (e.g. peanuts, walnuts, pine nuts, cashews, etc.) or sesame may be brought to school.

## TOILET TRAINING-ATIDEINU

Children entering our Atideinu 3-year-old program are required to be toilet-trained.



## ATIDEINU SAMPLE SCHEDULE



**9:00am** Welcome and table activities

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**9:15am** Chazzan

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**9:30am** Circle time

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**9:45am** Snack

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**10:00am** Centers: sensory, baking with a parent, dramatic play

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**10:40am** Hebrew

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**11:00am** Outdoor playtime

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**11:30am** Circle time/introduction to upcoming holiday/theme with science experiments or math activities

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**12:00pm** Lunch

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**12:40pm** Rest

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**1:00pm** Exercise, Read Aloud - Hebrew or English, and nursery rhymes

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**1:20pm** Centers

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**2:00pm** Snack

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**2:15pm** Outdoor playtime

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**2:30pm** Closing circle time



# KINDERGARTEN SAMPLE SCHEDULE



## (Morning English/Afternoon Hebrew)

**9:00am** Welcome and table activities

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**9:15am** Chazzan

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**9:30am** Circle time discussing the day's theme

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**9:45am** Snack

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**10:00am** Center activities (math, alphabet, reading, arts and crafts, dramatic play, sensory activities, gym, music, baking)

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**11:30am** Outdoor playtime

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**12:00pm** Lunch

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## SWITCH TO HEBREW

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**12:30pm** Routine song of the day/month/parasha/holiday

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**12:45pm** Circle time discussing the Hebrew subject of the day

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**1:00pm** Centers and tabletime activities

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**1:45pm** Snack

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**2:00pm** Dance, music, games to enhance Hebrew learning

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**2:20pm** Closing circle time/Hebrew storytime

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## SWITCH BACK TO ENGLISH

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**2:30pm** Goodbye activity and prepare for dismissal

**\*\*Each class gets Hebrew music, English music and gym once a week**



## COMMUNICATION



The partnership between home and school is invaluable. Parent-teacher communication is key to guiding your child's learning style in the way best suited to fit his or her needs. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you frequently through phone calls, notes, bi-weekly class newsletters, planned meetings, and parent-teacher conferences. You will first get acquainted with your child's teacher at parent orientation, and will be asked to visit your child's class on many occasions.

To help in facilitating this home-school relationship, you will get correspondences from the Yeshivah of Flatbush on a regular basis:

- Weekly emailed *Flatbush Flash* school newsletter
- Weekly Early Childhood Update email with important upcoming information
- *The Bulletin* magazine, which is published biannually
- Follow us on Instagram @yoflatbush and Like us on Facebook by searching Yeshivah of Flatbush.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

### YESHIVAH OF FLATBUSH: 718-377-4466

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