

MESIVTA ATERES YAAKOV

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Dear Parents of our Graduating Class of 2010,

As the Yomim Tovim are now behind us and yeshiva is back in full swing, the College Guidance Office is a bustling hub of senior activity. We are sending you this letter to inform you of some important activities and information relevant to your son's post high school plans.

Israel Yeshiva/College Information Night

College Most seniors have already completed their second (or third) SAT's, reviewed their transcripts and GPA's and are beginning to apply to college. Others are registered to take their second SAT test in either November or December and will be applying to colleges immediately following the receipt of their new scores. If your son is not signed up to take the SAT's in December (at the latest) please urge him to speak with Rabbi Bennett.

Israel Yeshiva Talmidim have already begun meeting with their respective rebbeim regarding post high school yeshivos. Please be advised that this is a lengthy process as we feel the yeshiva a boy chooses to learn in after high school is a crucial decision that can impact his life for years to come. As a result, we expend every effort to understand your son- his strengths, weaknesses and needs- to advise, recommend and, ultimately help choose, the appropriate yeshiva for post high school study. Please be patient with us.

Please remember that Israel Yeshiva/College Information Night is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th, 2009. Your attendance is strongly advised as critical information concerning potential college opportunities will be presented. The following universities will be present for Q & A:

- Brooklyn College
- Lander College
- Queens College
- Yeshiva College

Below, please find the requirements and details of Brooklyn College, Lander College, Queens College, Yeshiva College and their respective Honors Programs. **The GPA and SAT requirements are necessary to be considered for admission (they by no means guarantee admission).**

Last Monday, October 26th, seniors already had the opportunity to hear an address by Rabbi Barry Nathan, Director of Admissions of Lander College, about Lander College as a post high school college, about their Israel Option Program and about the Early Admission Spring Semester Program.

In addition to various colleges presenting that evening, Rabbi Elysha Sandler will be delivering a short presentation on the overall process of seeking out and applying to post high school yeshivos in Eretz Yisroel. This is in addition to discussing the specific options for each individual student to determine the right yeshiva for your son to attend after high school.

Financial Aid

FAFSA You will be receiving in the mail step by step instructions on how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provided by CUNY. Although these directions were provided by CUNY, they are the same for all colleges.

Private Financial Aid We invite you to visit the Yeshiva University (www.yu.edu) and Lander College (www.touro.edu/landercollege) web sites to familiarize yourself with each institution's private financial aid programs and scholarships. Many scholarships are available both for academic excellence and/or needs based.

College Board Scholarship Search Engine The College Board provides a search engine on their web site from a base of 2,300 sources of college funding. We invite you to visit the College Board web site Search Engine link at apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp to begin searching and applying for scholarships for which your son may be eligible.

MASA We invite you to apply for a MASA grant for your son's upcoming Israel study. Once you have decided on the appropriate post high school yeshiva for him, please visit the MASA web site at www.masaisrael.org to begin the application process for MASA funding.

Israel Yeshiva Visiting Calendar

(The calendar is constantly being updated as more yeshivos request audiences with our talmidim. We will keep you updated. For all yeshivos giving presentations, talmidim will also have the opportunity to meet privately with the yeshiva representative if he so desires or as advised by his rebbeim. Official interviews will be conducted later in the year unless otherwise indicated.)

- November 11- Yeshivas Birkas HaTorah (Shiur by the Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Shimon Green)
- December 7- Yeshivas Toras Shraga (Presentation)
- December 7- Yeshivas Yishrei Lev (Shiur by the Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Moshe Gordon)
- December 8- Yeshivas Derech Eitz Chaim (Presentation)
- December 21- Yeshivas Tiferes Yerushalyim (Presentation)
- January 10- Yeshivas Bais Yisroel (Interviews)
- February 7- Yeshivas Kerem B'Yavneh (Interviews)

The following yeshivas will be visiting the Mesivta but have yet to schedule their dates:

- Derech Institute (Presentation)
- Yeshivas Aderes HaTorah (Interviews)
- Yeshivas Ateres Yerushalayim (Presentation)
- Yeshivas Derech HaTalmud (Shiur by the Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Chaim Ilson; Interviews)
- Yeshivas Merkaz HaTorah (Interviews)
- Yeshivas Neveh Zion (Interviews)
- Yeshivas Ohr Chodosh (Interviews)
- Yeshivas Ohr Dovid (Presentation)
- Yeshivas Ohr Yerushalayim (Presentation)
- Yeshivas Reishit Yerushalayim (Presentation)
- Yeshivas Sha'alvim (Interviews)
- Yeshivas Sha'arei Mevaseret Zion (Presentation)
- Yeshivas Sha'arei T'vuna (Interviews)
- Yeshivas Torah Ohr (Interviews)
- Yeshivas Toras Moshe (Interviews)
- Yesod (Interviews)

College Requirements & Details

- Brooklyn College General Admission Requirements & Details**
Admissions Office: 718-951-5001
GPA: 81
SAT: 1000
Israel Yeshiva Credits: 30
Additional: Brooklyn College requires proficiency in both English and Math. Proficiency in Math is demonstrated by scoring a 510 on the Math section of the SAT or at least a 75 on either the Math A or B Regents Exams; proficiency in English is demonstrated by scoring a 480 on the English section of the SAT or scoring a 75 on the English Regents Exam. If this is not achieved, a student may still be accepted to Brooklyn College, but will have to enroll in the deficient subject's Skills Assessment Test.
Application Deadline: February 1, 2010. The application process is a rolling admission which means applicants will continue to be accepted until classes are closed out.
Application Deadline: February 1, 2010
Open House: October 25, 2009
- Queens College General Admission Requirements & Details**
Admissions Office: 718-997-5600
GPA: 85
SAT: 1050
Israel Yeshiva Credits: 18
Additional: Queens College requires proficiency in both English and Math. Proficiency in Math is demonstrated by scoring a 510 on the Math section of the SAT or at least a 75 on either the Math A or B Regents Exams; proficiency in English is demonstrated by scoring a 480 on the English section of the SAT or scoring a 75 on the English Regents Exam. If this is not achieved, a student may still be accepted to Queens College, but will have to enroll in the deficient subject's Skills Assessment Test.
Application Deadline: February 1, 2010. The application process is a rolling admission which means applicants will continue to be accepted until classes are closed out
Open House: November 1, 2009
- Queens College Scholar Program Requirements & Details**
Admissions Office: 718-997-5600
GPA: 90
SAT: 1200
Additional: 1 essay; 2 teacher recommendations; extracurricular activities; 2 SAT II Subject tests are strongly recommended.
What are the perks: Award ranging from \$2,000-\$4,200 (which can cover the full cost of New York state resident's tuition of \$4,000)
Note: If you apply for Macaulay Honors Program, you will automatically be considered for the Queens College Scholars Program.
Application Deadline: February 1, 2010
Open House: November 1, 2009
- CUNY Macaulay Honors Program Requirements & Details**
Queens College Campus Director: Dr. Ross Wheeler- 718-997-5516
Brooklyn College Campus Director: Dr. Gunja Sengupta-718-951-3123
GPA: 90
SAT: 1200
Additional: 3 essays; 2 teacher recommendations; leadership skills; extracurricular/community service activities.
What are the perks: Full tuition break; free laptop computer; \$7,500 towards academic enrichment.
Application Deadline: December 15, 2009
- Lander College for Men Full Time Yeshiva/College Queens Division and Mon/Weds Nights Brooklyn Division General Admission Requirements & Details**
Admissions Office: 718-252-7800 x 299 or 300

GPA: 85 (Note: Judaic Studies grades are taken into account)

SAT: 1100 (neither section should not be under 400)

Israel Yeshiva Credits: 36

Additional: Scholarships available based on GPA and Regents averages of 90 and above and SAT score of 1200.

Scholarships range from \$3,000 to full free tuition.

Israel Yeshiva credits up to 48 over 4 years (~30 for first year);

American Yeshiva credits up to ~15-20 for first year.

Israel Option Honors Program- Financial Aid towards Yeshiva in Israel-

Requirements: GPA 90 and above, SAT 1200 and above, Application Deadline: July 1, 2009.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2009 (suggested); however admission rolls until classes are full.

- **Yeshiva University General Admission Requirements & Details**

Admissions Office: 212-960-5277

GPA: 85

SAT: 1100

Israel Yeshiva Credits: 36

Additional: 1 essay; 2 teacher recommendations.

Israel Option Program (same requirements)

Application Deadline: February 1, 2010

Open House: November 22, 2009

- **Yeshiva University Schottenstein Honors Program Requirements and Details**

Director: Mr. Murray Srago-212-960-5277

GPA: 90

SAT: 1400

Israel Yeshiva Credits: 36

Additional: 2 essays; 2 teacher recommendations; special academic and extracurricular achievements will be considered

What are the perks: Candidates are considered for \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000 or full tuition academic scholarships

Application Deadline: February 1, 2010

Open House: November 22, 2009

- **Yeshiva University Masmidim Honors Program**

Director: Rabbi Chaim Bronstein-212-568-7300

Yeshiva University General Admission Requirements plus interview by the Roshei Yeshiva of RIETS
(If interested, speak with Rabbi Bennett for more details)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us, Monday-Thursday, 3:00-5:00 PM at the Mesivta.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Yossi Bennett

12th Grade Rebbe

Post High School Coordinator

Rabbi Sam Rudansky

General Studies Principal

College Guidance Counselor

Rabbi Elysha Sandler

12th Grade Rebbe

Israel Yeshiva Program Director