

DEAN  
RABBI G.S. FOX  
rabbifox@smicha.co.za

ROSH YESHIVA  
RABBI C. FINKELSTEIN  
rabbifinkelstein@smicha.co.za

MASHPIA  
RABBI Y.Y. KESSELMAN  
rabbikesselman@smicha.co.za



מנהל רוחני  
הרב ג.ש. פוקס  
ראש ישיבה  
הרב ח. פינקלשטיין  
משפיע  
הרב י.י. קסלמן

PHONE: +2712-460-3105

FAX: +2786-573-4984

Website: [www.smicha.co.za](http://www.smicha.co.za)

EMAIL: [admin@smicha.co.za](mailto:admin@smicha.co.za)

בס"ד

כ"ז אדר תשע"ח  
14 March 2018

### **THE SMICHA**

The Yeshiva L'Rabbonus Pretoria prides itself on a high standard of learning coupled with practical application of the material learnt. Testing is of a penetrating nature ensuring a sound knowledge of the material and the ability to apply the material to practical cases. Successful תלמידים will receive Smicha from the Rabbonim of the Yeshiva as well as from the renowned פוסק הרה"ג ז"נ גולדברג שליט"א.

Naturally, Smicha is more than just knowledge of the material and requires a חסידישער coupled with יראת שמים. It cannot be overstated that in the eyes of the community, Bochrin learning for סמיכה are seen as the Rabbonim of the future and must therefore carry themselves accordingly.

### **COMMUNAL INVOLVEMENT**

The ישיבה לרבנות of Pretoria is an initiative of the Pretoria Jewish community designed to invigorate the community with Torah study and learning which is recognised as being the mainstay of any Jewish community. It is for this reason that the community has committed to contribute significant resources in the ישיבה לרבנות and indeed into each one of the Bochrin.

As a result, the community has certain expectations of the Bochrin and the Bochrin have, in turn, a responsibility to the community as well. Indeed, your year here can be seen not simply as an opportunity to receive a high calibre and internationally acclaimed Smicha, but also as a Shlichus.

For the sake of clarity, the following are among the expectations of the community from its bochrin.

1. Bochrin must be in attendance every morning at Chassidus. Apart from the obvious importance of a Chassidisher Bochrin and future Rov learning chassidus,

it is also the time when the members are concluding Shacharis and it is therefore important for the community to see the bochrin at this Seder.

2. Bochrin daven Mincha with the community Minyan every day.
3. Bochrin have Chavrusas with members of the community throughout the week. It cannot be overstated the impact that such Chavrusas have on the community members and individual families.
4. Bochrin participate in the community Shabbos. Seudah Shelishis is a special time where bochrin participate in the singing and create a vibrant atmosphere as well as share Divrei Torah.
5. Bochrin who are capable of Layning will be offered the opportunity to do so.
6. Bochrin are involved in הפצה including ביקור בית and visits the local old age home.
7. Bochrin are given the opportunity to lead the קבלת שבת תפילות at Jaffa, the local Jewish old age home.
8. Weekly Friday מבצעים are a regular part of the סדר הישיבה.

### **PRACTICALITIES**

**Where:** On the campus of the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation (approx. ½ hour from Johannesburg).

**How:** The Pretoria Jewish Community will provide half of the cost of maintenance and tuition of each student.

Students pay a tuition fee to cover the remaining costs. The fee for the 5778 year will be U.S. \$7000 (seven thousand Dollar) for overseas students. Please note that this fee includes our annual Bochrin trip to the Kruger National Park.

**N.B.!** Please note, Smicha certificates and final test results will NOT be given to anyone with outstanding unpaid fees. Fees must be paid in full by the end of the Yeshiva year in order to receive one's Smicha on time. If fees are not paid by that time, the certificate will be sent by mail once all fees have been received.

### **VISAS AND TICKETS**

Once you have been accepted to the Yeshiva, you will be provided with information about applying for a student visa. Please note this information will come to you from a sister organisation, the Torah Academy. The student visa will be granted as a post-graduate course of the school. As such, where necessary your application should reflect that you are coming as part of the Torah Academy school and institution for higher education.

## **FLIGHT DETAILS**

Please make sure to inform us in a timeous manner of your flight arrangements so that we can send someone to pick you up from the airport.

## **INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS:**

Send an e-mail message to [rabbifox@smicha.co.za](mailto:rabbifox@smicha.co.za) and an application will be sent to you. Alternatively you can apply online at [www.smicha.co.za](http://www.smicha.co.za).

Successful applications **must** be accompanied by a US \$500/R5000 registration fee. In the event of non-acceptance, a full refund will be given. For successful applicants, the deposit will go towards the annual fee.

## **AIMS OF THE YESHIVA**

- a. A thorough and practical understanding of the הלכות that are required for יורה יורה, (i.e., that one be able to put them to practical use).
- b. Training in practical congregational רבנות, the varied roles that a רב must play: as מורה הוראה, spiritual guide, counsellor, communal leader, speaker, adult educator and organiser.
- c. Training in שליחות work: dealing with Halachic issues that arise, and skills in handling the practicalities of שליחות.
- d. Human relations and communications skills.
- e. An understanding of the roles of the רב and שליח, based on ספרי מחשבה on שיחות, רבנים, שלוחים ומשפיעים and the works of מאמרי ואגרות רבותינו נשיאנו.

## **ACHIEVING THESE AIMS**

סדר חסידות in mornings is essential and mandatory. Shiurim in חסידות are given on a daily basis.

The morning seder נלה will be incorporate the following:

- The סדר הלימוד: The סוגיות relevant to איסור והיתר, then the דעת והחוות מהפמ"ג והחוות דעת, אבילות, פת, חלב, בישול ונאמנות עכו"ם. The areas to be covered are: טור ובית יוסף, שו"ע, תערובות, בשר בחלב, מליחה.

In אורח חיים we will be covering חמץ ותערובת חמץ and in אבן העזר we will be dealing with יוחסין.

- שיעורים in יו"ד will be given by Rabbi Finkelstein, ראש הישיבה, and will provide background, add material from מפרשים and שו"ת, and show how the הלכות are applied in a contemporary setting.

The afternoon seder will cover:

- הלי יוחסין, תערובת חמץ לאדמה"ז, מאכלי עכו"ם והלי אבילות
- Shiurim are given on contemporary הלכה and the process of applying הלכה to contemporary situations.

שיעורים on the above will be given by Rabbi Fox and will cover essential background material including מפרשים and שו"ת and show the הלכות in a practical and contemporary light.

- תלמידים and רבנים will share their knowledge and experience with the שלוחים, drawing on their "case files". In addition, they will give talks on דרוש, the art of giving שיעורים, and Rabbinical counselling.
- Communication and business experts will speak on public relations, public speaking, management, etc.
- שלוחים in Johannesburg will conduct farbrengens.

## **DATES**

The Yeshiva year will IYH commence learning on Sunday מרחשון תשע"ט, corresponding to the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. As such, all students must arrive in Pretoria South Africa by no later than Friday ג' מרחשון תשע"ט, corresponding to the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

The זמן comes to an end on Thursday ז' ניסן תשע"ט, corresponding to the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.

סדר will recommence Sunday ל' ניסן תשע"ט corresponding to the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. Therefore, all Bochrin must be back in Pretoria South Africa by not later than Friday כ"ח ניסן תשע"ט, corresponding to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2019.

סדר for the year will conclude on Sunday ט"ו אלול תשע"ט corresponding to the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.

## סדר היום

The daily schedule will be as follows:

- סדר חסידות 7:30am – 8:30am
- הכנות לתפילה 8:30am – 8:50am
- שחרית 8:50am – 9:30am
- סדר יו"ד 10:30am – 2:30pm
  - שיעורים יהיו ביום שני וביום רביעי
- ארוחת צהריים 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- סדר הוספות 3:30pm – 5:30pm
  - שיעורים יהיו ביום שלישי וביום חמישי
- מנחה 5:30pm or 6:00pm (*depending summer or winter*)
- ארוחת ערב 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- סדר חסידות שיחות 7:30pm – 8:30pm
- סדר נגלה 8:30pm – 9:30pm
- מעריב 9:30pm

## PLEASE NOTE!

Communal involvement and activity is a critical component of this Yeshiva and of the community. As such dinner periods as well as evening סדרים will be appropriately divided amongst the Bochrin to do הפצה as well. This will be coordinated by Rabbi Medalie, the Assistant Rabbi at the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation. As a result, there will be some flexibility in the abovementioned evening סדרים.

## הקדמות

Following a meeting with Rabbi Finkelstein, he has indicated that he would like the Bochrin to study the following material prior to arriving in South Africa.

חולין צ"ו : משנה- ירך שנתבשל, צ"ז. גמי רב הונא... עד צ"ז : ...דליכא קפילא בששים.

צ"ז : - "אמר רבי אבהו" ... עד ק : - משנה. תוס' ד"ה "כל איסורים", "ביצה", "כל איסורים שבתורה", "יומן", "לחומר", "רבא אמר", "אלא במאי".

דף ק"ח, א משנה טיפת חלב, גמי עד ק"ט, א משנה.

חולין קי"א : "אמר רב נחמן" עד דף קי"ב. "אמר רב נחמן",

פסחים מ"ג : "אמר רבי אבהו" עד מ"ה. "...בזה אחר זה".

עבודה זרה ס"ה : משנה עד דף ס"ט. משנה. דלג מד"ף ס"ח. "אמר רב עמרם" עד דף ס"ח : התחל שוב מאמצע הדף "ההוא עכברא"

פסחים ע"ה : - משנה עד ע"ו : - משנה.

שבת מ"ב. "משום" עד מ"ב : משנה.

ביצה דף ג': "מיתבי אחד" עד דף ד'. "תניא אחרים".  
דף ד': "אמר רב מתנה עצים".....10 שורות עד "איתמר",  
זבחים מהתחלת פרק כל הזבחים עד דף ע"ד: "הרובע".

### ספרים

You will need to bring a טוש"ע יו"ד for מליחה, בשר בחלב ותערובת. All other material and ספרים will be provided by us or is available in the ישיבה library.