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COMMUNAL INVOLVEMENT

The *Yeshiva Lerabbonus 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 *Yeshiva Lerabbonus Pretoria* 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 Bochrur 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 Laying 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 PHC 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 Dollars). Please note that this fee includes our annual Bochrin trip to the Kruger National Park.

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 (if you do not receive a reply within a couple of days, please re-send to rabbifox@gmail.com)

Applications **must** be accompanied by a US \$500 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 studied as part of the Yeshiva year (see attached pre-Smicha overview document).
- b. Training in שליחות work: dealing with Halachic issues that arise, and skills in handling the practicalities of שליחות.
- c. Human relations and communications skills.
- d. An understanding of the roles of the רב and שליח, based on ספרי מחשבה, on שיחות רבנים, שלוחים ומשפיעים and the works of contemporary מאמרי ואגרות רבותינו נשיאינו.

DATES

The Yeshiva year will IYH commence learning on Sunday מרחשון תשע"ט, corresponding to the 14th 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 12th of October 2018.

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

סדר will recommence Sunday ל' ניסן תשע"ט corresponding to the 5th 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 3rd of May 2019.

סדר for the year will conclude on Sunday ט"ו אלול תשע"ט corresponding to the 15th 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 ראשון 10:30am – 2:30pm
 - שיעורים יהיו ביום שני וביום רביעי
- ארוחת צהריים 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- סדר שני 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. As a result, there will be some flexibility in the abovementioned evening סדרים.