



YOR Mesivta
Cell Phone Letter

Dear YOR Mesivta parents,

When you enroll your son in Yeshivas Ohr Reuven, you establish a sacred partnership with us to educate your son. We know that this extends far beyond the academic component of their education. We partner to ensure that our *talmidim* develop to be healthy *bonei Torah*, and successful members of our *kehillos*. More than at any other time in the history of the world, this generation is challenged and distracted by the technology around us. The Gedolei Torah have spoken strongly in this regard, and current research in the secular world is in agreement, that technology is having a negative impact on spiritual, academic, and social growth among teenagers. We live in a world where we feel it important to always be “connected”, but in truth, we sometimes become disconnected from what is really important. To advance the mindfulness of our *talmidim* towards our ultimate goals for them, we have implemented the following.

Family Phone

1. We encourage parents who feel that their son must have use of a phone to allow their son access to a “family cell phone”. This family phone may only be a kosher Phone (see policy below - call/text). If a “family phone” is not feasible, Yeshiva policy is that students may only own a “kosher phone” (see policy below).

Phone for a Driver

2. Once a *talmid* has a driver’s license, if the parents feel that they would like them to have a phone with Waze, a phone can be procured through the Yeshiva that is issued by Safe Telecom. Permission must be obtained from the Menahel prior to the Yeshiva issuing the phone (see policy below).

Compliant Phone in Yeshiva

3. *Talmidim* may not have any type of cell phone on the Yeshiva Campus during Yeshiva hours.
 - a. If a *talmid* is found with a cell phone on the Yeshiva Campus during Yeshiva hours, the phone will be confiscated, and the *talmid* may be sent home until further notice.
 - b. *Talmidim* may not have a phone during Yeshiva time in order to have it after class time, without making prior arrangements with the Menahel.

Kosher Phone during off-hours

4. A *talmid* that comes to Yeshiva to play ball on Motzai Shabbos or during vacation time may bring a Yeshiva compliant phone to Yeshiva.



Non-Kosher phone in Yeshiva

5. Any non-compliant phone brought onto the Yeshiva campus, even during off hours or vacation time, will be confiscated and the student that brought it in will be suspended until further notice. The phone will not be returned to the *talmid* until he leaves the Yeshiva, as will be the case with anything else confiscated from a *bochur* that is deemed dangerous to the growth of a ben Torah and *yarei shamayim*. Obviously, a *talmid* who is found to have such a phone even outside Yeshiva will have a similar consequence.

Music Devices

6. *Talmidim* may bring a device to Yeshiva that plays music that does not have the ability to access the internet or play/download video.
 - a. Non-Jewish or other forms of non-acceptable music are prohibited.
 - b. Any object (mp3, gaming device, computer, etc.) brought to the Yeshiva with internet access, video capability, or inappropriate content will be subject to the same rules outlined above for non-Kosher cell phones.

Social Media

7. *Talmidim* of the Yeshiva may not have an account on any social media platform, nor should they be a part of any group chats. Any *talmid* found to be on a chat, or to have a social media account will be suspended until further notice.

Some parents find it frustrating to deal with these issues with their son. It is important that we all work together for the greater benefit of our *talmidim*, even if we may each have preferred a slightly different way of doing things. Many parents express a desire to not allow their son to have a smartphone but felt compelled to give in because they were told “everyone else has one” (which is unusually the case). Please be advised that the safety of our children is paramount and we need to all work together to achieve this goal. Please feel free to contact someone from the Hanahala with any questions regarding any of the above.

We all want our children to be physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally healthy and successful *b'nei Torah*. We appreciate and cherish this partnership and know that you are committed to working together to support the growth of our *talmidim*!

Wishing you a *kesivah v'chasimah tovah*,
Hanhalas HaMesivta



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Cell Phone Policy

Only call only or call/text cell phones from EZ Cell, Cellular 4 Less or WOC are acceptable.

EZ Cell

All call or call/ text phones are acceptable from this location

31 Jefferson Ave (New Square)

Spring Valley 10977

845.362.8255

Cellular 4 Less

Alcatel phones with filter – ONLY

LG Classic – tell them to put on filter

No other phones from this location

27 Orchard Street (Rockland Kosher)

845.371.9400

World of Communications (WOC)

All call or call/ text phones are acceptable from this location.

17 Main Street (Melt Building)

845.977.3100

Talmidim who are driving and have a need for WAZE may ask *reshus* from the Menahel for the Yeshiva Safetelecom phone. See below.

Smart Phone Option

The only smart phones that are acceptable are the Safetelecom phones with the Yeshivas Ohr Reuven App Store. *Talmidim with a driver's licenses who would like such a phone, must receive permission from the Menahel in advance.* NO OTHER PHONES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

The Safetelecom website is: thekosheros.com. To see the YOR plan, go to App Stores and click on YOR.

Safetelecom phones can be purchased at the stores listed above and on the Safetelecom website.

All these store carry Safetelecom Motorola and a WAZE/ Google maps-only model.

1. a) EZ Cell (New Square)
- b) Cellular 4 Less (Rockland Kosher) - only carrier of the Google Pixel
- c) WOC (World of Communications)
2. You must request the Yeshivas Ohr Reuven plan from these stores.



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Cell Phone Shtar – 2021-2022/ 5782

No *talmid* of Yeshiva may own or have access (including but not limited to being seen in public) to any cellphone other than those approved by the Hanhalas HaYeshiva as outlined in the policy above.

Name of *talmid*: _____

We fully agree to abide by the Yeshiva’s cell phone policy with the understanding that if our son is not in compliance with the policy, the Yeshiva has the right to terminate his tenure in Yeshiva.

By signing below, we also state here that our son is currently in compliance with the Yeshiva policy and will remain as such as long as he is a *talmid* in the Yeshiva. This also includes any time outside of formal Yeshiva *seder* time, off-Shabbosos, Bein Hazmanim, and summer breaks.

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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Parent Signature: _____

Current Cell Phone: ___ No Cell Phone

___ Call or Call/ Text Phone from ___ EZ Cell ___ Cellular 4 Less ___ WOC ___ Safetelecom Phone

Model Phone _____ Current Phone Number _____

TO BE SIGNED IN YESHIVA:

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Talmid Name: _____ Date: _____

Talmid Signature: _____