# See How We Learn



The Hollander Early Childhood Center is where our boys' love for Torah and learning begins. With a child-centered curriculum and a team of warm Moros, our preschool provides the foundation for every boy's well-rounded success. Our curriculum is ever evolving as we continue to integrate new technologies and educational techniques into the classroom.

In our Early Childhood Center, we learn to play and play to learn. The wide variety of hands-on activities, from our Musical Minds movement class to our Chanuka fire safety program to our monthly Rosh Chodesh workshops, bring education to life in an engaging and dynamic manner. We are exceptionally proud of our Sensational Gym, a state-of-the-art sensory gym, that stimulates our students' imaginations and develops skills critical to their growth. By instilling and providing the requisite skills and knowledge base and promoting positive self, our preschool education builds the foundation for students as they transition to their next step - elementary school.



"When our first son interviewed at Yeshiva, it was immediately apparent to us that South Shore was a special place. What happens inside the four walls of the classroom is truly astounding. The Hanhallah, Rabbeim and teachers are incredible, making sure that our two sons feel the warmth of Torah and Derech Eretz each and every day."

Ari and Yael Schulman Woodmere

SRIYAH: Proper kriyah and language skills are the cornerstones of Torah education. Our talented team of Rabbeim anchor the limudei kodesh division to ensure all talmidim - from Pre-1A through 8th grade - are on track. A trained kriyah specialist evaluates each of our first and second graders in order to assist them as they develop comprehension. From third to fifth grade, talmidim master language skills by continuing to identify shorashim and learning the principles of dikduk. All of our students are given kriyah scans throughout the year to assess their fluency, blending, and decoding abilities

CHUMASH: Chumash is the building block of emunah and mesorah. In addition to learning to identify the structure of pesukim and perakim, talmidim are imbued with the core lessons of the Avos and Imahos who forged Klal Yisrael. As the boys advance their chumash learning skills through studying Rashi and other meforshim, they are taught to analyze pesukim and glean insights from the Torah's message. We begin teaching Tanach in fifth grade, as talmidim discover an appreciation for our history and connection to Eretz Yisroel. Solution of the the introduction of the the introduction of the halachos and hashkafos of Torah Sheba'al Peh. In third grade, talmidim begin learning Mishnayos and acquire skills to master their knowledge of halacha, hashkafah, and our holy Tana'im. The joy of learning culminates in yearly siyumim throughout elementary school.

Semara is the key to the preservation of Klal Yisrael and our tradition. Starting in fifth grade, the boys are introduced to Gemara. They bring the analytical skills they've developed through learning Chumash and Mishnayos, and apply them to learning Gemara. The Rabbeim focus on both the boys' reading comprehension and analytical skills and constantly challenge them to deepen their understanding of the text. By the time our talmidim complete eighth grade, they are budding scholars, and prepared to excel in whichever mesivta they choose.

"YOSS provides a perfect combination of academic excellence, both in limudei kodesh and general studies, as well as a dedication to chesed and derech eretz and a warm and nurturing environment. YOSS prepared our son for all the academic challenges of high school and fostered a love of limud haTorah and a continued desire to grow. Under the leadership of Rabbi Kamenetzky, YOSS's Hanhallah, Rabbeim, teachers and administrative staff do a phenomenal job and care for each talmid in the yeshiva.

**Dr. Joseph and Daniella Zelefsky** Woodmere



## **GENERAL STUDIES**

At Yeshiva of South Shore, we take immense pride in fostering our students' social, emotional, and academic growth. Our faculty is comprised of skilled professionals, well-trained in the latest educational methodologies in order to meet every student's needs.

Our first through third grades serve as the foundational years and focus on students' mastery of concrete skills. We use **Ready-Gen,** our literature based reading program, to build strong reading, writing, and analytical skills. Through this program, children explore a variety of genres, thereby enriching their vocabulary and enhancing reading skills. With our use of differentiated instruction and center-based learning, every child has the opportunity to maximize his learning and prepare himself for the next stages of academic development. We actively facilitate analytical reasoning by placing a heavy emphasis on broadening students' thought processes and guiding them to articulate precisely through writing.

**STAR TESTING,** a comprehensive and individualized computer-based testing method for the ELA and math subjects, plays an integral role in our approach to general studies education. This innovative system aligns with state standards to ensure that every student meets age-appropriate benchmarks. The results help drive our instruction, as they identify students' strengths, weaknesses, and progress throughout the year. By conducting the testing three times per year, teachers are able to ensure that every student's growth is proactively monitored, fostered, and given the appropriate attention.

An incredible byproduct of STAR testing is the open dialogue it fosters between teachers, administration and parents. Teachers

meet with principals individually to discuss the results of their class's test and review each individual student. This discussion not only involves the student's academic goals, but any concerns; be they emotional, social or academic. All of these areas are important factors in the development of the whole child. Our middle school students meet with their teachers individually for "portfolio reviews," which encourage them to take ownership of their academic goals and pride in their accomplishments.

By keeping our finger on the pulse of every student's growth, we can ensure that we meet every student where he is at, and challenge him

appropriately. Our resource center, the **Heller Learning Center** offers selfcontained classes in both ELA and Math and, as an educational testing center, accommodates students with additional learning needs. Additionally, our **Rosenwald Achievement Center** is an accelerated learning program for students performing more than one year ahead of grade level.

With an educational background that far surpasses state standards, Yeshiva of South Shore's students are empowered to achieve excellence in all their goals. Armed with their broad knowledge and stellar skills, YOSS graduates are well prepared for the challenges of high school and beyond.

"When we decided to move to the community, we visited a number of yeshivos. The moment we entered South Shore, we knew it was the right place for our son. The warmth is palpable in the building of the yeshiva, where the Rabbeim, staff and Hanhallah have created the incredible atmosphere which defines Yeshiva of South Shore."

**Joseph and Arielle Jaspan** *Woodmere* 

## **See How We Grow**

Yeshiva of South Shore's robust specialty programming is designed to complement our curriculum and encourage our students to thrive. Each program contributes to the YOSS vision of wholesome learning and superior education.

Here are a few of our specialty programs:

## **TORAH GROWTH**

#### SHONEH HALACHOS/ MASMID HACHOFESH

A supplementary curriculum, designed specifically for vacation times, that aims to familiarize boys with hilchos shabbos and hilchos brachos.

#### HILCHOS SHABBOS / BERACHOS CURRICULUM

A two-year halacha program that focuses on hilchos shabbos, including practical applications of melachos, and hilchos berachos. The program culminates in a school-wide grand bee. **PARSHA PRO** A school-wide review program for students to master parshas hashavua, comprised of weekly review sheets and tests.

**ERETZ CHEMDA** A yearlong, immersive and interactive curriculum about the halachos unique to Eretz Yisroel, streamed live from Yerushalayim.

**FARHER REVIEWS** Talmidim display knowledge of their gemara skills and learning to the Menahelim and Hanhallah as well as various visiting Rabbonim and Roshei Yeshiva. Farhers are conducted both in classroom and individualized settings.

**EINELTZION** A program to introduce talmidim to the Ashkenazic and Sephardic Gedolei Yisroel of centuries past, complete with their biographical information, incredible stories, and rich history.

**VEHA'AREV NA** – A chazara program for eighth grade encouraging them to consistently review Masechta Makkos until they "own" it. They join hundreds of talmidim across the country who have mastered masechtos using the "Veha'arev Na" method.



## **ACADEMIC GROWTH**

#### **SCHOLARS LEAGUE BOOK**

**CLUB** A monthly creative writing and book club in which students learn advanced writing techniques and explore life concepts through their readings.

**DEBATE CLUB** A specialized club for students to debate topics in an organized forum that follows a specific rubric. Students develop character, improve critical thinking skills, become better public speakers, and gain overall confidence. The program culminates with a trip coordinated by Teach NYS, in which our students travel to Albany to meet with lawmakers and advocate for additional governmental support for our yeshivos.

**ROBOTICS** An after-school program in which students use their knowledge and creativity to build, create and engineer robots. They use concepts such as gear ration, velocity, balance, force, and motion. The program truly comes alive with the thrill of the competition as our students' bots compete against bots created by students of other yeshivos.

Yeshiva of South Shore is proud of our students for their achievement of winning first place in the 2019 CIJE Yeshiva Robotics Tournament.

#### THE STOCK MARKET GAME A

weekly opportunity for students to discover how the economy functions. With an emphasis on understanding the stock market, this program allows students the opportunity to use a simulated program to research, invest, and trade stocks wisely.

#### SCIENCE AND STEM LABS A

brand-new, state-of-the-art lab stocked with the latest technology and engineering supplies alongside the traditional chemistry, biology and physics equipment. The lab is the space where students brainstorm, collect data, and build functional finished products using laser cutters, 3D printers, and the latest technology.

"Entering the Yeshiva of South Shore has been like joining a big and warm family. We know that our boys are the primary concern of every Rebbe, Morah and menahel that they have been exposed to. We could not be happier."

Rabbi Ya'akov and Malka Trump Lawrence "Our experience as part of the YOSS family has been unique and rewarding. To partner with a Yeshiva that strikes such a clear balance of living as frum Jews in today's generation is something we do not take for granted. The administration and staff continue to model a life of Torah values and priorities for our sons and enhance what we strive to model for them in our home."

**Rabbi Elon and Estee Soniker** *West Hempstead* 



**E2K** an after-school program that connects STEM, math and science subjects, while bringing them to life through hands-on experiments, riddles and calculations.

### **MIDDOS AND GROWTH**

**LIRR BUS PROGRAM** "Look! I am **R**iding with the **R**ules." An incentive program for students who ride the bus, with the bus drivers' participation. The program emphasizes and rewards good middos and proper behavior.

#### BACHUREI CHEMED YEDIDEI HASHEM – PBIS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS) is a school-wide

systems approach that provides the faculty with the tools to promote excellent academic and social behaviors in all students. This program proudly features concrete goals, an emphasis on cultivating middos tovos, and of course, a fully stocked YOSS prize center where students can buy prizes with their yeshiva dollars. **CHEVRA TEHILLIM** Talmidim learn to care for others through the recital of tehillim. The Yeshiva splits up the entire Sefer Tehillim every day as each participating talmid takes part in davening for friends, family, school members, and Klal Yisroel, in times of need.

**YOM TOV ASSEMBLIES** Students celebrate and acquire a deeper appreciation for every Yom Tov and special occasions with timely gatherings and mesibos. Assemblies include activities, games, raffles, singing, guest speakers and more.

#### HIKON DAVENING PROGRAM A tefillah

program that encourages talmidim to deepen their understanding and enhance their respect of their daily tefillos, and be recognized for their efforts.

#### AFTER SCHOOL

**PROGRAMS** An opportunity for students to explore wholesome activities to enhance their daily experiences. Programs include: Chess club | Basketball clinic Karate | Guitar Woodworking | Juggling M A terminar

"What I cherish about my time at YOSS was the warm and loving environment created by my Rabbeim and teachers. They instilled in me a love of Torah and yiras shamayim and created a strong foundation for my future learning. They emphasized the importance of being a mentsch which made me appreciate that it is not just what you do in life, but doing it with a lev tov and ahavas yisroel."

**Brian Gluck (class of '95)** Attorney, Simpson Thacher LLP



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