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יום הבהיר כ"ח סיון, תשע"ז

Dear Parents and Talmidos שי'

In the famed mussar Yeshivos of Novardok they had a method of training their bochurim to be humble and also to ignore humiliation. They would send a bochur to a food store to buy hardware. Upon making his request from the shopkeeper he would become the object of ridicule from all in the shop. Repeated practice of this behavior, according to the Novardok method, trained their Talmid.

I doubt whether any parent or student today wants to be trained in this way. YET there are students today who go into a "food store" to buy "hardware". They attend a school without knowing or realizing or even with ignoring what the school is actually selling.

Monsey Beis Chaya Mushka has a clear "product that it is selling". We are a Chabad school based on the teachings of the Baal Shem Tov as handed down through the Nesiim of Chabad; our Rebbeim; following the Halacha as paskened by our Rabbonim. We are aware that there are other schools and Shitos, we do not judge or denigrate them, BUT THEY ARE NOT OUR "PRODUCT".

In order to clarify this, there follows below a list of our basic standards and expectations. We insist that our **talmidos** sign that they understand and agree to abide by these standards and expectations. In addition we expect the parents to sign that **they support** what their daughters have signed onto.

If a Talmidoh of MBCM shows by her actions, that she does not truly want this product then we will draw the obvious conclusion that MBCM does not serve her well and her place is elsewhere.

Although these rules are included in the handbook, we have chosen to bring them here separately since they are fundamental to the values of the school. In the handbook we will write our policies for enforcing the attached standards.

We are confident that both parents and Talmidos will appreciate this clarification and we will approach next year with a renewed sense of focus and purpose in the chassidishe chinuch of MBCM.

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Standards and Expectations of MBCM

- Most fundamental to Chassidus is of course one's Ahavas Yisroel and Midos Tovos. These cannot be easily measured and are certainly worked on within the school environment. Following are the more quantifiable standards and expectations.
- Attendance in all chassidus classes is mandatory. . (Excuses like "it doesn't speak to me", or "we're not totally Chabad" will not be accepted.)
- Every Talmidoh will be expected to participate fully in Tefilah.
- Constant participation in Chassidishe activities aids in fostering positive and enjoyable growing experiences. We have a very exciting and active Bnos Chabad program which includes a variety of programs both during and after school hours. Out of school farbrengens and other activities are mostly not mandatory. However, if a Talmidoh never participates, it will lead us to believe that that she is not interested in the "product" we are providing.

Personal Tznius and other standards:

שצריכים להיות באופן של "ונפלינו אני ועמך", היינו שכל תלמיד ותלמיד בעת לכתו ברחוב "... צריך להיות ניכר עליו שהוא שונה ("עפעס אנדערש") מהעולם

"We have to be in a way of "We stand out, I and Your people", that is that when every student walks in the street it is recognizable that he is different from the world."

In the summer of 5770 (2010) all the Chabad Mosdos Chinuch of High School Girls worked in a spirit of אחדות to produce a set of standards for all תלמידות. The standards were then endorsed by almost all the of the Rabonim of Chabad communities in the USA and Canada. Most importantly, our own Moro D'Asra Rav Lesches, also endorsed these standards for our school.

The standards are as follows (quoting directly from the document produced then).

“צניעות reflects, not only an outside exterior, but reveals the inner refinement of בת ישראל. A close adherence to the highest standards of צניעות enhances modesty as well as having a direct correlation to יראה שמים. The Rebbe stressed, based on חז"ל, that dressing and acting in a tznius'dike manner brings many ברכות to both the תלמידה and to her whole family.



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All Talmidos of our Mosdos are expected to adhere to the following standards both **in and out of school**. Please note that most of these standards are based on the clear הלכה as paskened by רבני אנ"ש. In some cases, we have chosen as הלכה, to insist on a certain look which may be beyond the clear cut הלכה (Though it might be included the halachik requirement to conform to the general accepted standards of frum mosdos.) In the following those standards which are beyond the clear הלכה will be followed by an asterisk.

Tznius

1. Skirts

- Skirts must cover knees at all times, even when sitting. (4 inches below knee.)
- No slits of any size above knee
- No slits of any size below the knee (including front button openings).*
- Skirts should not be the tight fitting.
- Skirts should not be long, washed out denim with frayed edges.*

2. Shirts and tops

- Sleeves must be long enough to cover elbows at all times
- Sleeves should not be loose or wide, thus preventing sleeves from rising past the elbow.
- Shirts must cover collar bone. Low cut necklines (front, back, or side) are not allowed.
- Shirts should be sufficiently long to insure that there is no space between shirt and skirt even when stretching or bending.

3. Hair

- Hair should be arranged in a dignified manner, tied back or neatly combed out. Hair may not be wild and unkempt.

4. Leg Wear

- Hosiery must be worn at all times. Legs (**from the knee**) should not be uncovered at any time.

5. Make-Up and nail polish

- Make-up and nail polish should be dignified and refined, garish and gothic colors should not be used.



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Media/Technology

“You should not go astray after your hearts and eyes.” עיניכם ואחרי לבבכם אחרי תתורו לא

This Posuk applies to all members of ישראל כלל, male or female.

1. Any תלמידה may not listen to non-Jewish music.
2. It is self-understood that all movies are off limits.
Distinguished Rabbonim, Mechanchim, and Mechanchos have all pointed out that the Internet is fraught with danger. Internet access should be restricted to places of business. If the Internet is needed for business reasons in the home, the following practices should be followed.
3. If there is Internet access in the home it should be limited to public areas not private rooms.*
4. A filter should be installed. ”

These standards are the ones which will be enforced by our school. It goes without saying that they apply OUT OF SCHOOL. The school will have a uniform for in school which will be explained in the handbook, the above standards are the Minhag and Halacha as paskened by the Rabonei Anash.

The school obviously has no mechanism or desire to check what goes on in a private house. However, if for example, a student of MBCM, has no problem with walking around in public without correct leg coverings, she is showing us that she does not belong in MBCM. Or, for example, a girl talks about movies, without shame, in public, she does not belong in MBCM.

We are confident that our Talmidos will sign on to these standards willingly and will be proud to be Bnos Chabad making a Kiddush Hashem.



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Signature Section

As a Talmidoh of MBCM, I have read and understood the standards and expectations outlined in this letter and accept to keep to them.

Talmidoh Signature: _____

AS parents of a Talmidoh of MBCM, we have read and understood the standards and expectations outlined in this letter and will support our daughter in adhering to them.

Parent Signature: _____