

Technology Guidelines

Dear Parents, שׁי

A majority of students at MBCM possess smart phones. As you know, high school students have become very savvy in the use of technology. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the Internet has now become a favored forum for socializing, and is now the preferred method of communication among teens. Needless to say, communication, emotional regulation, and the ability to emote and connect effectively, are skills that are severely underdeveloped as a result.

We encourage parents to learn about Internet safety and to play an active role in discussing the issue with their children. Please consider this appeal as one in which we can act together as a community. We need to take a united stand as parents and educators. The peer pressure alone that our children contend with regard to smart phones and Internet sites is enormous and completely unfair and unnecessary.

We will do our best to provide our students with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to recognize and avoid dangerous, destructive, or unlawful behavior and to respond appropriately. Each class will have workshops that facilitate education and open conversation surrounding these very important and relevant topics. However, it is only through a collaborative effort between parents and teachers that we will succeed in creating responsible and safe cyber citizens.

Recommended Guidelines:

- **Students should not have their phones overnight**
- **Phone curfew should be between 11:00-11:30 PM**
- **All content and access should be filtered.**
- **No social media (with the exception of WhatsApp)**

Looking forward to a successful and healthy school year,

Mrs. C. Wilhelm
Limudei Kodesh Principal

Mrs. R. Ives
Limudei Chol Principal

MBCM Cell Phone Policy

The following is the in-school cell phone policy:

- Cell phones are to be turned off and turned into the office upon arrival at school. Students will have a personalized pocket hanging by the office in which to place their phone. The phone will remain there until dismissal.
- If a cell phone was not handed in it will be considered an unexcused absence for the day.
- If a student is found to be in school with a cell phone it will be confiscated until a meeting is arranged with parents.
- There will be a random phone verification where the students will be asked to turn on their phone and call the office.
- All cell phones should be filtered.

The staff of MBCM ask for your FULL cooperation with our policy.

Students will not have access to their device throughout the school day under any circumstance.