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BNOS YISROEL OF BALTIMORE CELL PHONE POLICY 2019-2020

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Dear Bnos Yisroel Parents:

Boruch Hashem, we have just completed another wonderful year of learning and growing. As we focus our efforts on the upcoming school year, we wanted to provide you with our updated **cell phone policy**. While we already have cell phone policies in place that are effective during the school day, we find that it is necessary for us to change the policy to address the period before and after school, when the girls are already on campus and in our care. Unfortunately, because some girls use phones to watch videos, listen to music, and access social media before and after school, we have been forced to amend the policy.

The following policy was approved by our Vaad Hachinuch and our Board of Directors.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY

Bnos Yisroel Elementary School students are not allowed to have/own any type of cell phone.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY

Bnos Yisroel Middle School students are not allowed to bring any type of cell phone to school. If a cell phone is found, it will be taken away and parents will need to schedule a meeting with the administration before the phone will be returned.

If you have a particular safety concern, please bring it to the attention of the coordinators and we will determine whether an accommodation can be made. Under no circumstances, however, will a Middle School student be permitted to bring a smartphone to the Bnos Yisroel campus.

HIGH SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY

1. Bnos Yisroel High School students are not allowed to bring smartphones to school. The only phones which may be brought onto campus are phones with features limited to placing and receiving telephone calls and sending and receiving texts. The phones may not have the capability of accessing the internet or any data functions.

2. If a student has a basic phone that she brings to school, she must hand the phone into the school office before first period begins, and the phone will be returned after last period ends. This policy is the same as the current policy. If a student who usually brings a phone to school does not bring her phone on a particular day, she must place a card in

the phone slot indicating that her phone is not on campus.

3. If a non-smartphone is found, the phone will be confiscated. For a first infraction, it will be taken away for a week and then returned to the student. For a second infraction, parents will need to schedule a meeting with the administration before the phone will be returned.

4. If a smartphone is found, the phone will be confiscated. For a first infraction, it will be taken away for two weeks and then returned to the student. For a second infraction, parents will need to schedule a meeting with the administration before the phone will be returned.

5. If a student driving to school has a smartphone, she should leave it in her locked car. If she has a non-smart phone and wishes to bring it into the office, she may do so in accordance with the policy for basic phones on campus. No student will be allowed to access a smartphone or non-smart phone in her car during the school day. If a student attempts to do so, the phone will be confiscated in accordance with the policy for violations of the smart phone policy above.

6. Please note that parents can call the school office ([443-524-3200](tel:443-524-3200)) to have written messages left for their daughter.

We encourage parents to contact TAG - Technology Awareness Group - a local organization that can help you navigate the complex world of internet and data connections and cell phone access. TAG Baltimore can be reached at 410-449-1824.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in the chinuch of your precious daughters.

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Mrs. Sara Itzkowitz,
Principal

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Rabbi Yochanan Stengel,
High School Principal