



Tiferet

The Tiferet Center for Advanced Torah Studies for Women

INFO PACK for Parents and Students – 5783

Shalom Tiferet Students and Parents,

Please read the following carefully, and keep this Info Pack handy, as the information is very important for you to have a successful, meaningful and enjoyable year:

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Presuming you are calling from outside of Israel:

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Student Visas

The Israeli government requires that students who spend a year in Israel obtain a “student visa” which is valid for 365 days from the date of issue.

For many years, Tiferet has assisted our students to obtain their visas while they are in Israel. Presumably we will be able to do the same this year.

If you or either of your parents is an Israeli citizen, please be in contact with us immediately.

Medical Insurance

Any student that knowingly violates any health and safety rules that are currently in place or will be instituted, may result in immediate expulsion with no tuition refund.

Tiferet requires that every student have medical insurance in Israel, since foreign insurance coverage is not usually accepted by Israeli hospitals and doctors and the lack of Israeli insurance can delay treatment.

You will receive information from us and AIM, the medical insurance company that we have selected for your year. Especially for this coming year, we are putting in tremendous effort to make sure that we have the best possible provider for our students.

AIM is a medical program providing American style medical care designed specifically for students studying in Israel. Every parent is required to enroll their daughter at an additional cost.

It is mandatory that you provide Tiferet and its healthcare provider, AIM, with accurate and up-to-date medical and health related information before July 15th. If there has been any change in your daughter’s medical condition, it must be brought to the administration’s and AIM’s attention immediately.

Having this additional medical insurance and mandatory immunizations/vaccinations is NOT an option, as per the Tiferet registration form that all students and parents have signed. No student will be allowed to enter Tiferet until we have been notified that she is fully enrolled in the medical plan we have selected.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS: Because of “pre-existing conditions” possibilities, parents or students should NOT cancel their current family coverage during the year in Israel. It is very possible that if a student has any pre-existing conditions they will not be covered in Israel and if a new condition arises in Israel it may not be covered by a new insurance policy purchased upon the student’s return home.

Passports (check expiration date NOW!)

It is very important to make sure that you have a valid passport that **expires after January 2024**. Students whose passport will expire before January 2024 must renew her passport prior to her year of study, as she may not be issued a student visa from the Israeli government. It is almost impossible to renew passports in Israel, so don't rely on that possibility

Attendance Policy

We believe that your year at Tiferet is a unique, once-in-a-lifetime educational experience, not to be taken lightly. This is why some universities give partial or full college credit for the year - because they know how serious it is.

Based on this consideration, students are expected to attend all classes, programs and tiyulim at Tiferet. Therefore, each class has a maximum number of allowed absences, under ANY and ALL circumstances. If more than that amount is missed, then to comply with accreditation standards, we cannot grant credit for that class. This includes classes missed for parents' visits, s'machot, and illnesses.

Please understand that this policy is a requirement that must be fulfilled in order to receive the benefit of Tiferet's transcript and possible university credits.

Birthday Cakes, Mishloach Manot, etc.

Some of the options are:

- Kosher Cakery (<http://koshercakery.com/>)
- Gilis Goodies (<http://www.gilisgoodies.com/store/>)
- Mak's Bake Shop <http://www.maksbakeshop.com>

Shipping Packages to Your Daughter

We strongly suggest that if you send any packages to your daughter by an express or priority mail service, that you use one of the worldwide services like UPS or FEDEX, since the mail systems of your home country and the Israeli mail services do not coordinate very well and delivery will be delayed.

Also, some of students have had to pay Israeli import taxes on gifts that they received from overseas.

Valuables

Students should NOT bring any valuables to school, especially jewelry, and no expensive clothing. We will make provisions for the safekeeping of passports and return flight tickets but we cannot be responsible for lost or missing items of any value.

The school provides small, in-room personal safes for each student.

Linen Purchase, Laundry and Bed Size

- If you want to purchase linen, blankets and pillows which will be delivered to you upon arrival, instead of bringing them from home, you can visit www.blanketexpressplus.com (718-360-4534) or info@4less-LLC.com (866-404-5377).

You may be able to purchase other items from them, like shampoo, that will also be delivered upon your arrival

- Tiferet has washers and dryers in the building. Some students send out their laundry.
- Ramat Beit Shemesh Aleph has dry cleaners.
- Tiferet mattresses are 75 inches by 31.5 inches (190cm x 80cm) and are about 6 inches thick.

Transcripts

Tiferet provides one (1) transcript to a college or university upon a student's satisfactory completion of the entire school year and completion of all financial obligations to the school.

Cellphones

We strongly recommend that all of our students use the Talk N Save cellphone plan selected by Tiferet as many of our students in the past have been very satisfied with their service.

Talk N Save has invested in infrastructure in order to provide good cellphone reception throughout the Tiferet building. If you choose a different provider there is no guarantee that you will have acceptable phone reception in the Tiferet dorms. This is especially important due to the quarantine. If your daughter has a different plan, she may not have reception in her room, and during the quarantine she may be limited in where she can go to get better reception. Talk n Save is the only cell phone provider that will come to Tiferet before the school year to ensure that the reception is acceptable throughout the dorm.

It may be very hard to fix any cellphone issues that your daughter may have with a different cellphone provider upon arrival in Israel. Talk N Save is the only provider who informed us that they will help students sort out their phone issues.

***The use of cellphones, for any reason, in the Beit Midrash or during classes is not permitted.

Spending Money

Do not bring a lot of cash with you. \$100-200 is more than enough to start. You should change a small amount to shekalim at the airport when you arrive.

During the year, you can use bank ATM machines and check cashing establishments in the RBS shopping center who are very accommodating to all of our students.

Dress Code

is strictly enforced, both inside and outside the school

All clothes must conform to the laws of tzniut/modesty. This includes:

- No tight or very fitted clothing
- No low-cut shirts; the neckline must reach the collarbone.
- Sleeves must cover the elbows
- Skirts must cover the knees when sitting
- Slits must not begin above the knee, even when sitting
- Men's tank-top undershirts are not allowed at all

Please help us avoid uncomfortable situations and only bring clothing that meets these standards.

Sefarim List

At Tiferet, we have many different classes from which you can choose topics including Philosophy, Jewish History, Chumash, Navi, Gemara, Musar and Tefila.

These are sefarim that EVERY Tiferet student will need for her classes.

- a full Mikraot Gedolot on Chumash and Nach
- a Hebrew - English dictionary (pocket size is best)
- Shemirat Shabbat Kehilchata, part 1
- Machzorim for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

You can purchase these sefarim here in Israel, where the prices are cheaper and the sefarim will not weigh down your luggage. But if you already own these sefarim, you may want to bring them with you.

PACKING LIST

When packing for your year at Tiferet, please keep in mind that from September until November the days can be very warm, but the evenings are often cool. November through March can be cold and wet. Therefore, we recommend bringing light clothing for the early fall and spring and layered clothing for the winter months to wear both indoors and out. **We highly recommend that you do your best to not over-pack.** Please be aware that many top American brand names can be purchased in Israel at a small premium. A large selection of American foods and products are sold in all of the nearby grocery stores and supermarkets in Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Here is a suggested packing list:

- Purell, personal size for travelling
- Facemasks, 2-week supply
- Sunscreen
- Prescription medications, 3-month supply
- Allergy medications
- Thermometer with a cover
- Contact lens solution & supplies
- Bacitracin ointment (not available in Israel)
- Band-aids, small box
- Motrin/Tylenol or generic equivalent
- Toiletries (see below)
- Sweatshirts
- Sweatpants/Leggings (under skirts for Tiyulim)
- Hat/bandana for tiyulim
- Sheets and pillowcases (2-3 sets)
- Pillow
- Blanket
- Pajamas (Summer and Winter)
- Robe
- Towels
- Shabbat clothing*
- Sweaters
- Rain gear
- Sleeping bag (required)
- Waterproof warm boots for a rainy winter
- Winter coat
- Hiking shoes
- Hiking skirts
- Exercise clothing
- Running Shoes
- Non-leather Shoes for Yom Kippur
- Small travel bag for weekends
- Undergarments
- Socks
- Tights/stockings
- Flashlight
- Bathing Suit
- A Notebook to start the year
- Plug adapters (can be purchased in RBS)
- Old shirt for tearing "kiriya" when first going to the kotel
- Laundry bag
- Skirt hangers (bring a few)

* Shabbat clothing in Israel tends to be somewhat less formal than in America, Canada or England or Switzerland