

TAG ACADEMY

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Directors' Welcome Letter

Dear Bochor Sheyichyeh,

We are thrilled to welcome you to TAG Academy. We admire your courage and willingness to be trailblazers in this incredible journey of our lives. As you become part of TAG, we are establishing our lifelong commitment to you, and we thank you for this special opportunity. We will do everything in our power (and more) to nurture your growth and continue to care for you forever.

“The American Jewish community is wonderful,” the Rebbe told Reb Chaim Zelig Wouk. “While you cannot tell them to do anything, you can teach them to do everything.” This guidance from the Rebbe empowers us to constantly find newer and better ways to create a loving, safe, and enjoyable environment in which we can all develop into our healthiest selves as true Chassidim.

Of course, we expect our students to be sensitive to others and realize the power each and every one of us has. The environment is created and shaped by us, and we must take responsibility for it. We all have a unique approach and perspective that the world needs. With this in mind, we are excited to develop and change the world for the better together with the ultimate you.

We look forward to greeting you in person and watching you soar to your greatest heights as the leaders of this generation.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Pinny Andrusier

Rabbi Aizik Chanin

Rabbi Zalmy Raksin

Rabbi Levi Blizinsky

TAG ACADEMY CALENDAR

5786-7/2026-2027

Arrival-1st Day	Sunday, August 30,	י"ז אלול
Tishrei Break	Tuesday, September 22,	י"א תשרי
Students Return	Thursday, October 8,	כ"ז תשרי
Yud Shvat Trip*	Tuesday, January 12,	ד' שבט
Mid-Winter Break	Tuesday, January 19,	י"א שבט
Students Return	Sunday, January 31,	כ"ג שבט
Pesach Break	Wednesday, April 14,	ז' ניסן
Students Return	Tuesday, May 4,	כ"ז ניסן
Summer Break	Thursday, June 17,	י"ב סיון

-Seder starts the morning after return dates

*Yud Shvat trip is part of Seder.

Daily Schedule

8:00 AM	Vekking
8:30 AM	Chassidus
9:30 AM	Davening prep
9:45 AM	Hisbonenus
9:50 AM	Shacharis
	Breakfast
11:30 AM	Cleanup
11:45 AM	Eagle
12:35 PM	Break
12:40 PM	Nigleh
1:30 PM	Break
1:35 PM	Chitas and Rambam
2:30 PM	Mincha
2:45 PM	Lunch
3:15 PM	Change
3:20 PM	Leave to sports
4:30 PM	Showers and swim
5:15 PM	MSSD
6:15 PM	MSSD 2
7:15 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Evening Program
8:45 PM	Maariv
9:00 PM	Break
10:45 PM	Lights Out

*Schedule subject to change.

Class/Program Descriptions

Chassidus

The essential antidote to today's challenges and necessary preparation for the complete Geula.

Davening Preparations

Mezonos, restroom, prepare the body for davening, Karbonos and putting on Tefillin.

Hisbonenus (Meditation)

Five-minute Hisbonenus session in Tefillin.

Eagle

This is a powerful bonding experience where we all learn together and share what's on our mind and in our hearts. We will have an idea or theme which is discussed and hear everybody's input and experiences they choose to share. In this way, we build our emotional connection, understand each other better, and reach the impossible together.

Nigleh (Revealed Aspects of Torah)

Emphasis will be on Nigleh. When someone has a passion and interest for something specific within the Nigleh aspect of Torah, we will encourage it as much as possible. Indispensable ingredients in our daily learning include Gemara or Mishnayos and Halacha.

Chitas

Chitas is the daily study of Chumash, Tehillim, and Tanya. The Rebbe emphasizes its importance as a way to unite Jews worldwide through shared learning and to strengthen personal spiritual growth. Its daily study enables one to live with Torah and Chassidus and serves as a source of blessings and protection. Incorporating Chitas into a teenager's daily schedule fosters spiritual growth, discipline, and a deeper Yiddishkeit. Chitas classes are held in small groups, accommodating different learning levels and styles to ensure each student can engage meaningfully with the material. This approach helps students develop the habit of daily study, equipping them with the capability to continue learning Chitas daily even when they are not in Yeshivah.

Sports

Besides the on-campus basketball court and fields, there is a really nice park a short, five-minute walk away with basketball courts, football/soccer/baseball fields, volleyball sand courts and tennis courts.

My Shlichus and Skill Development

Each person has G-d given talents that need to be developed into applicable skills. The "My Shlichus and Skill Development" program is designated for just this purpose. Each student will work on whichever skill is needed for him to have his impact on the world and fulfill his Shlichus.

This time slot is split in two sessions: the development of skills as well as exploration of new fields and professions. We will, with G-d's help, have professionals give us research to initialize us into his field of expertise. The professional will spend some time with us and present his occupation and passion and give some time for Q&A. He will share with us the Hashgacha Pratis he's seen and experienced in his life. The student thus has the opportunity to be exposed to professions in which he has potential interest and talent.

In general there are three rooms available to use for this time of the day:

1. Music Room - equipped with microphones, speakers, instruments and a computer to work on music development and learning how to write and produce music.
2. Creative Room - soon to be equipped with a green screen, microphones and computers to use for podcasting, video production and other creative endeavors.
3. Computer Room - equipped with laptops for each student to work on his personal work on subjects including: English, Math, Science, Photography, Business, Economics etc.

Evening Program

Every night (excluding Friday night), the shluchim arrange different activities which encompass the ideas of learning, group bonding and enjoyment. These activities may include: Seder Sichos, watching the weekly Rebbe video, Farbrengend and other forms of group games.

Cheshbon HaNefesh

We will spend a few minutes each evening thinking about ourselves as we make an accounting of our day to see what is going well, what we would like to improve upon. We can then plan for the next day. Spending time on introspection and reflection is an important investment in oneself.

Trips and Outings

We plan various activities outside of the ordinary schedule both on- and off-campus.

Friday

There will, G-d willing, be a modified schedule on Fridays which will include Shabbos preparations and Mivtzoim.

Shabbos

Modified schedule for Shabbos will include Shabbatons, themed Shabbos, eating with the community and in-house Shabbos (which may include hosting, games, Farbrengens, and programs).

Our Campus

TAG Academy is located on a magnificent 6.5-acre campus in Cooper City, FL featuring four buildings.

Main Building

The main building is a 9,400 sq. ft. facility that houses classrooms, a library, an auditorium, a shul, commercial kitchen, canteen, and administrative offices. The main building is shared with the active Chabad community of SW Broward.

Dormitory

The dorm features 20 rooms, a recreation lounge, workout gym, music room, computer room, creative room and laundry room. Each room will host four students and is equipped with a private bathroom and shower. The dorm is located next to the main building.

AGAM Retreat Center

The Retreat Center overlooks the picturesque lake and includes a swimming pool. TAG is allowed to use the pool aside for when it's reserved for a specific group or the like. The pool can be used for Mikvah up until Shacharis. The recently upgraded building will be ideal for guests to join TAG Academy for Shabbos and Yomim Tovim. It does not belong to TAG and we are not allowed to enter without permission.

JEMS Preschool

The preschool and TAG Academy are hosted on the same campus but are separate in administration, facilities, and areas. We are not allowed in their areas without permission.

The Grounds

In addition to the four buildings mentioned above, the campus is adorned with a tropical garden, kayak and canoe enabled fish pond, basketball court, and ample sitting area among the serene oak and palm trees.

The Community

Chabad of SW Broward (SWB) is thrilled to welcome TAG Academy to Cooper City and share their facilities. TAG has an active role in the Shlichus of Cooper City. Chabad SWB is at the forefront of community outreach in providing essential services and spreading Yiddishkeit.

General Information

Arriving in Florida

There are two nearby airports:

- ❖ Fort Lauderdale (FLL) - about a 20-minute drive.
- ❖ Miami International (MIA) - about a 45-minute drive.

Students and parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the airport and TAG

Located at:

5960 SW 106th Ave.
Davie, FL 33328

Flight information for collaboration should be submitted here
<https://forms.gle/xqBrdVbpDc2a4SRSA> and viewed here  Flight Coordinator

Deliveries

Deliveries (such as Amazon) should be shipped to:

NAME OF BOCHUR - TAG
5960 SW 106th Ave.
Davie, FL 33328

Laundry

There are coin-operated washer and dryer machines located in the dormitory and are available for use.

Nearby Stores

- Target - 2.3 miles
- Walmart - 1.8 miles
- Aroma Kosher Market and Cafe- 1.5 miles
- Publix - 1.2 miles
- Pembroke Lake Malls - 4.3 miles
- Westfield Broward - 7.5 miles
- Walgreens Pharmacy - 0.9 miles

Guidelines For Success

Dress Code

Weekday until after Mincha

- Buttoned Shirt (No images)
- Pants (Non-tattered or torn)
- Closed-Toed Shoes

Weekday from after Mincha

- Head covering - Yarmulka, bandana, cap, hat etc. okay
- Shirt - no offensive or inappropriate words or images
- Pants - Shorts okay

Shabbos

- Suit or dress pants
- Dress shirt
- Dress shoes

Sports

- Bochurim are encouraged to wear activewear during all sports and gym activities.
- Head covering is a must at all times.

Program Attendance

The daily schedule and everything in it has been deliberately and carefully placed so we can develop into our best selves. Everything in the schedule is pertinent to your growth, and attendance is a must. If a Bochur needs to deviate from the schedule for any reason, permission must be acquired first to ascertain if this is the best route. Please note that attendance will be taken at each class and recorded in your personal file.

Leaving Yeshiva

When a Bochur needs to leave Yeshiva for whatever reason, this must be communicated properly. Permission will be granted based on the Bochur's best interest.

Leaving Campus Premises

Boruch Hashem, we are located on a beautiful campus with many enjoyable amenities. If a Bochur needs to leave the campus for whatever reason, he must get permission from the authoritative figure at that time. To avoid miscommunication, there will always be one person to go to.

Phones

Being that phones are powerful tools, we will need to learn how to use them in a healthy way, which will enable us to be in control and influence the world positively. Therefore, any student

who has permission from parents and the school can bring their phone and hand it in upon arrival. Phones must have a filter that prevent any inappropriate use. Each Friday, students will be given the opportunity to use their phones for approximately two hours.

If we deem it appropriate, we will possibly introduce phones into our lives in a careful, purposeful, and meaningful way based on the needs and capabilities of each individual.

Shabbos

The Shabbos environment is extremely important for the success of TAG and the community around. The laws of Shabbos must be kept with the utmost scrupulousness, encouraging those around us and beautifying the atmosphere to an enjoyable and meaningful Shabbos experience.

Kosher

Cholov Yisroel and Pas Yisroel is a basic standard that must be adhered to on campus and while at TAG. Besides for our in-house chef and catered meals, there are quite a few kosher restaurants and stores nearby that can be used for purchasing delicious Milchig as well as Fleishig foods. Our standard is Glatt Kosher and we wait 6 hours after meat and 1 hour after dairy.

Dorm

The dormitory is a shared space which requires much mutual respect from everybody. Cleanliness is essential to hygienic living as well as feeling respectable. Bochurim will have designated times to tidy up their rooms as well as specific responsibilities to help with the communal areas. We are confident that a small amount of effort on everyone's part will go a long way to keep our dormitory clean, pleasant, and safe.

Playing music out loud should be a fun and enjoyable experience. When listening to an artist's music, it connects one's soul with theirs. Therefore the artist must be a Torah-oriented Jew, and the type of music must be modest, clean, and Jewish-themed.

Tznius is applicable to both genders and is expected to be adhered to in TAG. This is part of building ourselves as respectful people. Any body part that is usually covered in public must be covered in the dorm as well.

Non-Jewish books are not allowed to be read during Seder, in Shul, or in classrooms, nor should they be left in any public areas, and they may be confiscated. However, staff can grant permission for self-help books and similar materials.

Respecting the Campus / Chabad

Sharing the campus with the community requires us to take responsibility over the environment and ensure no damage is done to any parts of the buildings. Behaving and speaking respectfully will feed the positive involvement of the community and give us even more opportunities to get involved in exciting projects and events. Offering help and showing appreciation to our hosts, as well as to those community members who have put in so much

hard work, will be a beautiful and Menschlich thing to do. We will have fun and utilize all the amenities with which we are presented, while making sure to clean up after ourselves and maintain an aesthetically pleasant environment.

Drugs

Any prescription medications that a Bochur may have, must be communicated and arranged with the staff. Any drug use, including marijuana, is prohibited. Adherence to this is essential for the safety of all our students and a requirement to continue full participation in TAG and onsite dorming.

Alcohol

Possession of alcohol is prohibited.

Smoking and Vaping

We understand this is a common challenge for many individuals and we are creating an environment that will foster growth and health. For this reason, any kind of smoking or vaping is prohibited.

The Lake

A great way to enjoy a tranquil moment in your busy day, the lake has a calming effect on all. With permission, the available kayaks can be used. Life vests and proper precautions are an obvious priority. Wildlife is present, and fishing is encouraged.

Chores

Communal responsibilities will be divided among the Bochorim to foster care for the environment, Menschlichkeit, and necessary life skills. Each Bochur will be expected to do his part to create a pleasant and enjoyable environment.

AC / Lights

Instructions regarding lights and A/C will be provided to avoid wasting money on utilities. Be careful with these instructions to ensure uninterrupted use and control of A/C.

Packing List

Clothing

- ☐ Undershirts
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Button Down Shirts
- ☐ Pants (non-torn or tattered)
- ☐ White Shirts (for Shabbos)
- ☐ Shabbos Suit
- ☐ Sports cap or bandana
- ☐ Sports Attire (for sports and gym)
- ☐ Bathing Suit
- 10 days worth of clothing

Religious

- ☐ Tzitzis
- ☐ Yarmulke (clips if needed)
- ☐ Tefillin

General

- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Baseball glove
- ☐ Slides
- ☐ Laundry Detergent
- ☐ Quarters for laundry
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Twin size sheets, blanket, and pillow.
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Laundry bag or basket
- ☐ Alarm Clock

Health and Wellness

Exam and Immunizations

Consistent with Florida law, students must have a health exam within the 12 months previous to enrolling at TAG. Florida form DH304, filled out and signed by your physician, must be submitted to TAG within ten days of the start of school. The equivalent form from other states is also acceptable so long as it is signed by the physician.

Up to date immunization forms must also be submitted on form DH680. Medical exemptions, signed by the physician, can be submitted on the same form. Religious exemptions must be applied for at the Broward County Department of Health on form DH681. For more information, please call 954-467-4705. Unfortunately, letters from your rabbi, doctor or parent are not acceptable to meet this requirement.

Medication

Any over the counter medication that is in the student's possession must be reported to the TAG office and the appropriate forms filled out by the student's parents granting permission. If the student will be taking any prescription medication, forms must be filled out by the physician and by the parent and a valid prescription kept on file in the TAG office. Students may carry emergency medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler, but all other prescription medication must be held in the TAG office and administered by the designated TAG staff member.

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Medical permission forms must be filled out by the parent authorizing the TAG staff to provide and arrange for medical treatment in the event of an emergency. In the event of a routine illness, the student's parent will be notified and if necessary, the student will be brought to an appropriate medical facility. Please be sure that your insurance information is included on the medical permission forms.

Academic Progress

In addition to the regular feedback that students will receive from their teachers, quarterly reports will be issued to parents and made a part of the student's permanent academic record. Students with Florida residency will also be required to take part in annual standardized testing, the results of which will be reported to the state and to parents.

A parentally placed private school student with a disability does not have an individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services that the student would receive if enrolled in a public school under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended.



TAG Academy is made possible with
love and thanks to the Rebbe for his
Brochos and guidance.