

Message from the Headmaster – Pesach Break 2021

Dear Parents and Staff,

I would like to wish you a meaningful *Chag Kasher v'Sameach*.

Boruch Hashem, we have had a very strong year, both from an educational and a health perspective. Your partnership in helping us adhere to our Covid protocols has been instrumental in our success.

Recognizing the continuing evolution of the Covid situation, including the widespread vaccination which has been taking place, we at YGW have been discussing the policies and procedures necessary to continue our learning in a safe environment for our students and staff after Pesach break.

The leadership team, in consultation with our medical advisors and the Rosh HaYeshiva, has decided the return to school for in-person learning after Yom Tov will be on Tuesday, April 6, as originally scheduled. An updated **YGW Travel and Activity Guidelines** is attached below.

All students and staff will be required to complete the Health Screening before being cleared to come to campus after Yom Tov and we ask families to maintain their vigilance in masking and distance, as well as monitoring for symptoms and exposure.

These guidelines are in consonance with our intention to continue the safe and positive educational environment implemented for this academic year.

Participants in the Out-of-town Student Program (OSP) and their parents should be in touch with the OSP Manager of their division to confirm their plans for break, and the student's return to YGW.

We will update you as the changing situation warrants. All policies, including **the attached Travel and Activity Guidelines update**, are available in our Covid Resource Center at www.yeshiva.edu.

As always, specific circumstances can be evaluated individually via covidboys@yeshiva.edu or covidgirls@yeshiva.edu.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and wish everyone an enjoyable and healthy break.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Yitzchak Merkin