

# Yeshiva of Greater Washington – Tiferes Gedaliah

August, 2018

Dear Parents:

In order to avoid an epidemic of head lice in school, we are requiring all girls to be checked for head lice before school begins on Tuesday, August 28. We have arranged for a volunteer in a few neighborhoods to help do the checking in their homes during August 20 thru 27. Please call any authorized checker, or one of the volunteers (*listed on the reverse side*) to arrange an appointment. If you are an experienced checker, you can check your own family. Your daughter should wash, dry, and de-tangle her hair before being checked.

If your daughter is lice- & nit-free, the checker will issue a clearance **pass** to be turned in at school on the first day. Checkers will also give the school a list of the girls they cleared. Out-of-town girls can be checked at home by school nurses or authorized checkers. Please bring a statement from the checker containing their name, address, and daytime phone number. **Students who have not been checked will not be admitted to class.**

If your daughter does have lice or nits, please take the following steps before sending her to school.

- Check the heads of other family members to be sure it hasn't already spread in your house. The following instructions would then apply for anyone affected.
- Any bed linens your daughter may have used should be laundered in very warm water and dried in the dryer.
- Wash all of her clothing that may have come in contact with her head. Non-washable clothing may be dry-cleaned.
- Use NIX CREAM RINSE, or an approved anti-lice shampoo. (Check with your doctor or pharmacist for brand names.) NIX is available over the counter.
- Remove all nits using a fine-tooth comb. *Please note that these products do not kill nits, which may hatch into live lice.*
- Helpful hint for removing nits: Rub warm olive oil into the hair and scalp. Cover with a towel for 5-10 minutes. Shampoo several times, preferably using a shampoo with conditioner. Nits should then come out easily.
- Repeat treatment in one week. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

We would like to emphasize that anyone can contract lice. There is no correlation between lice and cleanliness or grooming habits. It is spread by the lice crawling from head to head among people in close proximity, such as in a school setting, and should not be a cause of embarrassment to parents or students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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## LICE-CHECK VOLUNTEERS

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<b><u>Baltimore</u></b>			
Tikvah Pickett	360-561-3587	<a href="mailto:tddiamond21@aol.com">tddiamond21@aol.com</a>	Call
<b><u>Kemp Mill</u></b>			
Yelena Kott	240-535-8106	<a href="mailto:yelenakott@yahoo.com">yelenakott@yahoo.com</a>	Call
<b><u>Potomac</u></b>			
Ruth Baars	301-370-2175		Call ( <i>Sundays &amp; evenings</i> )
<b><u>White Oak</u></b>			
Ivy Edelstein	301-233-3352	<a href="mailto:ekarivka@gmail.com">ekarivka@gmail.com</a>	Call
Leah Verschleisser	301-681-8852	<a href="mailto:leah@versch.net">leah@versch.net</a>	Call ( <i>available evenings only</i> )

### **Businesses to contact:**

Advice on Lice	240-242-4267	<a href="mailto:info@adviceonlicemd.com">info@adviceonlicemd.com</a>
Mrs. Nitpicker	240-305-3208	<a href="mailto:mrsnitpicker@gmail.com">mrsnitpicker@gmail.com</a>

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<i>(Student's Name and Grade)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>
The following results were found:	
_____ Live Lice	
_____ Evidence of Nits	
_____ No Nits or Lice were found	
Authorized Checker Name: _____	