

OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT



Head of School



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KATZ YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Welcome to **KYHS**

Our Campus

Katz Yeshiva High School of South Florida is proud of its role as a Modern Orthodox institution that values the balance of Jewish and General education. KYHS is housed in a beautiful 80,000 square foot building, with a campus that includes an innovative STEM lab, Beit Midrash, vast fields, basketball courts, workout room, and a magnificent gym. Over the years, KYHS has experienced explosive growth and now has close to 500 students studying in grades 9-12.

The HOS Opportunity

The large student body and talented faculty at KYHS provide an opportunity to propel the school to its next level. The school is lucky to have a team of talented and experienced young administrators looking to grow in their careers with a strong mentor by their side. KYHS is also fortunate to be in a strong and healthy financial position, which will enable the next Head of School to more easily carry out his or her vision. And finally, KYHS is committed to cooperative lay leadership, with the board supporting the Head of School as the prime decision-maker in carrying out the mission of the school.



What we stand for

Mission

Katz Yeshiva High School of South Florida serves the local Jewish communities. All members of our school community are actively engaged in the lifelong process of learning and character development. Toward that end we strive to:

INSPIRE our students to make a lifelong commitment to Jewish values, learning, and observance, and to view all disciplines and pursuits through the prism of Torah.

CHALLENGE our students with an excellent Judaic and General Studies program that engages the heart and mind, builds character, and develops knowledgeable and thoughtful young men and women who will continue the journey of learning.

Our Values

תורת ישראל

Devotion to Jewish law
and observance

עם ישראל

Embracing all Jews

מדינת ישראל

Supporting and celebrating the
State of Israel

כבוד הבריות

Respecting all human beings

תיקון עולם

Contributing to the community



By the numbers

17

KYHS students come from 17 South Florida cities, with the majority of our students hailing from Boca Raton and Hollywood

40

co-curricular and academic clubs and committees

90+%

of our students spend a year in Israel post graduation

170

students attend night seder

492

students

16

students in the average class



Education

Our Judaic Studies

KYHS students immerse themselves in Judaic Studies classes that challenge them to expand their understanding of Torah SheBichtav and Torah SheBa'al Peh, broaden their textual and analytical skills, and deepen their connection to Jewish identity and practice. Our dynamic team of Rebbeim and Morot guide our students to develop the desire and ability to become independent lifelong Torah learners.

Our Limudei Kodesh classes, divided by gender and proficiency, are designed to maximize each student's personal, academic, and religious growth.

Our Judaic Studies program includes core courses in Tanach, Gemara, Halacha, and Ivrit, in addition to a weekly Hashkafa class. Students are also offered optional learning opportunities throughout the week in programs such as Beit Midrash, Night Seder, and Mishmar.

Our General Studies

The goal of General Studies at KYHS is to broaden and deepen students' understanding of the world around them, while developing their skills and a passion for lifelong learning. Our extensive program consists of carefully tailored courses designed to challenge students at their appropriate levels. We offer Advanced Placement, Honors, Accelerated, Grade Level, and Principles tracks.

The faculty members in each department coordinate their teaching so that similar themes are reinforced in all classes. Students take a core course in English, History, Math, and Science each year, as well as an elective. Ultimately, students graduate from KYHS fully prepared for success in postsecondary education.





The Student Experience

Clubs & Committees

KYHS has over 40 clubs and committees enabling students to learn and experience new fields outside the classroom. Students take active roles in clubs and learn important life skills, which often contribute to career choices and next steps in their academic pursuits. Club options at KYHS include Social Activism, Knitting, 3D Printing, Fitness, Philosophy, Model UN, Coding, Art and many more.

Theater & Fine Arts

The KYHS Theater and Fine Arts Program brings learning out of the classroom and provides students the opportunity to get involved in all aspects of the theatrical process. With a life lesson/stage lesson approach, our theater program instills lessons through theater that are enduring and can be applied in all facets of life, both personally and professionally. Theater allows students an opportunity to develop confidence, communication skills, team work, and camaraderie; it also teaches the life long lesson of hard work and a tangible example of return on investment.

KYHS produces two shows annually - an all-girls musical and a spring co-ed production. Under the guidance of our instructor, director and theater professional, Ms. Jill Lustig, our students hone their acting skills and demonstrate commitment and professionalism that delivers performances that are a true legacy and a source of pride for years to come.

Chesed

The Chesed program at KYHS aims to encourage students to be meaningfully engaged in community service in ways that create a lifelong love of helping others. While we hope that students will find opportunities to perform small acts of chesed every day, we require that students perform a minimum of 18 hours of community service on an annual basis. Students can choose to fulfill the chesed requirement at the Basic level, or they can go beyond these requirements to fulfill the Honors level.

Athletics

The life lessons learned through athletics are ones that our students will never forget. At KYHS students can choose among 16 different sports including Boys and Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys Flag Football, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer, JV Boys Soccer, Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball, JV Boys Basketball, Boys and Girls Tennis, and Boys Baseball. Our coaching staff is a dedicated and knowledgeable team that embraces the mission and values of the school. They understand the academic workload required by the students and will work with them to accommodate their academic and athletic needs, so that each student can succeed in all areas of their school experience.

Ashreinu Student Publication

Ashreinu, which published its first issue in 2010, is a weekly student-written and student-run Torah publication with a goal in providing students and families of KYHS and the larger South Florida community a way to enhance study of the weekly Torah portion. Ashreinu is sent out via email and is placed in various synagogues in South Florida every week with divrei torah written by faculty, students, and alumni, providing insights, ideas, creativity, and depth to the weekly Torah portion.





Our Student Services

ISRAEL GUIDANCE

Spending a year in Israel after graduation to study at a yeshiva or seminary strengthens the bond our graduates have with the State of Israel and a committed Torah lifestyle. It is an important transition year from the highly structured high school life to the independence of the college experience. Colleges also encourage the gap year abroad, realizing that they will get a more well-rounded, mature student. Our Israel Guidance Counselors visit seminaries and yeshivot in Israel every year to keep current with the many options that are available to our graduates. Representatives from approximately 30 Israel schools visit KYHS annually. The Israel Guidance staff meets with each senior and his or her parents to identify the most appropriate school in which the student will continue on their path of religious growth.



COLLEGE GUIDANCE

KYHS students have successfully enrolled at and graduated from a range of highly selective colleges, religious and secular, public and private, in America and Israel. Almost all of our graduates matriculate at a college where they find a considerable engaged Modern Orthodox community. College Guidance at KYHS begins as early as freshman year and continues through graduation and beyond. Freshmen receive early exposure to college entrance exams to familiarize them with standardized tests. As sophomores, students meet both individually and in small groups with academic advisors and College Guidance counselors. Their academic performance and results of standardized tests are analyzed annually to make sure that each student is appropriately challenged and is meeting his or her full intellectual potential.

College Guidance is more intensive for upperclassmen as juniors and seniors are guided step-by-step through the college exploration and application process, from making the most of campus visits, preparing for interviews, and crafting meaningful college application essays, to determining which colleges meet individual abilities and aspirations, academically and religiously. Our seasoned College Guidance professionals provide a variety of seminars and workshops for students and parents at every grade level. Topics include the nuts and bolts of applying to college, financing your college education, and deciphering the results of standardized exams.

The College Guidance department is committed to ensuring that every student attends an institution of higher learning that will build on the strong foundations set during their formative years at KYHS.



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

The guidance staff at KYHS monitors the development of the whole child and ensures that students are able to manage the struggles of adolescence. When dealing with the emotional challenges that teenagers typically endure, as well as acute crises that they may encounter, our guidance counselors have an open door that welcomes and supports all students.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

KYHS works to ensure that students are able to learn in ways that suit their individual learning profiles. Whether meeting with individual students who need help with organizational skills or small groups of students who need to work on effective study habits, our Director of Learning and Academic Support and his team ensure that students are both supported and challenged. By coordinating accommodations and modifications for individual students and by working with teachers to tailor educational experiences, our team aims to facilitate the learning environment that provides each of our students with the opportunity to succeed. A program of small group instruction with a learning specialist and speech and language pathologist is available; in such situations a case manager oversees the overall academic progress of a student, serves as a liaison between teachers, students, and parents, and coordinates any necessary accommodations and modifications to the curriculum.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

At KYHS, students are encouraged to explore and develop their religious identities through a variety of formal and informal educational opportunities. These include tefillah, Judaics studies classes, student chesed activities, holiday programming, and more. Ruach is a beautiful and valued part of KYHS, apparent in every shabbaton, every chagiga, every kumzitz. The Mashgiach Ruchani is tasked with raising religious awareness throughout the school, ensuring that everyone is always on a path of growth. This is accomplished by working with students to create additional learning opportunities during lunch periods, mitzvah awareness campaigns, daily Halacha information sheets, and special programs focused around the chagim.





Our Ideal Head of School

The following qualities are the priorities for the next Head of School at KYHS:

- **Strong Modern Orthodox role model**, embodying the mission and core values of the school
- **Good leadership skills**, including excellent communication and a collaborative team approach
- **Effective management experience**, with a track record of maintaining robust systems and the ability to help every team member actualize their individual roles
- **The ability to be a visionary** - both conceptualizing needed change and helping to make it a reality
- **Warm, charismatic personality**, with strong interpersonal skills
- **Familiarity with educational trends in both Judaic and General studies**, and the ability to understand both the academic and social/emotional needs of the student





Welcome to Boca Raton!

Hugging the shoreline between West Palm Beach to the north and Fort Lauderdale and Miami to the south, less than 50 miles from 3 international airports, Boca Raton enjoys all the charm and warmth that Florida has to offer. It features beautiful palm trees and year-round temperatures in the 60-85 degree range. Its welcoming small town appeal and picturesque Mediterranean Revival architecture enchant visitors and residents alike, while 1,500 acres of parks and miles of hiking paths provide plenty of pleasant semi-tropical flora and fauna. It is conveniently located near premier shopping, 3 universities, 46 parks, 3 libraries, 3 public golf courses, all less than 6 miles to the fabulous beaches that stretch over 4 miles long. An added huge enticement, Florida residents pay no state income tax. **The Boca Jewish community contains six thriving shuls, a mikvah, an eruv, numerous kosher restaurants and supermarkets.**



How to Apply

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact KYHS's search consultant, Scott Goldberg Consulting, to discuss the opportunity and the process.

All inquiries will be kept confidential. Please submit the following two documents to search@scottgoldbergconsulting.com:

Current resume

Cover letter indicating why you are interested in the role of Head of School at Katz Yeshiva High School, and what you hope to contribute to the school and community. Please touch upon your educational philosophy and leadership style, as well as your qualifications for this leadership position.

