

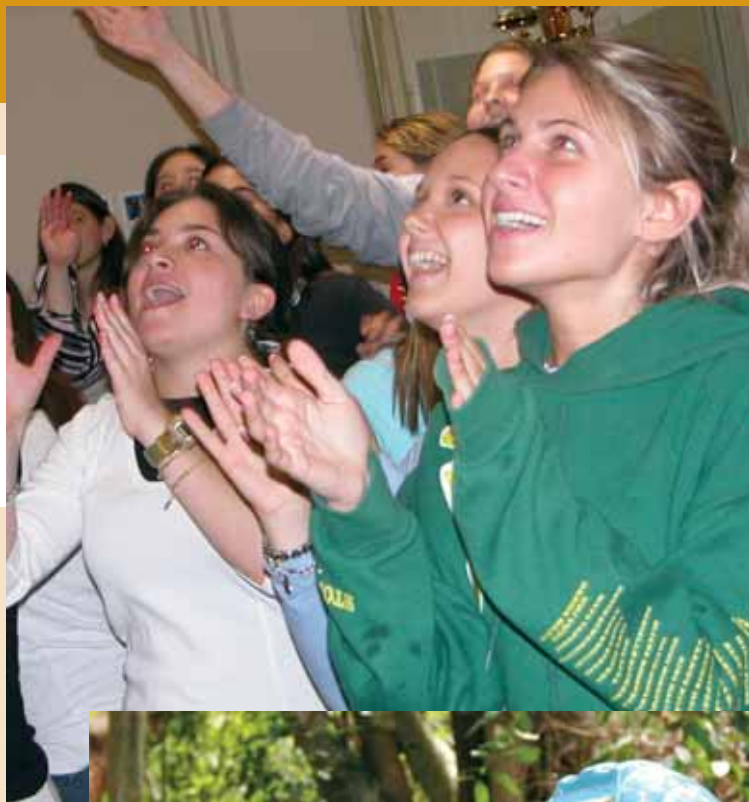
The Weinbaum

# *Yeshiva High School*



# THE WEINBAUM Yeshiva High SCHOOL

The Weinbaum Yeshiva High School has inspired the hundreds of teenagers who have entered its doors as eager adolescents and graduated as mature young adults. This viewbook depicts the unique energy and excitement of the WYHS experience, as well as the details of its program. From its suburban Boca Raton campus, WYHS is **transforming the lives of teenagers** from throughout South Florida.



*"A dynamic center for spiritual and academic excellence. In a short period of time, WYHS has developed into a model for Jewish education nationally."*

Rep. Robert Wexler,  
United States Congressman

**Our Values** celebrate...

**Torat Yisrael** (Jewish law and traditions),

**Ahavat Israel** (respect for all Jews)

**Tikkun Olam** (communal responsibility).



## ***Our mission is to...***

**Provide** equal excellence in Judaic and college studies to Jewish teenagers who seek **religious and academic growth** in a safe and caring environment.

**Challenge** our students with a comprehensive **college and yeshiva preparatory** program, enabling them to gain admission to and succeed at the finest institutions of higher learning.

**Inspire** our students to make a **life-long commitment** to Jewish values, learning and observance, and to view all disciplines and pursuits through the prism of *Torah*.

**Empower** our students to actualize their full potential, realize their personal dreams and embrace all human beings with **respect and kindness**, while actively contributing to the broader Jewish and world communities.



*"Both of our children received an excellent secular and Judaic education in a warm and spiritual environment."*

Pam & Prosper Abitbol, Parents



***Our Belief*** is the creation of the...

**State of Israel** is one of the seminal events in Jewish history. Recognizing the significance of the State and its national institutions, we seek to instill in our students an attachment to the State of Israel and its people, as well as a sense of responsibility for their welfare.

# Admissions

Our philosophy is to offer admission to students who **desire academic and spiritual growth** and can succeed in our academic program. For admissions and placement purposes, all applicants to WYHS are interviewed, submit three years of report cards, take the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT), have written recommendations submitted by their English, Math and Judaic teachers, and verbal recommendations by their middle school principals. An admissions committee consisting of educators with a broad range of perspectives thoughtfully considers each application.

Weinbaum Yeshiva High School welcomes **families of all backgrounds** who share our goals of academic and spiritual growth for their children. Students respect Kashrut, Shabbat and appropriate relations between young men and women both in and out of school when interacting with one another.

## Student Body

Students come from throughout South Florida to be a part of the excitement that is Weinbaum Yeshiva High School. A typical freshman class at WYHS is comprised of graduates from approximately seven Jewish **day schools** and yeshivot in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, students who have moved to South Florida in order to attend WYHS, and students who attended **private or public school**. Students from outside of South Florida who live in communities without a Jewish high school are also welcome.





# Atmosphere

Weinbaum Yeshiva High School is a place where students **learn and live Torah**. An environment removed from the language and values of the street, where kindness and caring pervade – this is WYHS. It is a place where one dresses in a dignified fashion. At WYHS children stand up when adults walk in the room, teachers and students dance through the halls in anticipation of Purim, Jewish music plays over the loudspeaker on a Friday afternoon, and teachers learn with students during their free time.



# Faculty

Ice cream parlors, the Internet, Shabbat tables, and basketball courts (and the classroom, of course) are some of the many places where WYHS faculty and students interact. Weinbaum Yeshiva High School recruits teachers who **truly understand teenagers** and are committed to being available for their students, both in and out of class. By keeping our class sizes small and our teachers' schedules manageable, teachers are able to give personal attention to each and every student.



*"The teachers are the most inspirational people I've met. They really speak from their hearts and souls, and they have changed my life in so many ways that I didn't think possible."*

Salit Cohen, Graduate



# Community

Packing food for the hungry, walking the elderly to synagogue, visiting a group home on a weekly basis, building homes with Habitat for Humanity, and a baseball game with developmentally disabled children are among the many community service projects in which WYHS participates en masse. In addition, each student is independently responsible to perform 10 hours of community service for non-profit organizations each trimester.



# Schedule

Weinbaum Yeshiva High School offers a dual curriculum and maintains a **standard of excellence** in both arenas. Morning prayers and breakfast begin at 8:00 AM and are followed by Judaic studies. After lunch, college preparatory studies begin and continue until dismissal. School ends at approximately 5:30 PM three days a week, one day a week the academic day ends after afternoon prayers at approximately 3:30 PM, and on Fridays dismissal is at approximately 2:00 PM. In keeping with the tradition of additional learning on Thursday nights, after half an hour of ball playing and dinner, an additional Judaic class followed by evening prayers takes place after school (optional for girls), ending at approximately 7:00 PM.

On Sundays, there is an optional program (*Mishmar*) that includes morning prayers, breakfast and an interactive class on another chapter in the same tractate of Talmud that the students are studying that year. *Mishmar* runs until approximately 10:30 AM and takes place in various **communities throughout South Florida**. Students who participate regularly in this Sunday morning program are rewarded with additional points toward their Talmud (*Gemara*) grade.

*"Students at WYHS are warm, caring and role models, both in the classroom and at their homes to which we are invited often."*

Oren Hizkiya, Student



# Prayer

Many a distinguished visitor has remarked about the **inspirational and moving** prayers at WYHS. Prayer at WYHS is neither optional nor a graded course – it is the foundation of a student's day and the bedrock of his or her religious experience.

*"The davening at WYHS is truly inspirational and unique. The atmosphere is very serious and uplifting."*

Sahar Zaghi, Student



*"I had so much fun at Model U.N. meeting, socializing and making friends from all over the country in an intellectual setting."*

Ilana Borzak, Student

# Judaic Studies

To challenge each student on his or her level and to **maximize the impact** of the classes, WYHS' Judaic classes are grouped by level and gender. In his or her four years at WYHS, a student will learn:

## **Oral Law** (*Gemara, Torah She B'al Peh*)

In *Gemara*, students study at least one tractate (*mesechta*) in each of the three areas (*sedarim*) of Holidays (*moed*), Marriage (*nashim*) and Civil Law (*nezikin*). In *Torah She B'al Peh*, students study the *mitzvot* and prohibitions of *Shabbat* and holidays, blessings and prayers, the Lifecycle, and *Kashrut*.

## **Pentateuch** (*Chumash*)

An in-depth study of four out of five Books of Moses that balances depth and breadth, as well as textual skills.

## **Prophets and Writing** (*Navi*)

We study select books from the Early and Later Prophets and Writings including Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, the Five *Megillot*, Isaiah and Jeremiah.

## **Hebrew** (*Ivrit*)

We are proud to be one of the pioneers of the NETA Hebrew Curriculum which is revolutionizing the study of Hebrew language at Jewish day schools nationwide. NETA focuses on Hebrew as it is spoken, written and sung in Israel today.

## **Beit Midrash** (*Cooperative Study*)

This is a study *b'chavruta* of *Talmud* or Bible to hone students' textual skills offered to seniors in place of Hebrew and/or *Navi*.



"Amazing school!  
I have made so many friends  
and gained so much knowledge."

Melissa Marder, student







# College Preparatory Studies:

	<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>12th Grade</b>
<b>English</b>	English I Honors English I	English II Honors English II	English III Honors English III <i>AP English Language</i>	English IV <i>Honors English IV</i> AP English Literature
<b>Math</b>	Algebra Honors Geometry <i>or</i> Algebra II	Geometry Honors Algebra II <i>or</i> Pre-Calculus	Algebra II Honors Pre-Calculus <i>or</i> <i>AP Calculus</i>	Pre-Calculus AP Calculus <i>AP Statistics</i>
<b>History</b>	Ancient Civilizations Honors Ancient Civilizations	European Honors & AP European	American Honors & AP American	Economics <i>AP Government</i>
<b>Science</b>	Biology Honors Biology	Chemistry Honors Chemistry	Physics Honors Physics AP Physics	Psychology AP Psychology AP Biology
<b>Jewish History</b>	Classical (integrated)		Medieval Honors Medieval	Zionism & Holocaust  Honors Zionism & Holocaust
<b>Electives</b>	<i>Martial Arts</i> <i>Drama</i> <i>Graphic Design</i> <i>Music</i> <i>Art</i> <i>Spanish I</i>	<i>Martial Arts</i> <i>Drama</i> <i>Graphic Design</i> <i>Music</i> <i>Art</i> <i>Spanish II</i>		

Please note that there may be multiple sections of a class. Courses in italics change from year to year based on student interest.

# Extracurriculars

As a growing school, each year Weinbaum Yeshiva High School adds a number of extracurricular activities that are **requested by students**, parents and faculty. These activities meet either during school, after school on the early dismissal day or during weekends.

As of this writing, students at Weinbaum Yeshiva High School participate in...

- Drama
- Band
- Choir
- Culture Club
- Student Government, including committees on *Tzedakah*, *Chagigot*, *Israel Action*, *Chesed*, *Class Trips*, *Publicity*, *Fundraising*
- Yearbook
- Model United Nations



## Trips

- Annual School *Shabbaton*
- Trips to Historic Virginia, Atlanta, New York, skiing in North Carolina, water sports in Key West, amusement parks in Orlando and Tampa
- National Jewish Student Leadership Conference (*Eimatai*)
- Class trips to South Florida locations such as Vizcaya and the Boca Raton Art Museum

*"Leaving home (Jacksonville, FL) was tough, but I love WYHS, the students, faculty and everything else about the school. The atmosphere is amazing. I'd never, ever think of leaving!"*

Meira Pearl, Student





*"I love the dancing at chagigot because of the ruach and unity. I look forward to them each month."*

Jessica Hoffman, Student



## Special Programs

- Big Brother/Big Sister Programs
- *Rosh Chodesh* – Special breakfasts & dancing
- Basketball Tournaments
- Pre-Thanksgiving Sports Night
- Freshman Overnight
- Purim and Chanukah *Chagigot* (Celebrations)
- Sports Recognition Program
- Color War
- WYHS American Idol Competition
- *Lag B'Omer* Sports Outing
- Pep Rally
- *Yom HaShoah* and *Yom HaZikaron*
- Teacher Service Charity Auction
- Israeli Memorial and Independence Days

*"The trip up to WYHS from Miami is definitely worth it!"*

Yocheved Fox, Student

*"As a result of our son's close relationships that he has formed with his rabbis and teachers, he has become a more confident, mature and responsible young man."*

Judy & Gary Krasna, Parents

# Sports

The WYHS Storm sports teams compete **against other private and public** schools through the Florida High School Athletic Association. In addition, our teams compete in tournaments against other Jewish schools. As the school grows, additional team sports are added at the suggestion of our students. At this date, WYHS offers.....

- Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball
- Boys Varsity Baseball
- Boys Junior Varsity Basketball
- Girls Varsity Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer
- Girls Flag Football
- Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis



*"No matter what the score is,  
our school spirit carries onto the fields and courts,  
and every player has fun each game."*

Shira Borzak, Student



# College Guidance

The goal of the WYHS College Guidance Department is to help each student identify the colleges most appropriate for him or her, and to assist the student with the application process from beginning to end. Our **counselor works one-on-one** with each student as needed. It is our hope that our graduates attend colleges where services and social activities are available for the observant student.

Part of the process is **analyzing each student's PSAT, SAT and ACT** score reports and their transcripts and determining if tutorial or test taking strategy assistance will possibly raise the student's test scores and/or school grades. Our college guidance counselor advises parents, students, teachers and administrators in college

preparation and annually offers seminars such as...

- PSAT Test Taking Preparation
- Demystifying PSATs, SATs and ACTs
- Paying for College
- College Kick-Off Program
- College Application Process
- College Planning: The Roles of Academics, Testing and Extracurricular Activities

Representatives from colleges make presentations at WYHS and meet with our students.





# Israel Guidance

To develop a true love of Israel and **Torah**, our seniors are encouraged to spend a year or more in Israel after graduation, deferring their college admission. Approximately **90% of our graduates** study at a yeshiva or seminary before entering the college of their choice. Colleges encourage such deferments, realizing that in turn they will get a more well-rounded, mature student.

Each year, our alumni share their experiences in various Israeli schools at WYHS' Israel Night. Our Israel Guidance Counselors meet with each senior to **help him or her choose** the appropriate yeshivot and seminaries to which the student should apply. Representatives of over twenty-five Israeli schools visit WYHS and make presentations to our students (parents are invited to attend).



Each year **our Israel Guidance Counselors visit the schools** in Israel to keep abreast of the new and changing options to make them available to our students. Two popular former WYHS faculty members, who now live in Israel, serve as WYHS' Israel Liaisons. They are the students' home away from home during their study in Israel and offer valuable advice on how to make the most of their Israel experience.

*"The curriculum is challenging and the trip from Miami Beach is significant but there is so much ruach at WYHS that our son loves being at school."*

Dr. & Mrs. Gary Rosenbaum



# Graduation and Beyond

Weinbaum Yeshiva High School graduation is a majestic and uplifting ceremony. The **uniqueness of each student** is highlighted and celebrated.

The close **relationship between faculty and students continues** well after the diploma is mounted proudly on the wall. Students studying in Israel frequent the home of the WYHS Israel Liaisons and have reunions with visiting WYHS faculty.

Graduates frequently visit WYHS during their breaks from their current school and they receive monthly e-mail updates from the school's Alumni Coordinator and the weekly Yeshiva High-lites e-mail newsletter. The Israel Guidance Counselors visit our graduates who are studying in Israel. The school runs an **annual alumni Shabbaton** in the Northeast.

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Jessica Friedman, Student



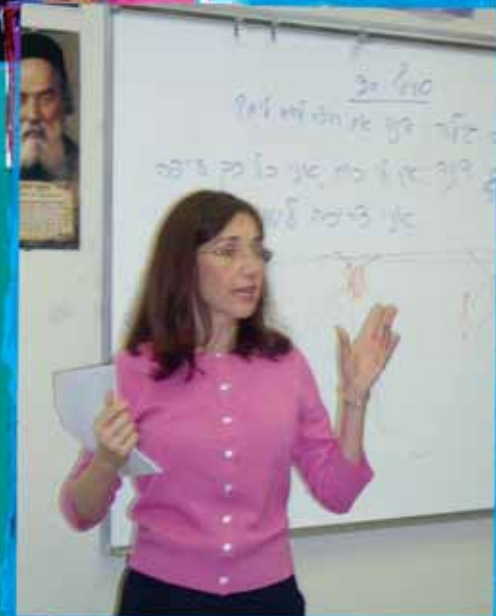
*"Graduation was really an emotional evening that summed up four amazing years at WYHS."*

Tzvi Schwarzbaum, Graduate





**Honoring our roots.  
Living our values.  
Strengthening our future.**



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