



Dear YA Parents,

Welcome to the March installment of the parent newsletter. We will try to keep you up to date with everything happening here at Yeshiva. Of course, if you still have questions, please feel encouraged to get in touch for more details.

Please consider a gift to the ALEF fund, which helps children in our community receive a Jewish education when they otherwise could not afford it. You can designate up to \$2500 of your taxes to go toward the ALEF fund, and you will receive the \$2500 back when you file your tax returns. By clicking [here](#) you can get an early start on this effort. Thanks so much for considering.

In an effort to streamline communications, we will list community events and service opportunities on the "Community News" page of our website. This can be found under "Useful Links" or by directly accessing <http://www.yeshivaatlanta.org/community-news.html> Please check regularly for relevant opportunities. This newsletter is also available on our website, under the "Bulletins" menu.

Weather-related school closings: Unless you receive an email from us that indicates otherwise, we follow Dekalb County schools in case of weather-related closings (snow, icy conditions). So if Dekalb County Schools are closed for weather, so are we. You can check Star 94, WSBTV, etc. A good site to bookmark would be <http://www.wsbtv.com/closings/index.html>.

Once we make it through the winter (hopefully without missing any school days!), we are going to add a special holiday called **Headmaster's Day**. At exactly 7:00 pm on the day preceding the surprise holiday, students, parents, and teachers will receive an email with the news "No school tomorrow!" We hope this will add some excitement to the spring semester and provide our students and faculty with a well-deserved break. Please email Paul Oberman if this will cause an undue hardship for your family, and we'll make arrangements to help out.

Please be reminded that many of your purchases can also make money for Yeshiva Atlanta. We have an online store that is linked from our website that sells sweatshirts, hats, and many other YA items, with a substantial portion of your purchases going to YA. You may also access it at <http://yeshiva.dtgzone.com/home>. Kosher Casual is a link from our website, and you may purchase clothes from there with a portion of the proceeds going to YA.

Our **Lunch and Learn program will continue on alternate Mondays of each month**, from **noon until 1 pm in the Media Center**. This month they will be March 5 and March 19.

PTSA Corner

- If you would like to sponsor Rosh Chodesh in honor of an occasion, contact Sharon Fleitman at sharonrf18@gmail.com or [770-713-3128](tel:770-713-3128). Sponsorship opportunities for Rosh Chodesh treats are available for April 23 and May 22.
- Please also contact Sharon Fleitman if you would like to purchase some honey.

Sports schedules are available as links from our school website, <http://www.yeshivaatlanta.org/> and on RenWeb. Please check frequently for any changes to our schedule.

Basketball schedule: The boys' team will play in the YU Sarachek Tournament in NYC from March 21–26.

Baseball schedule: March 5 at Excel at 3:30 (double header), March 13 at Holy Grail at 5:00, March 19 at 5:00 at Galloway, March 21 at Paideia at 5:00, and March 26 at Tallulah Falls at 4:30 (double header).

Soccer schedule: 3/1 boys only at OLM at 4:30, 3/5 boys only at OLM at 6:30, 3/6 girls only at King's Ridge at 5:30, 3/12 boys at Galloway at 4:30 and girls at King's Ridge at 5:00, 3/13 at OLM at 4:30, 3/14 at WD Mohammed at 4:30, 3/15 at Mt. Zion at 5:00, 3/19 girls only at OLM at 7:00, and 3/29 at St. Francis at 5:00.

We will have **our first no-homework night on Thursday night, March 1**. Hopefully your family will enjoy some time together. We'd be interested in feedback on this evening (after it occurs) when you get a moment.

Chagiga will take place this year on **Sunday March 4 and Monday March 5!** This year's production, for females only, is entitled *Ima Mia*. We hope you will enjoy the fruits of a great deal of work on the part of all of the girls involved!

On **Monday 3/5, we will host a lunch and learn** in the **boardroom** from **noon until 1 pm**. (Please note location.)

Wednesday 3/7 will be the fast day of Ta'anit Esther, and we will dismiss at 2:30 pm.

Thursday 3/8 is Purim! We will read the Megillah here at school and will dismiss at 12:15.

We will administer the SAT here on Sunday, 3/11.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, 3/11. Get ready to spring forward and lose an hour!

The Yeshiva Atlanta team will participate in the Hunger Walk on Sunday, 3/11, beginning at 2:00 at Turner Field. Many students and YA families walked together last year, and it was a lot of fun. Plus it's for an excellent cause. I hope you will consider signing up to walk as part of the YA team. Last year we raised the most money of any Atlanta Jewish day school, and we'd love to do so again this year! To join the team (click on "Join Paul's Team") or make a donation online, visit my [personal page](#). For information about Hunger Walk, you can visit <http://www.hungerwalkrun.org/>.

Our next parent meeting is Monday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the media center. We will discuss the book *Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age* by Dan Kindlon. This is another opportunity to discuss parenting with other interested parents, so please come regardless of whether you have read the book. Kim Urbach has 3 copies of each of the books on our list in her office, available for parents to check out. Please feel free to come borrow any of the books.

On Tuesday 3/13 we will have a 12:15 dismissal, followed by **Parent-Teacher Conferences beginning at 1:00**. Check your upcoming email for details on how to sign up for conferences online. (Sign-ups will begin on Monday, March 5.)

Midterm of the spring semester is Friday, 3/16.

On **Monday 3/19, we will host a lunch and learn** in the media center from **noon until 1 pm**.

We will host an **SAIS re-accreditation team here at YA from Sunday 3/25 through Tuesday 3/27**. Hopefully at that point we'll receive the good news that we are re-accredited, and we can thank Joel Rojek and Al Wolmer (leaders) plus the entire faculty for all of their hard work on this process.

Coffeepalooza, our student/faculty talent show, will take place this year on Wednesday night, 3/28, beginning at 7:00. Please come out to support the students and enjoy the show!

We will not have school from Thursday 4/5 through Friday 4/13 for Passover. We return to school on Monday 4/16.

Yours in YA spirit,
Paul Oberman



Some of the YA Hunger Walk participants from last year



The Senior girls on the basketball team on Senior Night



Boys basketball team at alumni game



The mens' alumni team, who lost by only 1 point in the final seconds



A sneak preview from Ima Mia