



Summer 2019

Dear Parents,

Children frequently return to school from vacations and camp environments having been exposed to new people and possible head lice contamination. When this goes unchecked, this means that schools have to deal with widespread and difficult-to-contain head lice infestations. Clearly, this does not make for a smooth back-to-school transition. Therefore, Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion's PTA, in conjunction with the school administration, has developed a prevention plan that will, hopefully, keep all of our students lice free.

All YST students, **boys, girls & preschoolers**, will be checked three times during the course of the school year. Once **before** school starts (information below), and during the school day immediately following midwinter and Pesach break.

In order to ensure that **each and every** incoming student enters school lice free, the PTA has hired qualified nurses to do head checks during the week before school starts. **These are the only school authorized head checkers.** Head checks will take place in the **YST Preschool building** at 1131 Raritan Avenue in Highland Park, as per the suggested schedule below. If your children are found to be nit-free, then the nurses will stamp your child(ren)'s admission cards with a "checked by YST nurses" stamper. **These cards are to be brought to school on the first day of class, and only children who have stamped cards will be allowed into class.** Obviously, any child who has a case of head lice will need to be re-checked by one of the designated nurses before being allowed into class.

In order to cover the costs of the 3x/year head checks, a fee of \$10.00 per child, with a cap of \$50.00 per family, is to be submitted to the nurses when your child(ren) comes to the initial check. This year this service will be made available to non YST students for an additional fee of ten dollars per head. Non matriculated students will not count toward the family cap. Please make all checks payable to YST PTA.

Tuesday, August 27

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, September 1

9:30am – 11:30am

In the event that you cannot bring your children to either of the above sessions, a nurse will be available in each school on the first morning of school. Please be advised that at that point, the cost will be \$15.00 per child.

Thank you for your co-operation!!