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## College Update #3

November, 2004

Dear Senior Parents and Students,

We are so glad that you were able to join us on Israel Night. We hope that you found the evening to be both informative and enjoyable.

You should all be in the midst of filling out applications for Israeli seminaries and colleges. If you are still unsure of where to apply, please make an appointment with any of the College/Israel Guidance Counselors to discuss your options once again!

Just a few reminders about the application process:

- Please bring in your applications and essays or personal statements for us to review before you send them in! If you still need to “brainstorm” in order to discover the best topic to write about, come by and we’ll talk.
- Remember to bring in the section from the college applications that must be completed by a College Guidance Counselor, so that we can submit it together with your transcript and official letter of recommendation.
- We will automatically give your official letter of recommendation and your transcript to the Israeli seminaries who interview at SKA. In all other cases, you must bring in an envelope (stamped and addressed) for your letter of recommendation and your transcript.
- Make sure that we are aware of every college and seminary to which you are applying. If you make changes, please let me know. This is very crucial.
- Everyone should be applying to at least one college this year!

This is an interesting but stressful time in your lives. Please do not forget that Mrs. Spirn, Mrs. Kaminetsky, Mrs. Feinberg, and Mrs. Yudin, together with us and all your other teachers, are here to help you “sort it out” the best we can. Stop by and talk to us. We look forward to meeting with you.

### Queens College Update:

- Many of you have already picked up the CUNY application for admission to Queens College. Please bring in the completed application and check and we will submit it for you together with your transcript. **SKA Deadline for this application: December 15, 2004.** In addition to the application, you must have your SAT I scores sent to UAPC directly from ETS! The UAPC code is 2950.
- If you want to apply to the **Queens Scholars Program** which offers merit-based scholarships of \$2000-\$4200, please come in to the College Guidance Office, as the applications have just arrived. You must file this application in addition to the regular CUNY application. You will need to submit your SAT I and two SAT II scores in addition to an essay and letters of recommendation. **Deadline: February 1, 2005.**

- If you are applying to the **CUNY Honors College**, please bring in that application, your essay, a student copy of your SAT scores, and a check, and arrange for the teacher recommendation letters to be brought to the College Guidance Office, since all parts of the application must be submitted together. We will help you process the application. You do not need to submit the regular CUNY application or the Queens Scholars application if you submit the CUNY Honors College application. If you are not accepted to CUNY Honors, you will automatically be considered for the Queens Scholars Program. **Deadline: December 15, 2004.**
- Also please note: You must apply **as a senior** for the Honors College and the Queens Scholars Program. Then, if you are accepted to the Honors College, you can defer for a year in order to go to Israel. If you are awarded a Queens Scholars scholarship, you can ask to be reconsidered for the scholarship for the year after Israel. You cannot apply for the scholarship for the first time from Israel.

### **Yeshiva University Update:**

- Please bring in your Request for Transcript form from the YU application if you have not yet done so. Students who submit their applications to YU by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** will be notified of their acceptance within two months of that deadline.
- All students applying to the **Distinguished Scholarship Program** must remember to schedule their interview by calling Mrs. Chana Mayefsky at 212-960-5277.

**Cooper Union Update:** The Cooper Union offers a portfolio review on a Saturday in December. Please call Stephanie Hightower at 212-353-4202 if you are interested in scheduling another time to attend.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Financial Aid Meeting: College Financial Planning Night** for SKA and DRS parents at DRS on Monday, December 6, 2004, at 7:30 PM. Mr. Robert Friedman, Director of Student Finances at Yeshiva University, will speak to parents about the intricacies of financial aid and how to plan ahead. Please join us for this very informative and important evening.
- **Vocational Testing:** For anyone who is interested in vocational testing, which attempts to match students' interests and abilities with the best career or educational route for them, we can schedule an appointment for you at the Board of Jewish Education on March 22, 2005 at 8:30 AM at a reduced rate of \$50.00. Dr. Paul Levitz will then visit our school in the spring to meet individually with the students who took the test. Please bring your check made out to the BJE to the College Guidance Office to register.

**New Scholarships:** The following scholarship applications have recently arrived in the College Guidance Office. Please come in for more information about these and others that we have described in previous updates.

- **Dorothea Deitz Memorial Scholarship:** This scholarship provides financial assistance to selected women students planning to major in the field of physical education. There will be grants to three deserving students in the amounts of \$6500, \$5500, and \$4500. Applications can be requested by writing to:  
 Patricia Joseph  
 75 East End Avenue  
 Hicksville, NY 11801-7020

Please include the name and address of SKA in your request for application. **Deadline: March 1, 2005.**

- **The National High School Oratorical Contest:** The National Organization of The American Legion awards these scholarships. Each state organization certifies one contestant into the national contest. The students

must prepare and present a prepared oration on some phase of the Constitution of the United States, which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. There is also an assigned topic. For more information, go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

- **Graphic Communications Scholarship Award**: Students who are interested in graphic communications and plan to major in a discipline leading to a career in that field must submit a portfolio and an essay to apply. Please come in for the application or go to [www.GCScholarships.org](http://www.GCScholarships.org) for more information. **Deadline: May 1, 2005.**
- **Burger King**: The applicant must have a cumulative average of 2.5, work an average of 15 hours in a part time job, demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities and demonstrate financial need. Come to the College Guidance Office for more information. **Deadline: December 15, 2004.**
- **Bank of America Sweepstakes** information and brochures about college planning and financial options are available in the College Guidance Office.

**If you are applying for any scholarships, you must bring in the scholarship form and a stamped addressed envelope and we will include your transcript and your letter of recommendation.**

### **Application Deadlines:**

Michlalah:	<b>November 1, 2004</b>
Darchei Bina:	<b>November 25, 2004</b>
Afikei Torah:	<b>November 25, 2004</b>
The Israel "Common Application":	<b>November 26, 2004</b>
Shaalvim:	<b>November 23, 2004</b>
Nishmat:	<b>December 15, 2004</b>

### **Entrance Examinations:**

The **Michlalah Test** will be given on **December 6, 2004**.

We will notify you about other Israel school entrance exams.

**Interview Dates at SKA:** We will keep you posted of any changes that may occur.

<b>Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Shaalvim</b>
<b>Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>Stern College</b>
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>Midreshet Lindenbaum</b>
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>Midereshet Moriah</b>
<b>December 2<sup>n</sup>:</b>	<b>Tiferet</b>
<b>December 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Afikei Torah</b>
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Michlalah</b>
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>MMY</b>
<b>December 16<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Be'er Miriam/Maayanot</b>
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Midreshet Harova</b>
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Machon Gold</b>
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Darchei Bina</b>
<b>December 28<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Michlelet Esther</b>

No dates yet for:

Sharfman's  
Nishmat

We will let you know as additional interview dates are confirmed. Also check the bulletin boards outside the College Guidance Office for new information!

We hope that this information is useful to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. And seniors: Remember to stop by to say hello and pick up a piece of the “candy of the day”.

Sincerely,

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Associate Principal

Mrs. Gail Elsant  
College Guidance Counselor