

The New York State Education Department Releases Reopening Guidance

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Agudath Israel's Yeshiva Services Department Guides Mosdos to Reopening in an Enlightening Webinar

Late last night, the New York State Education Department released its [guidance for reopening nonpublic schools](#). Nonpublic schools, including yeshivas, are required to submit plans for safely reopening, and were anxiously awaiting this guidance.

In anticipation of the release of the guidance, Agudath Israel's Yeshiva Services Department hosted an informative webinar for Yeshivas, outlining what they need to know in order to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Rabbi Chaim Dovid Zwiebel, Executive Vice President of Agudath Israel of America and sitting member of NYS Commissioner's Advisory Council for Nonpublic Schools, introduced the program. Rabbi Leib Kelman, Dean, Bnos Leah Prospect Park Yeshiva in Brooklyn, and Mr. Richard Altabe, Lower School Principal and Executive Vice President, Hebrew Academy of Long

Beach, gave presentations on how their institutions plan on mapping out the reopening process.

According to Mrs. Deborah Zachai, Director of Yeshiva Services, "It is obvious that this information was sorely needed, as approximately 500 principals/administrators participated in the webinar. We are gratified to be able to provide the yeshivos with the information they need to minimize confusion and safely reopen yeshivas for our children."

The Yeshiva Services Department is preparing the information contained in the State Education Department guidance into a sample template that it will share with the yeshivos. School administrators who would like to access the recording should please email yeshivaservices@agudah.org.

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