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Dear Parents, Talmidim & Friends,

Summer Zman at Yeshiva launched with incredible momentum, as the Beis Medrash filled with energized Talmidim eager to grow in their learning and Avodas Hashem.

We are excited to announce the launch of the Mashgiach's "Sussman's Boxes" Program — a creative and motivational system designed to help each Bachur invest in himself by maximizing his time in learning and Tefillah. With 360 boxes representing 100% of the waking hours during the period of the incentive, every hour spent learning or Davening with the Yeshiva's Minyan adds up — quite literally — with visible rewards and return on investment. The message is clear: as we count the days toward Matan Torah, we are also challenged to make each day count.

Adding to the Ruach, this Shabbos the Yeshiva is looking forward to a moving and inspiring In-Shabbos with Rabbi Avi Lieberman, giving Talmidim deep Torah insights and practical guidance in preparation for the awesome day of Shavuos, when we reaccept the Torah with renewed commitment and clarity.

Hope you enjoy seeing some pictures of the Talmidim from around Yeshiva!

SUMMER ZMAN PROGRAM

Sponsorship opportunities for the program are available — a meaningful way to support Talmidim in making the most of their Zman and investing in their growth.

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Sussman's Boxes

What percentage of your time are you using?
x = your investment

10%	-5x	20%	-3x	25%	-2x	35%	Breakeven	40%	1.5x
45%	2x	50%	3x	55%	4x	60%	5x	65%	6x
70%	7x	75%	8x	80%	9x	90%	10x	100%	15x

• Note: You do not need to hit the exact percentage to receive that return. **As soon as you are in the color range you are eligible.** (i.e. – Somebody who learns 163 hrs, is already in the 50% range, and will receive 3 times his investment!)

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			40					45					50			15%
55					60					65					70	20%
		75					80					85				25%
				95					100					105		30%
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	200					205					210				215	60%
			220					225					230			65%
235					240					245					250	70%
		255					260					265				75%
				275					280					285		80%
	290					295					300				305	85%
			310					315					320			90%
325					330					335					340	95%
		345					350					355				100%

SUSSMAN'S BOXES

Summer Zman is short, and potential accomplishments can slip through our fingers. Sussman's Boxes is meant to help you use the highest percentage of your time left in yeshiva to accomplish what you came for, and to have the most rewarding zman possible.



HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO INVEST IN YOURSELF?

In Sussman's Boxes, **you** decide how much you want to invest in yourself, and then you are in complete control of the return that you will be getting for your investment. The higher the percent of time that you use = the higher the return on your investment will be.

There are **30 days** from Monday, May 5th, until Tuesday, June 3rd. That is 720 hours. If you subtract 12 hrs per day to sleep/eat/exercise = 360 hrs which would be considered using 100% of your time. On the back of this card you will find a chart with 360 boxes. Every hour of learning / davening with **our** minyan allows you to fill in a box. Every change in color signifies that you have entered a new percentage range which indicates a change in the return on your investment.

• All Torah learning at all times of the day counts.

During regular seder, learning only counts in the Arzei Beis Medrash. Listening to shiur counts. Even carefully listening to a dvar Torah at the Shabbos table. Saying Tehillim counts. Learning on bus rides counts. Coffee/bathroom breaks do not count.

• **Davening Time** only counts when you are davening in our yeshiva minyan. On Out Shabbosim, davening counts in any minyan you daven in.

• **Terminology on the back of this card:** X = your investment. -1x means that your investment is not returned to you. -2x means that your investment is not returned to you and you must additionally pay again the amount of your investment. Breaking Even (at box 91) means that you receive your investment back with no profit. 2x means that your investment is returned with an additional identical amount. 10x means you receive your investment plus that amount 9 more times. For example, if you invested 80 shekel, you will be handed 800 shekel in return.

• **Hours may be broken up.** In that case, keep very careful track of your minutes and do not fill in a box

until an entire hour is completed. (You may want to write the minutes in pencil in the next box, until you're ready to fill it in completely.)

• **You may not start counting your hours until after you've handed in your investment to the Mashgiach.** You may invest anywhere between 20-150 nis. Once you hand in your investment, you may add to it for up to 4 days, but you will no longer be able to pull out.

Optional Shortcuts

- 2 hours learned b'retzifus awards you 1 bonus box. 3 hours b'retzifus awards you 2 bonus boxes.
- When an amud that we are learning in yeshiva is chazered 3 more times, you receive a bonus 3 boxes. This may only be used once per amud.
- On Friday and Shabbos, learning (not davening) counts double when learned in the Arzei Beis Medrash, on both In and Out Shabbosim.
- This zman there will be regular optional bechinas. Any grade over 90 awards you a bonus 8 boxes. A grade over 80 awards you 5 boxes. Over 70 awards you 3 boxes.

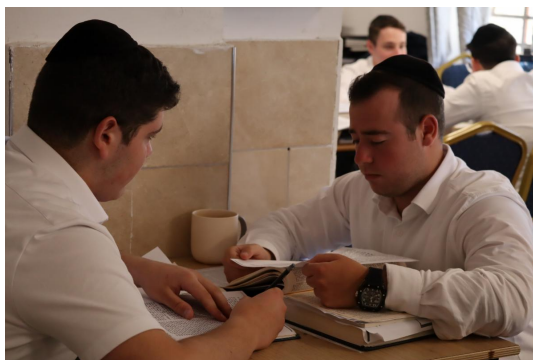
To help you strategize, here is some helpful information. The calculations below include the time you spend learning and davening with our minyan each day.

There are 19 regular schedule days (8 hrs per day) + 4 Fridays (2 hrs per day) + 4 Shabbosim (2 hrs per day) + erev Shavuos (2 hrs) + 2 days of Shavuos (11 hrs) = 181 hours, which puts you in the 55% range and awards you 4x your investment. This demonstrates that even keeping a light Sussmans schedule will bring you a good return on your investment. This calculation doesn't even factor in your taking advantage of the optional shortcuts.

It is important to note that in many cases gambling is prohibited. Agreements are only binding when both parties enter with full consent, and not when one party only accepts his obligation to pay because he believes that he will never actually need to pay. This is called an asmachta. There may be different ways to avoid this problem, and a posek should always be consulted before proceeding. A concern arose when creating this incentive as to whether there would be a halachik issue in receiving money from talmidim who fail to break even. When the agreement was originally accepted their plan was to profit and therefore they had no intention to actually obligate themselves. However, the posek that we spoke to pointed out that this case is different since at every step along the way the student continues to have complete ability to profit. It is not based on skill, chance, or talent, but rather on their own continuous choice to use their time. Additionally, the amount of money they stand to lose is minimal and therefore it is more likely that they actually did intend to obligate themselves to it. There is also no concern of asmachta when Arzei Levanon pays the talmidim who profit, because that is actually what the yeshiva expected and wanted to happen. Please do not apply this reasoning on your own to future shaylos, but refer to a posek each time.

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