

Syllabus for Pirkei Avos/Mishley

11th grade

1st Semester/August 2011

Teacher: Mrs. Shkarofsky

Goals:

- Study select Tehillim relating to Elul and Tishrei
- Study select mishnayos in Pirkei Avos with meforshim
- Study select Tehillim as they relate to Pirkei Avos.
- Memorization of designated mishnayos/pessukim from Mishley.
- 2nd Semester: Study select topics in Sefer Mishley

Objectives:

- To be comfortable quoting mishnayos on a regular basis
- To recognize the relevance of these topics to our lives

Textbook Information:

- Students should bring their own Tehillim for the first several weeks of school.
- The sefer being studied should be in class daily. Each student must use her **own** sefer.
- No writing is allowed in either Pirkei Avos or in Sefer Mishley.
- After 1st semester each student is required to take her Avos home and return it at the *end of 2nd semester*.
- Textbooks not returned will need to be replaced at the student's expense.
- Pirkei Avos sefer must be covered.

Class Expectations:

- Be prompt to class as there will be daily oral or written quizzes.
- One of the keys to internalizing the concepts of Pirkei Avos and Mishlei is having them on "the tip of the tongue". Therefore students will be required to memorize designated Mishnayos/pessukim with correct pronunciation.
- When students are asked to write a Mishna/possuk down, correct spelling and accurate translation is required.
- Discussions and learning are most productive and beneficial when all participate. Although this is not officially part of your grade, participation in class discussions always impacts how well a student learns.
- Students are required to take notes in class.
- Students should make sure their boxes (in the student lounge) always have their name on it. It is the student's responsibility to check her box regularly, as many times I will put missed work and graded quizzes and assignments there for them.
- Each student will be responsible to make and hang up a poster of one of the mishnayos that we learn. It is recommended that you buy a poster board at the beginning of the school year.
- Write all your work neatly. Points will be deducted from any assignment, etc that I am unable to read relatively easily.
- For any behavioral expectations not listed here, we will follow the guidelines as listed in the student handbook.

Makeup Work

- Students have 3 school days to make up missed *assignments* or *quizzes*. For tests – there is one week to retake it. It is the student's responsibility to meet with me to discuss how

and when any of these will be made up within the allotted time period. Failure to make up the work within the allotted time frame of 3 school days for work/quizzes and one week for tests will result in a zero.

- Be on time to class. No extra time will be allowed for a late start on a quiz due to tardiness. Quizzes missed completely due to tardiness may be re-taken but points will be deducted.
- Assignments handed in late will result in a lowered grade.
- All make up work should be left in my box
- Corrections must be done for all tests of scores 85 or under. They are to be handed in the following day. Each day it is not returned, there will be a deduction of two points per day to the grade, with a maximum of ten points being deducted.
- Failed exams must be re-taken within a week from the return of the exam. The score for the exam will be the average of the failed exam and the re-taken exam.

Grading

The course grade consists of the following parts:

Quizzes and HW	30%
Tests	35%
Final exam	25%
Poster	10%

Testing

- Daily quizzes oral or written
- Tests will be given every 2 perakim in Pirkei Avos

Final Exams:

- **Jan. final:** will include all of Tehillim and Pirkei Avos.
- All memorization studied will be on the final.
- **June final:** will include all Tehillim, Pirkei Avos and Mishlei studied during the year.
 - a. The exam will have 2 parts:
 - i. Section I on all memorization of the year. This will be given approx. 2 weeks prior to the regular final.
 - ii. Section II will be on content and translation of all the material. There will not be any memorization on this part. The exam will be given during the week of finals.

Communication:

- Students are encouraged to discuss with me any concerns they are having. They may also leave a note in my box indicating when they have a free so that we can schedule a time to discuss these matters.
- *Students are encouraged to discuss with me any difficulty that may arise in regard to memorization. I will be more than happy to work with each student according to her learning needs.*

☺ **I look forward to a great year together I”H!!!!!!** ☺