



YTVA Tentative Academic Calendar 5780 / 2019-20*

Day	Date	Programming
Monday	September 2	Group Flights Depart
Tuesday	September 3	Arrival & Opening Ceremony
Wednesday-Thursday	September 4-5	Student Life Orientation & Tiyul
Shabbat	September 6-7	IN
Shabbat	September 13-14	Optional IN Shabbat
Wednesday-Thursday	September 18-19	Yeshivat Otniel Visit
Shabbat	September 21	Optional IN Shabbat, Return for Slichot on Motzei Shabbat
Monday-Tuesday	September 23--24	Golan Tiyul
Shabbat	September 27-28	Out Shabbat
Sunday	September 29	Erev Rosh Hashana, No Classes
Monday	September 30	IN- Rosh Hashana
Tuesday	October 1	IN- Rosh Hashana
Friday-Shabbat	October 4-5	IN- Shabbat Shuva
Tuesday	October 8	Erev Yom Kippur, No Classes
Wednesday	October 9	IN- Yom Kippur
Thursday	October 10	Sukkot Vacation Begins
Sunday	October 20	Hoshana Rabbah – Simchat Beit HaShoeva
Monday	October 21	IN- Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
Thursday	October 24	Return from Sukkot Vacation at 6:00 PM
Shabbat	October 25-26	IN
Shabbat	November 1-2	Optional IN
Friday-Shabbat	November 8-9	OUT Shabbat
Friday-Thursday	November 15-21	Volunteering on Kibbutz Ein HaNatziv, IN Shabbat
Shabbat	November 22-23	OUT Shabbat
Shabbat	November 29-30	Optional IN
Thursday-Tuesday	December 5-10	Learning in Yeshivat Otniel, IN Shabbat
Shabbat	December 13-14	Optional IN
Friday-Shabbat	December 20-21	IN
Monday-Monday	December 23-30	Chanukah
Wednesday- Sunday	December 25-29	Chanukah Vacation(starting Wednesday afternoon)
Sunday-Wednesday	December 29- January 8	RECHARGE for Alumni
Shabbat	January 3-4	Optional IN
Thursday-Monday	January 9-12	Tiyul and IN Shabbat
Friday - Shabbat	January 17-18	OUT Shabbat
Thursday-Shabbat	January 23-25	IN- Parent Weekend, pending sign-up

Shabbat	February 1	Optional IN
Sunday	February 2	Begin Poland Prep
Tuesday	February 4	Depart for Poland
Shabbat	February 7-8	IN- Poland
Tuesday	February 11	Return from Poland
Shabbat	February 14-15	OUT Shabbat
Friday-Shabbat	February 21-22	IN Shabbat
Shabbat	February 28-29	Optional IN
Shabbat	March 6-7	IN- Shabbat Zachor
Monday-Wednesday	March 9-11	Taanit Esther, Purim, Shushan Purim
Friday	March 13	Jerusalem Marathon
Shabbat	March 13-14	OUT Shabbat
Friday-Shabbat	March 20-21	IN
Thursday	March 26	Special Tefilat Vatikim at the Kotel, Pesach Vacation begins at 12:00 PM
Monday	April 20	Last Day to Return from Pesach Vacation
Tuesday	April 21	Yom HaShoah – Special Learning & Activities
Wednesday-Thursday	April 22-23	Tiyul
Shabbat	April 24-25	IN
Tuesday & Wednesday	April 28-29	Yom HaZikaron & Yom HaAtzmaut, Special Programming
Friday-Shabbat	May 1-2	Optional IN
Thursday-Shabbat	May 7-9	Tiyul & IN Shabbat
Friday-Shabbat	May 15-16	OUT Shabbat
Thursday	May 21	Yom Yerushalayim
Friday-Shabbat	May 22-23	Optional IN
Thursday	May 28	Erev Shavuot, No Classes
Friday-Shabbat	May 29-30	IN- Shavuot & Shabbat
Friday-Shabbat	June 5-6	IN
Monday	June 8	Closing Banquet / Mesibat Siyum
Thursday	June 11	Apartments Close at 10:00 AM

*Calendar is subject to change.

Please note that:

- Some “IN Shabbatot” will be in the apartments, others will be in various locations throughout the country.
- “Optional IN” means if more than ten students inform the staff by Tuesday that they are staying in, we will provide staffing, meals and programming.
- One of the values of YTVA is that students experience the land and its people. “OUT” Shabbatot are perfect opportunities to do that and we will be happy to help students arrange hospitality if requested.