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REGARDING TEFILLIN

In the past few years, we have had a few incidents when pairs of tefillin were lost either on the way to camp, at camp or after camp on the way home. As tefillin are holy religious objects, a very valuable personal possession and often may have real family sentimental value, we would like to institute the following policies to ensure as best we can that no tefillin will ever be lost while in transit or during use at Camp Moshava.

Apple Air Tags – We are recommending that an apple air tag or other similar tracking mechanism be put in the Tefillin bag. We can't require this, of course, but it is strongly recommended as it will be useful in camp and for school, travel etc.

Name Card – All tefillin should have a name card kept inside the bag. The card should be typed and include: name, home address, contact number and e-mail address.

Photograph – Parents should photograph the Tefillin bag and save a copy of the photo.

Arrival at Camp – Upon arrival at camp, campers of tefillin wearing age will be required to show their tefillin to their counselors who will document that the tefillin arrived “safely” to camp. They will also photograph each tefillin bag. If a child of Bar Mitzvah age arrives at camp without tefillin, parents will be contacted immediately to figure out if the tefillin never were packed or perhaps lost in transit. Apple Air Tags will allow parents to discover the actual location of the tefillin.

During Camp – Counselors will document daily that their campers have their tefillin. In the case of any discovery of lost or misplaced tefillin, parents will be contacted immediately. All steps will be taken to find the tefillin as soon as possible. If a child has their tefillin, but is not putting them on, we will also contact parents to discuss the issue.

Session End – Counselors will again document that campers packed their tefillin in their carry-on personal belongings to take home.

We hope that these steps will protect all pairs of tefillin and make sure that they remain in the possession of all campers.

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