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Machon Menoras Hachochmah (The Machon) has conquered a daunting challenge in a masterful and extraordinary manner. It has created – and implemented in numerous mesivta high schools – a high-quality academic curriculum that is completely aligned with Torah values, and includes Torah oriented content and messaging whenever possible. This program is a gargantuan leap forward in the meaningful educational structure of mesivta general studies programs.

Still, a further challenge lies ahead. The Machon's Torah-based program necessitates an instructor who is a genuine *ben Torah*, and many of our Mesivta High Schools find themselves in locales that provide very limited availability of *bonei Torah* qualified as high school teachers. These mesivtas have been unable to benefit from the Machon's program, and the Machon is eager to assist them further.

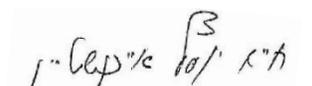
The Machon is now set to establish an online high school model via a Learning Management System with a digital, internet-based version of its program that would accommodate these yeshivos. This program does not require a teacher with expertise in the field they are teaching, rather the role becomes more of a facilitator.

We are keen to endorse the endeavor subject to the following conditions:

- Each yeshiva needs the *hadracha* and guidance of its own rabbinic leadership. It is at their discretion that the *talmidim* will be allowed access to the supervised use of Chromebooks or computers, with the appropriate filters and protections in place.
- Although this program does utilize the internet, it can be set up on a computer that fully blocks all other internet access and only allows white-listed access to the site, and we **strongly** encourage that setup.
- It must remain the Yeshiva's responsibility to ensure that the program is used safely.

As many mesivtos, and especially those out-of-town, struggle to find appropriate general studies instructors, this program may provide the solution that removes the necessity to hire teachers who are unfit to teach in our classrooms. In fact, there are occasions that some high schools are left with no classroom instructor at all, and the *talmidim* are using Chromebooks, presenting secular online programs devoid of - and often contrary to - Torah values to fill those gaps. Surely, the Machon online version will be a most desirable solution for yeshivos in that predicament.


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