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## **Occupational Therapy Services**

Occupational therapists work with people of all ages to help them participate in activities or occupations that are meaningful to them. For children, these activities are the means through which they learn, play, and develop life skills.

Children who are unable to perform certain activities, such as building a block tower, completing a puzzle, coloring, or cutting may have underlying developmental issues that are impacting their ability to learn. Occupational therapists intervene to address these difficulties as early as possible in order to ensure that this child can reach his/her full learning potential in the future.

Some of the specific areas that occupational therapists assess are gross motor skills, fine motor skills, visual perception, play skills, emotional regulation, and sensory integration (the way the child interprets environmental stimuli, such as touch, smells, tastes, movements, and auditory information).

Furthermore, occupational therapists address handwriting issues, which can result from many varying underlying issues such as poor posture, weak fine motor skills, poor visual spatial skills, or other sensory processing difficulties.

Occupational therapy screening is offered through the Yeshiva, to students in Klurman Elementary School and the Early Childhood Division, in order to identify children who may require intervention. Please complete the form below if you would like to have your child screened. The screenings take place the week of Sept. 7. The therapist will contact you before the screening exam is scheduled.

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which therapist you prefer to perform the screening exam.

- Baila Mann
- Sunshine Therapy Partners
- No Preference

I hereby give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to receive an OT screening at KES/ECE. Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$50 per child for this service. (Payable to the therapist)

Please see reverse side for information about each of the occupational therapists who provide services at Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes.

**Baila Mann MS, OTR/L**

Baila Mann received a bachelor's degree in health sciences and a master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Touro College School of Health Sciences. Baila has been working in the pediatric population, with both general education and special education students of all ages. She practiced as an OT in New York and Miami in various settings including private and public schools, sleep-away camps, and home-based therapy. While practicing, Baila infuses her energy and creativity into every session. She facilitates a sense of independence while working with the child on developing age appropriate skills. Baila addresses many different areas including gross and fine motor skills, sensory integration, oculomotor skills, executive functioning skills, and visual perception. She now practices privately with preschool through high school aged students in North Miami Beach.

**Sunshine Therapy Partners, LLC–Nechama Turk, MS, OTR/L and Aliza Sakowitz, MS, OTR/L**

Nechama holds a BA in Health Sciences and an MS in Occupational Therapy from Touro College School of Health Sciences. Aliza has a BA in psychology from Touro College and a BS in Health Sciences and an MS in Occupational Therapy from Long Island University. They joined together to form Sunshine Therapy Partners, PLLC, a privately held company specializing in pediatric and family based therapies. They are experienced and adept at working with children on a variety of skills, including fine and gross motor skills, attention span, visual and perceptual difficulties, disorganization, emotional regulation, and sensory integration. Both Nechama and Aliza have worked with a significant diversity of individuals and/or groups and pride themselves on their problem solving abilities in identifying issues, evaluating the individual dynamic in light of those issues, and creating plans while working collaboratively with parents to achieve the best school experience for your child. Sunshine Therapy accepts insurance.