

SHAAREI TEFILLAH TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Shaarei Tefillah is committed to ensuring that all youth activities are run in accordance with our Child Protection policy. One of the important tenants of this is hashkafa regarding the technology used in and around Shaarei programmes.

For this reason some devices may be brought with or used but there are certain restrictions:

- Phones – Mobile phones may be brought with to Shaarei Programmes to be used in cases of emergency or if a parent needs to be contacted. (Permission should be sought from the leader of the programme before doing so). However, phones are not allowed during davening. If these are seen, your child will be asked to put the phone away. Phones should also not be used whilst your child is participating in a Shaarei Youth Programme. This rule will also apply to all handheld gaming devices.
- iPods – These are permissible to listen to music on bus excursions. They should be put away after the journey.

Online safety is also a concern for Shaarei Youth and it is important that our members right to confidentiality and privacy is respected and adhered to. Therefore, no photos of Shaarei youth events may be shared on any internet social media sites. (It is against the law to use publicly a photo of someone who has not given permission). Participants of Shaarei youth are also asked to refrain from using social media sites or watching YouTube whilst engaged in Shaarei youth programmes.

Enforcing the Policy

- If a child is using a device a warning will be given to put it away.
- If it is seen again, the device will be confiscated until the end of the activity and the parents will be informed.
- If a participant is seen viewing something prohibited by this policy (Facebook, YouTube, twitter etc) the device will be confiscated immediately and parents informed.