



Chabad Hebrew School

Parent Handbook

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Director's Letter

Dear Parents,

Imagine a Hebrew school where your kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a new Hebrew song.

Imagine a child who feels the warmth and spirit of Judaism and then imagine the pride of this child's parents.

Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School where the values and tradition of Judaism are vividly brought to life!

The goal of our Hebrew School is to experience and deepen Jewish knowledge which will strengthen your children's understanding of G-d, their identification with the Jewish people, their involvement in the synagogue, their participation in Jewish life and their determination to live as Jews.

We need your help to achieve this goal! With your interest and participation, your child will see Hebrew school as a privilege and opportunity to learn about their Jewish identity. Thank you for taking on this commitment and welcome to the team!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful New Year!

Hebrew School Directors

Rabbi Motty & Raizy Rosenfeld

Curriculum



Unlock our heritage through the new CKids (Chabad Children's Network) Hebrew School Program! Embark on an adventure of a lifetime, exploring our history as Am Yisroel Chai! Discover our humble beginnings in Israel and the secret to our eternal strength.

Students will relive the journey of the Jewish People in the Land of Israel, from the time the Jews entered the land led by prophets and kings, until the untimely destruction of the Holy Temples. Discover the secret to our eternal survival with tools that were established to keep Judaism thriving in the Diaspora. Using educational tools such as VR, topography, theater, crafts, STEAM, and filmmaking, this experience is bound to capture the attention of each student.

The curriculum is designed to generate a positive change in children by encouraging them to integrate Torah, Mitzvot and Yomim Tovim into their lives. Children will have the passion and knowledge to live according to our heritage by internalizing the lessons and skills they learn. Upon completion of this course the student will have developed methods to proudly live Jewishly and to create change in the world around them.

Areas of academic emphasis include:

1. History of Jews in the Land of Israel
2. Hebrew reading and vocabulary
3. Holidays and traditions
4. Culture and current events

This course engages children in discovering the higher purpose of everyday lifestyle, and gives them the tools to practically implement their inspiration. It is our school-wide program, offering content and activities geared towards the different age groups.

The Approach

At Chabad Hebrew School we strive to stress the beauty and warmth of Judaism and its Mitzvot, providing a learning experience in an atmosphere of joy and liveliness. We place particular emphasis on the inclusion of Jewish ethics and values. Mutual tolerance and respect for fellow human beings are taught as basic principles of faith.

Besides for the weekly Israel Quest lessons, we have a host of other programs that we use to create the best experiences for your child:

CKids Clubs

CKids Clubs are insider events that get children innovating with fun, new mediums and skill sets. Featuring the Jewish “BIG 3”: Pride, Heritage & Identity! Opened to the larger Jewish community, we invite more Jewish children to join the CKids Clubs.

Jewq Torah Competition

Children in 150+ cities worldwide put their Jewish knowledge to the ULTIMATE test. High achievers win prizes and an exciting end-of-year trip!

Tzivot Hashem

Move up the ranks with a new program celebrating the “me” and “u” in meaningful, mitzvah-filled Judaism. Monthly rallies highlight Jewish birthdays and ranks. We feature a Student of the Month from each class who is recognized for his/her positive attitude, participation and attendance.

Aleph Champ

Learn to read Hebrew like a boss. This award-winning, karate-inspired curriculum helps you set goals, learn at your own pace, and bring Hebrew Literacy to life.

Extracurricular

Family days, Shabbat experiences, school contests, hands-on education, and family workshops as well as games, drama, and songs are blended into our curriculum.

Health and Wellness

Communication is key to allowing us to help your child. Please let us know if there are any important factors in your child's health, such as allergies, vision, hearing, medications, etc. This will help us to be understanding and cater to his/her needs. Of course, the greatest care will be taken to maintain the confidentiality of the student/family.

Contagious Illness: Please notify us in the event of a contagious illness so that we may notify the parents of other children in the class to be aware of the symptoms.

In case of minor injury, the first aider will treat the injury. For major injuries, G-d forbid, EMS will be called as well as the parents. In the event the parents/guardians cannot be reached, the emergency contact on file will be contacted. If necessary, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital.

Hebrew School Schedule

All students meet Sunday mornings from 10:00–12:30 a.m.

Basic Schedule	Activity
10:00am-10:10am	Welcome & morning lineup
10:10am-10:45am	Morning Prayers and Songs
10:45am -11:00am	Snack & Recess

11:00am -11:45am	Israel Quest
11:45am-12:25pm	Aleph Champ
12:25pm-12:30	Goodbye Routine (Review & Raffle)

Homework

Limited homework will be assigned. Homework will generally consist of a review, reinforcement or completion of classroom work, specifically Hebrew reading.

Communication

Your child's happiness is our top priority. Communication between parents and staff is very important and will make the Hebrew school experience more pleasant for your child.

If there are any issues that are bothering you concerning your child's education, do not disregard them. Please talk to us so that we can make your child more comfortable and alleviate any distress immediately.

We will be emailing important notices and newsletters to let you know what is happening during Hebrew school. Please check your email Hebrew school notices to monitor how your child is progressing.

Should you need to contact our staff during school hours, please contact:

Raizy Rosenfeld - 321-243-9240

Drop Off/ Pick Up

- Sunday: 10:00am-12:30 pm

Drop-off and pickup is done via the carpool line. You can enter our parking lot and join our carpool line outside the building.

Leaving Class Early

Please note our new policy: If for some significant reason your child has to leave early, you are required to go to the office and sign them out. This is a safety precaution to protect your children. No child will be allowed to linger in the hallways or wait outside.

Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial to your child's success in Hebrew school. There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement, interest and attitude. Furthermore, coming late disturbs the entire class and disrupts your child's classroom routine. Any work that is missed due to attendance has to be made up.

Adhering to the attendance policy will be greatly appreciated and will help your child get the most out of Hebrew school. Great attendance will be rewarded.

Payment and Refund Policy

Tuition fees can be paid by check or credit card. Please note that should you choose to pay by credit card, you will be charged the 3.5% processing fee. Payments should be given to the director or Wendy only and not to other staff members. Tuition fees are non-refundable. Should you decide to withdraw your child from Hebrew School, your refund will be pro-rated up to February 1. After that date no refund will be allowed for Hebrew School tuition. There are no refunds or credits for days missed due to illness, holidays, or family vacations.

Textbooks

Textbooks and workbooks will be supplied by the school. Books should be treated with care and respect. There will be a charge for lost books.

Behavior Management Plan

Teachers will make all classroom rules clear to students. We use positive reinforcement and focus on good behaviors.

If disruptive behavior continues after being redirected over time, a conference will be set up between child, parent and the director where a behavior management contract will be drafted.

Zero Tolerance Policy: Any student involved in harmful and/or dangerous behavior to himself or others, or destruction of property, will result in immediate suspension pending a conference between the director and the parents.

Kippah

All boys should bring their own kippah to wear in class. For sanitary reasons, please make sure your child has his own kippah every day. If he forgets his own kippah, he will be given one.

Tzedakah

Tzedakah (charity) is a concept which is basic to Judaism. Our school attempts to develop a commitment among our students to share with the less fortunate by donating a few pennies a day to charity. Parents are asked to provide the students with a daily coin for tzedakah.

Snacks

A light snack should be given to your child to bring to Hebrew school. Water is always available for students to drink.



Parent/CHS Communication

We believe in a strong parent/teacher partnership. Communication between parents and CHS is very important to ensure that Hebrew School is a meaningful and pleasant experience for your child.

We will be sending out weekly emails notifying you of upcoming events, important notices, and what your child has covered in class each week. Homework and other important information will be sent home with your child as well. Please check his/her school bag for these notices.

Photos of Chabad Hebrew School in action will be posted weekly on our facebook page.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, call our director **Raizy Rosenfeld 321-243-9240**.

Helping Your Child Succeed

In order for our CHS program to be most effective, the home and CHS must work hand in hand and promote a close partnership. The following are a few suggestions:

- Many of our students are involved in other extracurricular activities, i.e. sports, music lessons, etc. All these are important; however, please place priority on your child's Jewish education.
- Participation in Synagogue services and celebration of Jewish Holidays will greatly enhance your child's interest in Judaism and strengthen his/her Jewish identity. We invite all Hebrew School families to join us at Chabad for Shabbat and holiday services and programs. You belong-no membership needed!
- Show your child that you are interested in his/her Jewish education. Make a habit of asking your child/ren how their day was, and what they have learned. This will greatly encourage and help foster a strong Jewish identity and positive attitude.
- Always remember that informal Jewish education is one of the best motivators for creating a positive Jewish identity!