



Dear Parents,

Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a Jewish song. Picture a group of Jewish children engaged in lively discussion, singing, laughter and prayer.

Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School!

At CHS, families of all affiliations and backgrounds feel comfortable and welcomed. Our school offers a warm and lively Jewish atmosphere where children can attain a unique and exciting awareness of their Jewish identity.

We hope that by year's end, along with the Aleph-Bet, the holiday learning, and Hebrew literacy, your child will have developed a deep love and respect for our precious heritage.

We encourage you, as a parent, to get involved, ask questions and keep in touch with our school. If there is anything we can help you with, please feel free to contact us.

Looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year,

*Rabbi Elchonon and Chana Tenenbaum  
Directors, Chabad Hebrew School*



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**GRADES:** Kindergarten – Grade 6

**HOURS:** Monday Afternoons, 4:00-5:30

**LOCATION:** Chabad Education Center  
18 Lodestar Lane

## REGISTRATION

To register, fill out an application form and mail it to our office. Feel free to call us or arrange a meeting with us to discuss all the details of the Hebrew School.

## TUITION

Tuition is \$550.00 for the school year.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Limited scholarships are available for those who need. Please call or email us for scholarship requests.

## FIRST TASTE PROGRAM

Exposing young children to fun and educational games, art, songs, stories and activities gives them a taste of Judaism from the start. Please call us for more information.

## TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks and workbooks will be supplied by the school. All books are to be treated with respect and are to be returned at the end of the school year in good condition.



## **TZEDAKAH**

Tzedakah (charity) is a basic value in Judaism. Our school attempts to develop a commitment among our students to share with others less fortunate than themselves by donating a few pennies a day to charity. Please try to provide your child with a few coins for Tzedakah each day, so he can perform this Mitzvah.

## **SNACK**

There will be a 5 minute break during which the children will get a snack. We request that you do not send any additional snacks or drinks due to Kashrut and health reasons. If there are any specific concerns, please be sure to discuss this with us prior to the start of the school year.

## **OUR GOALS**

### **AT CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL, WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO...**

- ...attain a strong sense of love and pride in being Jewish.
- ...explore the Torah (Bible) and discover the incredible history of the Jewish people.
- ...study the Torah's moral and ethical expectations.
- ...gain an understanding of Judaism's relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- ...experience a hands-on appreciation for the Jewish holidays.
- ...master the skills of Hebrew reading and writing.
- ...achieve familiarity with the basic Jewish prayers.
- ...identify with the Land of Israel and its history.
- ...express their opinions and questions



## **YOUR INVOLVEMENT**

The progress of each individual student is very important to us. Please help us maintain close communication between the school staff and parents by calling us if there are any concerns. Parents should notify the school promptly of any change in address, telephone number or emergency information.

### **HOMEWORK**

Parents are encouraged to review each week's lessons with their child. Your encouragement will be of great assistance in making the homework experience a positive one.

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parents are invited to schedule a private conference with their child's teacher. This will enable parents to discuss the progress of their children with the teachers personally and individually.

### **E-MAIL UPDATES**

Please ensure that you have given us a valid, current email address so we can keep you informed about what your child has learned, let you know about special events and send pictures. Your comments are always welcome, as we are always looking for ways to improve our educational program.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance is crucial in accomplishing the goals of our educational program. Your support of our attendance policy will be greatly appreciated.

### **ILLNESS**

Please notify the school in case of contagious disease or any changes in your child's health during the year i.e. vision, hearing etc.

### **DROP-OFF AND PICK UP**

Children are not to be dropped off more than 15 minutes before school begins. Effort should be made to ensure that your child arrives to school on time and is picked up punctually at dismissal time.



## OUR CURRICULUM

We hope to engage your child's sense of identity by capturing his imagination and attention. So, we put a lot of effort into providing our students with substantive lessons and a positive atmosphere. The lessons are multi-sensory and hands-on, ensuring that the students truly experience what they are being taught.

Our Hebrew School uses the new, acclaimed Aleph Champ program to ensure that your child will read fluently at the end of his/her Hebrew School experience.

### ALEPH CHAMP

This revolutionary Hebrew reading program, modeled after the Karate Martial Arts system of motivational colored levels, breaks up the Hebrew reading process into bite sized motivational levels making it exceptionally kid friendly and exciting.

Students start out as a White Aleph Champ as they learn the first half of the Hebrew letters. Complete with color coded books, flashcards and medallions, they work their way through the different "belts" until they become a black Aleph Champ with the ability to read fluently from the Siddur (prayer book).

Reading groups are divided by color instead of age, allowing each student to advance at his own pace. Aleph Champ gives children the motivation they need to advance steadily in their Hebrew reading.

### TORAH

Study of the weekly Torah portion provides our students with practical lessons that apply to their daily lives.

### JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE

Our students gain an appreciation of our heritage and culture as it has been preserved in modern times. Creation, the giving of the Torah, modern day Israel; all this and more will be taught through interactive stories, songs and art projects.

### HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT

As the students progress through our school, the traditions and lessons from the Jewish Holidays provide a deeper and more practical level of understanding. Families and guests alike enjoy celebrations and festivities hosted by the school.

### ISRAEL

The uniqueness of our homeland is imparted to our students: Israel is not just another country but truly the "Promised Land".



## JEWISH VALUES

Beginning with simple lessons, our younger children explore the origins of the mitzvot. We stress practical application to the child's daily life in school and at home. The older children delve into the spirituality of the Mitzvot on a deeper level, including many discussions on the concept of a soul and each student's own feelings about his/her personal Jewishness.

## HANDS-ON LEARNING

At Chabad Hebrew School, children discover Judaism through interactive, hands-on activities. Throughout the year, we look forward to including a number of exciting workshops, such as:

**SHOFAR FACTORY:** Everyone is involved as we saw, shellac and drill – transforming a ram's horn into a usable Shofar.

**OLIVE OIL PRESS:** Chanukah's story comes alive when kids turn olives into olive oil – just like the Macabees.

**MODEL MATZAH BAKERY:** Students grind, winnow, knead and roll the dough to make Matzah.

**TORAH FACTORY:** Using parchment and feather quills, participants practice Torah's ancient calligraphy.

**HAVDALAH FACTORY:** Dipping candle strings into hot beeswax, kids create a traditional Havdalah candle.

**TALLIT FACTORY:** Students learn the technique of this Biblical craft of fringe-making.

**MEZUZAH WORKSHOP:** Youngsters analyze the mezuzah scroll's specifics, and then fashion a unique mezuzah cover.