

CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

MADISON

Parent Handbook



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 participation in Jewish life and their joy and pride of their Jewish heritage.

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!

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Contact

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Curriculum

The curriculums are designed to generate a positive growth in children by encouraging them to learn and love Torah, Mitzvot and Jewish Holidays. The curriculums offers timeless lessons and ways to integrate the knowledge children need to practically implement the skill.

Areas of academic emphasis include:

1. Hebrew reading and vocabulary
2. Holidays and traditions
3. Culture and current events

Our Approach

At our Hebrew School we strive to stress the beauty and warmth of Judaism and its Mitzvot. 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.



The Atmosphere

The underlying strength of our school is in its general warmth and spirit, providing a learning experience in an atmosphere of joy and liveliness!

We believe that family connection is the most important aspect of our programming. This year, we will be working to build the CHS family. Holiday celebrations, Friday night dinners, hands-on education, as well as games, crafts and songs are blended into our calendar. You will be notified via email before all events.

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

Communication

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 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.

Aleph Champ

Aleph Champ is a ground-breaking program that we have successfully been using at CHS. This Hebrew reading system offers an innovative Hebrew reading technique that involves nine attainable levels for children to master. Students are motivated and have clear goals defined for them. As they pass levels, they are rewarded and motivated to keep learning.



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.

Snack

We will be providing water and a snack weekly. Please do not send in food from home. If your child has any food allergies, please let us know before school begins.

Jewish Birthdays

Jewish Birthdays will be celebrated once a month with an exciting Birthday Bash during Hebrew School. We will be recognizing the students whose birthdays take place in the upcoming Jewish month. Those students will receive a gift with their Hebrew birthdays and the whole school will celebrate. This program will help familiarize the students with Jewish traditions associated with celebrating their Jewish birthday.

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.



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 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!