

2022-2023 ~ 5783

# PARENT HANDBOOK



## Our Philosophy

Chabad Hebrew School was created with one goal in mind - to offer all Jewish children an education and memories that will give them a love and pride for their Jewish heritage, love for the land of Israel, and a genuine understanding that Judaism is relevant to their lives. Our mission is to make a Sunday Hebrew school the beginning of Jewish learning, not the end.

Chabad Hebrew School caters to Jewish families from all walks of life. Our school welcomes every Jew, regardless of religious background or level of observance. Our school does not require any membership or prior affiliations as a condition for enrollment.

Our school motto is "Learn it, Live it, Love it!" We believe that real learning happens beyond the traditional textbook style of imparting information and all lessons must be interactive, positive and developmentally appropriate experiences. Our curriculum is developed using a hands-on approach and lessons covers subjects such as Mitzvot, Holiday, Jewish History and Hebrew Reading and Language.

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

Our school is quickly building a reputation as a trend setter in creative Jewish education for children in Kindergarten through Grade 7, and for making every Jewish child feel welcome, regardless of knowledge or affiliation.

Chabad Hebrew School is where Judaism comes alive and children are encouraged to ask and explore. Our experienced staff, hands-on curriculum, and holiday workshops are sure to make this year both educational and enjoyable for our students.

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 our community!

Please take a moment to review the parent's handbook so that we can be partners in creating the best, safest and most enjoyable experience at Chabad Hebrew School. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call at any time.

Looking forward to a wonderful year!  
Chaya Gopin

# Communication

We believe in a strong parent/school partnership. Communication is necessary to ensure that Hebrew School is a meaningful and pleasant experience for your child.

We will be sending out emails and weekly newsletters notifying you of upcoming events, important notices, and what your child has covered in class each week.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

Chaya Gopin - 561-414-7999 - [HebrewSchool@ChabadBoca.com](mailto:HebrewSchool@ChabadBoca.com)

Rabbi Arele Gopin - 347-368-9280



## Our School Day

Hebrew School is on Sundays from 10:00 am- 12:30 pm

Please park in the lot, and walk your child in through the front lobby doors.

For pick up, please enter join our carpool line outside the building and your child will brought out to you.

If your child has to leave early, please let Chaya know at drop-off. When you arrive early, the security officer will then call your child, who will be escorted out to the parking lot.



## Health & 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, learning styles 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.

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.





## Aleph Champ Hebrew Reading

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**Aleph Champ** is a ground-breaking program that offers a new and innovative Hebrew reading technique that involves ten easily attainable levels for children to master. Students are motivated and have clear goals defined for them. In addition to reading, they will be able to write and understand basic Hebrew vocabulary.

## Curriculum

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At Chabad Hebrew School, we are always looking for ways to engage students and make Jewish education exciting and meaningful. Each curriculum is specifically catered to different ages, and combines carefully chosen themes based on Torah, Mitzvot, Middot, history and culture.



### Kindergarten - Super Jew- Super You

Students will be introduced to key Jewish concepts such as Mitzvot, and Middot through scenarios and clues leading us to discover the "super-powers" that are part of our Jewish life. Through interactive activities, games, music and movement and art, we will explore topics such as Torah, Creation, Jewish pride, Shabbat, Gratitude-Modeh Ani, and more.

### Grades 1-2 and 3-6 - Beraishit, Story of My Life

Students will be introduced to key figures in the Torah, From Adam and Eve through The Great Flood, and until the story of Yosef, your child will cultivate a strong Jewish identity, and Torah values. Our students will know that this is their story and feel a sense of belonging as a part of Jewish history.

Each class is broken into two parts:

Part 1: An interactive way to tell the story.

Part 2: A hands-on activity where the kids continue learning the story or understand the message.

Through engaging and fresh activities, your child will sense that Jewish history isn't just something of the past. Students will be able to internalize the lessons, and integrate Torah and Mitzvot into their lives.

With "Beraishit, Story of My Life " we will dive deep into the first book of the Torah, and expand your child's knowledge base while encouraging your child's creative side to blossom using educational tools, such as theater, crafts, STEM, and filmmaking.

## Holiday Workshops

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We learn and celebrate the Jewish holidays as they approach throughout the year. Each season brings new and exciting holiday workshops.

# Bat Mitzvah

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## The Bat Mitzvah Club Track - Grades 6-7

This fun club style class prepares girls for this momentous day in their lives and follows the motto "Good Friends. Good Deeds. Good Times."

The lessons are interactive with engaging activities that promote friendship, life lessons, and tie-ins with Jewish culture. As part of the Bat Mitzvah club, we learn about Jewish women throughout history, the story of their lives, their personalities, and the lessons for every Bat Mitzvah girl today.

Our goal is to inspire a generation of Jewish girls to become confident, smart, thoughtful women who are instilled with knowledge, confidence, spiritual awareness, and understanding that there is more to their Bat Mitzvah than just the party.



# Bar Mitzvah

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## Bar Mitzvah Club Track - Grades 6-7

A Bar Mitzvah is more than just an event, it is a process. It is the process through which a young boy crosses the threshold into manhood.

A Bar Mitzvah is probably the most important milestone in a young Jewish boy's life and the excitement of the standard preparations such as Torah reading lessons and party preparations are only part of the picture.

The Bar Mitzvah Jewish Discovery Course teaches the students about themselves. It addresses basic questions of Jewish identity and Jewish life such as: Who Am I? What makes me Jewish? What is a soul? Why do I struggle with making the right choices? What does a Mitzvah accomplish?



## Behavior and Discipline

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We believe that children deserve a learning environment that is safe, respectful, and productive. Our teachers lead students in promoting an environment where students are free to learn without significant disruptions. Students are responsible for respecting classroom rules and routines. We believe that together, we have a responsibility to promote mutual respect, tolerance and acceptance. Chabad Hebrew School will not accept behaviors that infringe on the safety and wellbeing of any student. Students may not intimidate, harass or intentionally hurt other students through words or actions. Such behavior includes: direct physical contact such as hitting or shoving, verbal assaults such as teasing or name-calling, and social isolation or manipulation.

Chabad Hebrew School may take disciplinary action or request that a child be picked up from school when a student significantly disrupts school activities, mistreats other people or property, bullies or intimidates other students or teachers, or engages in unsafe behavior.

If a student is sent home because of their behavior, they will not be permitted to return until there is a face to face meeting with the parents to discuss the behavior and any actions, conditions and expectations for continued presence at school.



# Personal Belongings

Students are not permitted to bring cell phones, iPods or other electronic devices to Hebrew School, all of which serve as a distraction for the student and the class. In the event that a student brings these items, the teacher will hold it for safekeeping and return it to the student at the end of the day. We respectfully request that parents take the lead in reinforcing this important rule.

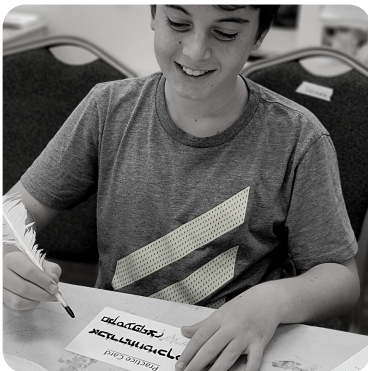


## Snacks



A kosher, light snack will be given to your child at Hebrew school. Water is always available for students to drink. We therefore request that you do not send in any additional snacks or drinks. If your child is allergic to any food or beverages, please be sure that it is written on his/her registration form.

## Tzedakah



Tzedakah (charity) is a concept which is basic to Judaism. Our school works 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. Tzedakah Please send your child with some coins for Tzedakah to encourage them to perform this Mitzvah. Older children should be encouraged to give Tzedakah from their own allowance money. Each class will have the opportunity to discuss and decide where to allocate the money they collect throughout the year.

## Helping Your Child Succeed

In order for our program to be most effective, the home and school 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 at home is one of the best motivators for creating a positive Jewish identity!

