

Dear Parents,

Thank you for inquiring about the Chabad Hebrew School. Enclosed please find a registration package, which includes a program sheet, fact sheet with detailed information about the Hebrew School & a registration application.

Please read this package carefully and send in the application forms. If you have any questions or if you need any special arrangements, please feel free to call me.

At Chabad Hebrew School, we firmly believe that your child's first taste of Jewish learning should be fun and interesting. Hebrew School is an incredible opportunity. We have the chance to inspire future adults with a sense of Jewish pride and awareness.

At Chabad our goal is simple: We want our students to view Judaism in an intelligent, relevant and upbeat light. We hope to engage their senses of identity by capturing their imaginations and attention. So, we put a lot of effort into providing our Hebrew School students with substantive lessons and a positive atmosphere.

We're forging new paths to a kid-friendly Jewish education, by implementing an original curriculum (Aleph Champ is already being used by other Hebrew Schools around the world) which projects a clear vision of the students' entire Hebrew School experience. Each step follows a logical progression, creating an interconnected and upwardly spiraling education.

The lessons are multi-sensory and hands-on. The students truly experience what they are being taught.. The classroom representation is as realistic as possible. The lessons are structured with discussion-starters, to create a lively, interactive classroom experience. The information truly becomes the students own.

At Chabad Hebrew School, families of all backgrounds and affiliations are made to feel welcome. Wishing you a happy & healthy New Year. You should have true *Yiddisheh Nachas* from your children & loved ones!

Sincerely yours,

Rachel Druk

Director

# CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Parents, please arrange transportation so that students arrive at the Hebrew School before class begins.**

## Chabad Hebrew School Curriculum

Our philosophy is that it is most important for children to have a positive first experience in Hebrew School. We therefore go to great lengths to create a warm and exciting atmosphere in the classroom incorporating, art projects, songs, games and contests into all of our lesson plans. With this in mind we have nonetheless planned a full and thorough curriculum including the following subjects.

1. Hebrew Reading
2. Jewish Tradition
3. History of the Jewish People
4. Prayers and Blessings
5. Jewish Holidays

### Hebrew Reading

Students will begin by being introduced to the letters of the Aleph Bet. They will spend a great deal of time on letter recognition through exercises, and games to insure that their foundation in Hebrew reading is solid. The class will start by learning the entire Aleph Bet. After that, they will begin learning the Nikudot (Vowels). They will focus on recognizing the names, appearance and sounds of the Nikudot. From then on they will begin doing reading exercises with 2 and 3 letter words.

Children will be given about 5 minutes of Hebrew reading homework/review on most nights. It is most important that they actually do the assignment in order for them to properly progress in their reading. To insure that you are kept well informed as to what your child is learning in the classroom you will frequently be asked to sign work assignments and tests and return them with your child to the classroom.

Finally, it is most important that you realize that this is a "*beginners*" class. Don't expect your child to be reading fluently after a few months of Hebrew School. Indeed if your child has a good attendance record and does the homework responsibly, he/she will only be able to *slowly* piece together small words. As they continue in our more advanced Hebrew classes, we will teach them to strengthen their reading and teach them handwriting as well. We will also begin teaching Hebrew as a Language in the more advanced classes.

### Jewish Tradition

In order for children to be able to develop a sense of pride for their Jewish heritage they need to begin learning about their traditions. It is our goal to introduce to them as many

traditions and concepts as possible, but to do so in a manner that allows them to see the beauty and meaning of Jewish Tradition. Throughout the year your children will learn about the following Jewish concepts: "Honoring your parents", charity, kindness to your fellow, mezuzah, kosher, Shabbat, The Jewish dress code - kippa, tzitzit etc. and the Jewish Calendar. These subjects are replaced with Holiday subjects as Jewish holidays approach so that we can properly prepare the students for each upcoming holiday.

### History of the Jewish People

Throughout the year your children will be learning Jewish History to give them a sense of Jewish pride and identity. Children will learn to view our *Avot* (patriarchs) and *Imahot* (matriarchs) and other Jewish heroic figures as role models. They will be taught morals and ethics from people highlighted in the weekly Torah portion. The children will gain knowledge of and a love for the land of Israel and its people.

### PRAYER AND BLESSINGS:

Children will start to learn simple, basic prayers and blessings. As they progress they will learn more prayers and what is appropriate to say at which times.

### Jewish Holidays

As each holiday of the Jewish calendar approaches, we will spend a great deal of time learning about the history, customs and traditions of the holiday. This will help bring meaning to the many beautiful, yet often strange rituals of our heritage. Expect your children to learn in depth about the following holidays, Chanuka, Tu Bishvat, Purim, Pesach, Lag B'omer, and Shavuot.

Our holiday curriculum is also spiced up with games, projects, songs, performances and projects. Quite often as we approach the last few days before a major holiday other subjects such as History or Hebrew are pre-empted to allow ample time to properly teach about the holidays.

We encourage you to ask your children to share with you the many things they are learning about each holiday. This will help re-enforce what they are learning in the classroom and may well add meaning to your family holiday celebration. We also encourage you to join our community holiday celebrations and services, they are all offered at no cost and require no membership.

## Chabad Hebrew School Calendar 2009/5770

October 18- 1<sup>st</sup> day of Hebrew School

November 15- No Hebrew School

February 7- No Hebrew School

February 28- No Hebrew School- Purim

March 28- No Hebrew School- day before Passover

April 4- No Hebrew School- Passover

April 11- No Hebrew School

June 6- Last day of Hebrew School

# **FACT SHEET**

## **Age Levels**

Ages 5-11

## **Days / Times**

Sundays 10:00am – 12:00pm

## **Tuition and Fees:**

\$3500 pesos per year per child (this includes a registration & book fee). There is a 10% discount off of the regular tuition for each additional child of the same family.

## **Payment Options:**

Option 1: Prepayment in full before October.

Option 2: Pay 2/3 of tuition before October, 1/3 of tuition by January 10.

Note: If there are reasons you cannot commit to one of the above options, please contact our office to arrange a personal payment plan.

Refunds for children withdrawing from school before the end of the school year will be granted provided that the school office is given 30 days written notice. Tuition refunds will not be granted to children withdrawing from school after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

A supply list will be emailed to you upon receipt of your application.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance is crucial in accomplishing the goals of our educational program. There is direct correlation between attendance and achievement, interest, and attitude. Further, coming late and leaving early disrupts the entire class as well as your child's classroom routine. Your support of our attendance policy will be greatly appreciated.

## **CHS RECORDS**

Parents should notify the office promptly, in writing, of any change in address, telephone number, as well as any change regarding emergency situations. Promptness and accuracy are necessary to keep records up to date and to communicate with the home when necessary

# Hebrew School Registration Application

Please Print Clearly

## Student Information

Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail(child's) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: English \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child read basic Hebrew? Yes No If Yes: Good Fair Poor

What school does your child attend? What grade is your child entering?

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Is the natural mother of the child Jewish? Yes No

Were there any conversions or adoptions in your family? Yes No

If Yes please describe:

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Additional comments:

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## Parent Information

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Registration Application (continued)

How did you hear about Chabad Hebrew School? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special medical or other information, which we should be aware of? (Confidential)

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## Emergency Contact Information

Person to be contacted in case of an emergency when parents cannot be reached:

Name _____	Telephone # _____	( ) - _____
Relationship to child _____	City _____	
Family Physician _____	Telephone # _____	( ) - _____

## Medical Release Form

I hereby give consent to the administration of the Chabad Hebrew School to take whatever medical measures they deem necessary, at my expense, for my child in the event of a medical emergency.

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Application (continued)

Please check box with your choice for method of payment:

- Prepayment in full before October.
- Pay 2/3 of tuition before October, and 1/3 by January 10.
- Other method of payment as arranged with the office. Please specify:

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Signature

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Date

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# CHABAD



More than anyone else, Chabad is known for its ability

- to transmit traditional ideals in a modern world
- to relate to every Jewish child and adult and make them feel welcome and important
- to bring people together to share Judaism in a fun and exciting way - regardless of background or religious affiliation and observance

Chabad is where Judaism comes alive, and with its warmth, enthusiasm, and sense of purpose -- it is the place where your child can and will grow to be proud of his or her Judaism and flourish as a productive member of contemporary society.

**All of this, and we make it fun, too!**