

2026-2027 ~ 5787

HEBREW SCHOOL 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.

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 mission is to make a Sunday Hebrew school the beginning of Jewish learning, not the end.

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 the best experience at Chabad Hebrew School.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

**Looking forward to a wonderful year!
Rabbi Arele & 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

Rabbi Arele Gopin - 347-368-9280



Our School Day

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

Drop-off - The circle will be open from drop-off starting at 9:55. Feel free to pull up, and drop your children off by the front glass doors. If you prefer to walk your children in, please park in the lot and walk in through the front lobby doors.

If you arrive early, please wait with your child until 10 am.

Dismissal begins at 12:25. Follow the car line outside the building. Pull forward in the circle, and your child will be brought out to you..

If you choose to park and walk in, we kindly ask that you wait at the school gate and do not approach the glass doors.

For early pickups, please let us know in the morning so we can ensure your child is ready. When you arrive, the security officer will call for your child, who will be escorted safely to the parking lot.

To help us keep our day running smoothly, all early pickups must be completed by 12:00 PM.

Please note that there is no aftercare available. To avoid a late pickup fee of \$15, kindly ensure you arrive within 10 minutes of the scheduled dismissal time.

Health & Wellness

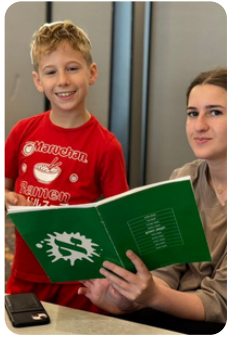
Communication is key to allowing us to help your child. Please let us know if there are any important factors in your child's health, such as allergies, vision, hearing, medications, etc. This will help us to be understanding and cater to his/her needs. Of course, the greatest care will be taken to maintain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



Our students learn to read Hebrew and build vocabulary related to the mitzvot and holidays. Reading Hebrew connects the child to a 3,000 year old language, used by our people over all that time, no matter where we found ourselves. It is a language that is part of our heritage and helps each generation connect to its past.

Starting with Letter Lab, students are introduced to the Hebrew Alphabet through 32 worklets that sequentially and seamlessly integrate the many foundational components of Alef Bet learning. With memorable hooks, phonemic awareness, Hebrew vocabulary, handwriting and more, children will experience the pleasure of learning the Hebrew alphabet, not just as a means to Hebrew reading, but as an experience in itself.

Grades 1-7 Aleph Champ with NikudQuest

Students are divided by reading level which is represented by various color levels. The Hebrew Reading room, designed with color coded zones, has a designated teacher at each level.

Every student is able to advance in reading at their own pace, and become proficient Hebrew readers. With eight units corresponding to each vowel, the children begin to master reading syllables, words, phrases and super simple sentences. The Hebrew Scouts readers use beautifully illustrated guidebooks, readers, games, and supplemental materials which all work hand-in-hand for a comprehensive learning experience, all in a fun, engaging way. Reading activities incorporate Jewish values and culture, and introduce students to Judaism's classic texts.

Curriculum

Beraishit

Imagine your child coming home from Hebrew School talking about sculptures, exploding rainbow experiments, and homemade NeeDohs—but they could also tell you about Rivka's kindness, Avraham's hospitality, and why they are proud to be Jewish in 2026. That's exactly what we're bringing to Hebrew School this year with our Beraishit curriculum, exploring the roots of our people as recounted in the first book of the Torah.

Every lesson is packed with hands-on activities—experiments, crafts, recipes, storytelling, hunts, games, and presentations that help children experience Judaism in a very meaningful and real way. Behind every game, recipe, science experiment, and creative project is a foundational Jewish concept they'll remember long after class is over. In Ckids Bereishit, we will explore big questions like: Who am I? Where do I come from? What makes me proud to be Jewish?



Holiday Workshops

We learn and celebrate the Jewish holidays as they approach throughout the year. Each season brings new and exciting holiday workshops. For Rosh Hashanah, listen to the buzzing and watch out ! The **Honey Bee workshop** will teach us all about what it means to have a sweet new year! **Chanukah Lit** - At Chanukah LIT Light. Impact. Together. - we'll focus on "spreading light" and doing kindness taking part in different acts of kindness and customizing our own usable menorah to light at home.

We'll do "**Pesach in Jerusalem**" and step through the gates of Jerusalem and walk the path of our story. Students will learn about the journey of the Jewish people from Egypt in a hands-on and immersive way. and customize leather matzah covers with a beautiful Jerusalem theme.

Bat Mitzvah

The Bat Mitzvah Club - Grades 6-7

Bat Mitzvah Club is in addition to Hebrew School classes. Registration will open after the holidays. Dates and times to be announced. This fun club style class prepares girls for this momentous day in their lives. 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

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.

To schedule your son's Bar Mitzvah and arrange private tutoring for his Parshah and Haftorah, please reach out to the Rabbi



Behavior and Discipline

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.

When registering, parents acknowledge that Chabad Hebrew School serves children who are able to function successfully in a group setting. If, in the judgement of the school's Director, the child is not able to function in a group setting, the parent may be asked to withdraw the child. In the event that the parent is requested to withdraw the child, the Director will work with the parent to identify possible alternative programs suitable for the child.

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 other than water. 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!

