

Chabad Hebrew School of the Space & Treasure Coasts

Parent Handbook

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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 involvement in the synagogue, their participation in Jewish life and their determination to live as Jews.

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!

Hebrew School Directors

Rabbi Mendel & Chaya Osdoba

Curriculum

"Bereishis" will take students on an unforgettable journey through the first book of the Torah, exploring the roots of the Jewish people through the stories of Bereishis. Through hands-on experiments, crafts, recipes, storytelling, and games, they'll uncover the timeless values of our Torah heroes and discover how these lessons shape who we are as Jews today.

Throughout the year, students will explore big questions like: **Who am I? Where do I come from? What makes me proud to be Jewish?** Together, we'll discover the kindness of Rivka, the hospitality of Avraham, and foundational Jewish values while bringing the stories of Bereishis to life through exciting hands-on activities.

Here's a sneak peek of the interactive experiences:

- Cotton candy sculptures bring Torah lessons to life
- Exploding rainbow experiments turn learning into discovery
- Homemade NeeDohs and airbrush totes make Jewish values unforgettable
- Global CKids Giving Day makes giving back hands-on and meaningful

From STEAM to cooking, crafts, storytelling, and games, we'll dive into a journey that makes Judaism meaningful, exciting, and real.

Areas of academic emphasis include:

1. Learning the wisdom and beauty of Judaism
2. Hebrew reading and vocabulary
3. Holidays and traditions
4. Culture and current events

This school-wide program engages children in discovering the higher purpose of everyday life and gives them the tools to practically implement their inspiration, with content and activities geared toward each age group.

Our Approach

At Chabad Hebrew School we strive to stress the beauty and warmth of Judaism and its Mitzvot, providing a learning experience in an atmosphere of joy and liveliness. 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.

Besides for the weekly “Light House” lessons, we have a host of other programs that we use to create the best experiences for your child:

CKids Clubs
CKids Clubs are engaging holiday events that get you innovating with fun new mediums and skill sets. Open to the larger Jewish community, we invite more Jewish children to join CKids Clubs.

JewQ Torah Competition
Children in 150+ cities worldwide put their Jewish knowledge to the ULTIMATE test. High achievers win prizes and an exciting end-of-year trip!

Tzivot Hashem
Move up the ranks with a new program celebrating the “me” and “u” in meaningful, mitzvah-filled Judaism. Monthly rallies highlight Jewish birthdays and ranks. We feature a Student of the Month from each class who is recognized for his/her positive attitude, participation and attendance.

CKids Shabbaton
Exciting performances. New friends. Yummy Shabbat food. One action packed weekend. Finish up with Sunday’s International JewQ Championship and Tzivot Hashem Award Ceremony.

Extracurricular
Family days, Shabbat experiences, school contests, hands-on education, and family workshops as well as games, drama, and songs are blended into our curriculum.

Aleph Champ/Hebrew Language Reading & Comprehension

Aleph Champ is a ground-breaking program that is the talk of the town. This system is an 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.

Homework

Limited homework will be assigned. Homework will generally consist of a review, reinforcement or completion of classroom work, specifically Hebrew reading.

Communication

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

Rabbi Mendel Osdoba 917-617-3696

Chaya Osdoba 321-586-7117

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.

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.

In case of minor injury, the first aider will treat the injury. 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.

Drop Off/ Pick Up

- Drop Off: 9:45 AM (School begins at 10:00 AM)
- Pick Up: 12:30 PM

Please don't arrive earlier or later than the designated times

Leaving Class Early

Please note our new policy: If for some significant reason your child has to leave early, please contact us beforehand and sign them out.

Hebrew School Schedule

Sunday mornings from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Sample Schedule	Activity
10:00 AM - 10:10 PM	Welcome Activity
10:10 AM - 10:40 AM	Aleph Champ/ Hebrew Reading
10:40 AM - 10:55 AM	Recess & Snack/Monthly Jewish Birthday Bash
10:55 AM - 11:10 AM	Morning Prayers and Song
11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	Class Curriculum and Craft

12:00 - 12:15 PM	JewQ
12:15 - 12:30 PM	Goodbye Routine (Review, Song, Mitzvah Note)

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. Furthermore, coming late disturbs the entire class and disrupts your child's classroom routine. Any work that is missed due to attendance has to be made up.

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

Payment and Refund Policy

Tuition fees can be paid by check or credit card. Please note that should you choose to pay by credit card, you will be charged the 3.5% processing fee. Payments should be given to the director only and not to other staff members. Tuition fees are non-refundable. Should you decide to withdraw your child from Hebrew School, your refund will be pro-rated up to February 1. After that date no refund will be allowed for Hebrew School tuition. There are no refunds or credits for days missed due to illness, holidays, or family vacations.

Textbooks

Textbooks and workbooks will be supplied by the school. Books should be treated with care and respect. There will be a charge for lost books.

Parent/CHS Communication

Your child's happiness is our top priority. Communication between parents and staff is very important and will make the Hebrew school experience more pleasant for your child.

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 will be emailing important notices and newsletters to let you know what is happening during Hebrew school. Please check your email Hebrew school notices to monitor how your child is progressing. Additionally, you can join our whatsapp group by WhatsApp messaging 321-777-2770 where we'll be sharing important information to you. Homework and other important information will be sent home with your child as well. Please check his/her school bag for these notices.

Photos of Chabad Hebrew School in action will be posted weekly on our Facebook page-make sure to view them at https://www.facebook.com/brevardhebrewschool

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

Behavior Management Plan

Teachers will make all classroom rules clear to students.

Teachers will give one reminder of the rule. If the behavior continues, the student will be asked to observe from the back of the classroom.

If a child continues to be disruptive, they will ask the student to leave the classroom for three minutes to collect themselves. Parents will be contacted to review the episode. If disruptive behavior continues, a conference will be set up between child, parent and the director where a behavior management contract will be drafted.

Zero Tolerance Policy: Any student involved in harmful and/or dangerous behavior to himself or others, or destruction of property, will result in immediate suspension pending a conference between the director and the parents.

Kippah & Tzitzit

All boys must bring their own kippah to wear in class. For sanitary reasons, please make sure your child has his own kippah every day. If he forgets his own kippah, he will be given one. Our school will be handing out tzitzit at the beginning of the year and students will be asked to return them at the end of each day.

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.

Snacks

A light snack should be given to your child to bring to Hebrew school. Water is always available for students to drink.

Safety Policy

The safety and well-being of your child is our highest priority. We maintain strict safety protocols to ensure a secure and nurturing environment for all students. Our policies include:

Supervision

- Students are under adult supervision at all times during school hours.
- Children will only be dismissed to a parent, guardian, or authorized pickup person listed on your child's enrollment form.
- Doors remain locked during school hours for the safety of all students.

Health and Wellness

- If your child is sick, please keep them home to prevent the spread of illness.
- If a child becomes ill during school, a parent will be contacted to pick them up promptly.

Behavior and Safety

- We maintain a zero-tolerance policy for bullying or inappropriate behavior.
- Any items that could pose a safety risk are prohibited.

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 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 is one of the best motivators for creating a positive Jewish identity!

Thank you for choosing Chabad Hebrew School – together, we will make this an amazing year of Jewish learning and growth!

School Calendar

