



Chabad Hebrew School

Under the auspices of the Chabad Jewish Center
Northern Fairfield County

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We Take Pride In Jewish Pride!

Dear Parents,

Can one ever say enough about the value of education? Judaism has always taught and stressed the importance of study.

Through our Hebrew School we will try to instill within our youngsters a love for Judaism, the Torah and the Jewish people, a thirst for more knowledge, a feeling for their rich heritage, a sense of ability and a positive picture of themselves as Jews.

You may know the story of the elementary teacher who went to the school office to check on the new students the day before school opened. Next to each child's name was the child's IQ. As she looked, she was stunned. The numbers ranged from 125 to over 150. It was the finest class she had ever had. So, all through the year she tried to do justice to these bright children by organizing enrichment programs, in-depth studies, speakers, trips and more. The children responded by making tremendous strides in all their subjects. It was only near the end of the school year that she learned that the numbers she had seen were not their IQ's but their locker numbers!

In order to successfully implement our goals, a home-school partnership is imperative and to achieve our noble aims we earnestly seek genuine co-operation and active participation. The old saying, that children learn what they live, is particularly true with regard to Jewish education. The few hours that we have your children in our school can only give them an outline of their Jewish Heritage - the rest is up to you.

At Chabad Hebrew School, families of all backgrounds and affiliations are made to feel welcome. Tuition is affordable and synagogue membership is not required. No child will be turned away due to lack of funds. Families are welcome to attend programs and services at the Chabad Jewish Center.

As you know, our best form of advertising and growth is word of mouth. If you know anyone at all who might be considering joining Chabad Hebrew School this year and would like a call please let us know or give them a call yourself. Besides an additional 15% discount for any family that you refer to Chabad Hebrew School, you also help make the school a better school when there are more children in it. Remember, we welcome families to give the Hebrew school a "test drive" before committing. They simply need to call us or email us and let her know beforehand. If you have any leads that you think may be worth following but cannot/will not follow for whatever reason, please email me privately at chabadridgefield@gmail.com so that we can follow up these leads.

Looking forward to a great year together. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 203-748-4421

Best wishes for a Happy Healthy and Successful New Year.

Sincerely,

Chana Deitsch
Director

P.S: If you have any friends or acquaintances that may be interested in receiving this packet, please contact me with their information and I will send one out as soon as possible



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Introduction

This booklet is designed to encourage your input and participation in our program by sharing with you our goals, and the steps we plan to take to meet them.

Our Hebrew School is part of Chabad of Ridgefield and thus utilizes some of the very positive points of the Chabad ideology in educating your child. A fresh and positive approach and lots of enthusiasm is the hallmark of Chabad and will be prevalent in our school.

The goal of the Chabad Hebrew School is to deepen Jewish experience and knowledge so as to strengthen our children's understanding of G-d's works and wonders, their identification with the Jewish People, their involvement in the synagogue, their participation in Jewish life and their determination to live as Jews.

We plan programs during the year such as Shabbat experiences, Shofar factory, Chanukah rally, Purim fun, Passover Matzah baking, Lag B'omer Community BBQ, and more.

We believe that the joy and pride in Yiddishkeit/Judaism that will be experience at the Chabad Hebrew School will make an indelible impression upon the children.

So much of what we do depends on you. Please view this booklet as an ongoing invitation to pursue actively the goals we share, at home and within your congregational setting.



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The Goals of Our Program

- To attain a strong feeling of identity with our heritage and to develop a sense of *Love and Pride* in being Jewish.
- Gain Knowledge and Understanding of the Mitzvot, traditions and practices of Judaism, study the morals, values, and ethical behaviors mandated by the Torah, and develop an appreciation through hands on approach to all holidays.
- Master the skills of Hebrew reading and to gradually develop the ability to understand basic Hebrew words, emphasizing prayers so that the students will feel comfortable when attending services.
- Identify with the land of Israel as their inheritance and develop an interest in issues relating to Israel and our people.
- Discover and explore the incredible history of the Jewish people and its relevance to our times.
- Allow students to express their opinions and questions about G-d, Torah and religion and to have them understand the importance and relevance of Torah in today's day and age.
- Attain a Jewish perspective on life; maintain Jewish pride and involvement in Judaism, beyond the years at the Chabad Hebrew School. This will ultimately perpetuate the continuity of future generations.



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Curriculum

HEBREW LANGUAGE:

Children will learn to recognize and identify the names of all Hebrew letters. They will begin reading simple words after learning how to blend the sounds. Additionally, they will begin to learn how to write the letters in the Hebrew script. Hebrew vocabulary is a basic part of the program - Children will learn Hebrew words related to current themes.

MITZVOT:

Children will be taught the meaning of Mitzvot - Torah commandments - and will be encouraged to enjoy the experience of doing mitzvot. Some mitzvot emphasized are Tzedaka, loving one another, kindness to living creatures, hospitality, honoring parents, mezuzah, and brachot (blessings). The teachers will help each child develop a consciousness of proper Torah behavior towards others - *Midot Tovot* - which is the acquisition of desirable character traits.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES:

Children will learn to appreciate the special quality and holiness of Shabbat and Holidays. They will become familiar with the historical background, customs, and observances of each festival throughout the year.

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 HISTORY:

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.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH:

When the children reach Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, they will begin taking their Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons with the Rabbi, to prepare them for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah service at our synagogue. In addition, the children will participate in a series of Bar Mitzvah classes as an introduction to Jewish adulthood as a Jewish man, or Bat Mitzvah classes for a girl, teaching the significance and role of the Jewish woman in Judaism.



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School Calendar

A school year calendar listing dates on which there will be no Hebrew School classes has been inserted into this booklet. Please remove it and place it somewhere you can easily refer to it during the year.

Parent/School Communication

Communication between parents and staff is very important and will help make the Hebrew School experience more pleasant for your child. We often send important notices home with your child. Our teachers are always available to discuss any concerns you may have with your child's progress, if you would like to speak to a teacher, please call the office and leave a message for her/him to return your call.

Parents Responsibilities

Parents are responsible for the following:

1. Bringing and picking up your child on time
2. Following your child's progress through contact with his/her teachers
3. Being supportive of the objectives of Chabad Hebrew School and its staff
4. Taking an active part in your child's Jewish education, whenever possible.

Hebrew School Responsibilities

You can expect the school to fulfill the following:

1. Provide a positive, warm environment for your child
2. Give your child a viable knowledge of Hebrew language, Prayers, Jewish History, Customs, Torah, Israel, and ethics.
3. Keep you informed of your child's progress and class activities
4. Provide your child with knowledgeable teachers who are dedicated to providing your child with quality Jewish education and values.
5. Provide your family with opportunities to learn and experience Jewish life.

Books and Supplies

All textbooks and workbooks will be provided by the school.

Students are to bring the following supplies at the beginning of the school year:

1. 1 pack of markers
2. 1 pack of crayons
3. Three ring binder with papers and dividers
4. Pencils
5. Pens



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Tuition and Fees:

Grades 1-7: \$600.00

The above tuition does not include the non-refundable book fee.

Book Fee (due with registration)	\$50.00	

Payment Options:

Option 1: Prepayment in full before September.

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



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Registration Application 2010-11

Please Print Clearly

Part I: Student Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Hebrew Name _____ e-mail (child's) _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Birthday _____ Age _____ School _____ Grade (Entering) _____

Part II: Parents' Information

Father's Name _____ Hebrew Name _____
 Work Address _____ Phone _____ Occupation _____
 Mother's Name _____ Hebrew Name _____
 Work Address _____ Phone _____ Occupation _____
 e-mail (parent) _____ Synagogue Affiliation _____
 Father cell # _____ Mother Cell # _____

Part III: Religious & Educational History

Previous Hebrew Education _____
 Were there any conversions &/or adoptions in the family?
 (Child, parent, grandparent, great grandparent...) _____
 If yes, what is the relation to the child? _____
 Where was the conversion done? _____
 Who was the Rabbi who performed the conversion? _____

Part IV: Medical Information (confidential)

Up to date with vaccinations? Yes No Date of last tetanus shot _____
 Any special medical or other information, which we should be aware of
 including allergies? (Confidential) _____



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I hereby permit my child, _____ to participate in all school activities, and to join in class and school trips on and beyond school properties and use any transportation selected by the Chabad Hebrew School.

Signature of parent _____

Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information

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

Name _____ Telephone # () - _____

Relationship to child _____ City/Town _____

Family Physician _____ Telephone # () - _____

Medical Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

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 _____



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Registration Application 2010-2011 (continued)

I have enclosed \$_____ for book fees.

I have enclosed \$_____ towards tuition.

Please check box with your choice for method of payment:

Pre payment in full before September.

Other method of payment as arranged with the office. Please specify:

Signature

Date



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Hebrew School Calendar 2010-11

September 9-10 th	Rosh Hashana Children's Services
September 12 th	Small Wonder Puppet Theatre Family Day
September 14 th	First Day of School
September 26 th	Sukkah Party Family Day
September 28 th	No School Sukkot
November 23 rd	No School Thanksgiving Vacation
December 5 th	Chanukah Wonderland Family Day
December 7 th	No School Chanukah Vacation
December 28 th	No School Winter Break
January 18 th	No School Teacher Conference
January 21 st	Hebrew School Friday Night Shabbat Dinner
February 22 nd	No School Mid Winter Break
March 20 th	Purim Celebration Family Day
March 22 nd	No School Purim
April 10 th	Passover Experience Family Day
April 19 th	No School Passover
April 26 th	No School Passover
May 24 th	Last Day Hebrew School Celebration
June 8 th	Shavout Ice Cream Social