

Chabad Hebrew School



Parent Handbook

www.chabadorlando.org/CHS

(407) 644-2500 Ext.0

Who



We Are

Dear Parents,

Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a Jewish song. Picture a group of Jewish children engaged in lively discussion, singing, laughter and prayer.

Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School!

At CHS, families of all affiliations and backgrounds feel comfortable and welcomed. Our school offers a warm and lively Jewish atmosphere where children can attain a unique and exciting awareness of their Jewish identity.

We hope that by year's end, along with the Aleph-Bet, the holiday learning, and Hebrew literacy, your child will have developed a deep love and respect for our precious heritage.

Communication is what makes our Hebrew School the warm and growing environment that it is so I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at (310) 721-1746 or estherm93@gmail.com.

Looking forward to a creative and productive year,

Mrs. Esther Hoffer

Director

Chabad Hebrew School



Goals

**AT CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL,
OUR GOAL IS FOR OUR STUDENTS TO...**

- Attain a strong sense of love pride in being Jewish.
- Explore the Torah (Bible) and discover the incredible history of the Jewish people.
- Study the Torah's moral and ethical expectations.
- Gain an understanding of Judaism's relevance in the 21st century.
- Attain a hands-on appreciation for the Jewish holidays.
- Master the skills of Hebrew reading.
- Achieve familiarity with the basic Jewish prayers.
- Identify with the Land of Israel and its history.
- Express their opinions and questions.

Supplies



Needed

SUPPLIES

Chabad Hebrew School provides all supplies needed for class. From pencils to books – we have it all. There is an additional fee for the JewQ competition program book which is optional. We will send out information about this program

TZEDAKAH

Tzedakah (charity) is a basic value in Judaism. Our school attempts to develop a commitment among our students to share with others less fortunate than themselves by donating a few pennies a day to charity. Please try to send some coins (even just one penny) to school each Sunday to help encourage your child to perform this mitzvah. When the Tzedakah box is full, the students vote on a Jewish charity of their liking to decide where the money will be given to.

Hebrew



Reading

Hebrew reading takes place in the Aleph Champ classroom. Each class gets a designated time slot to spend in the Aleph Champ room. The students rotate between the centers in the room, learning how to read Hebrew through interactive exercises and games. On the first day we do an evaluation for each student to see what level they are up to in our Aleph Champ program, or what letters and vowels they know.

The Aleph champ program is designed with a theme and motivation similar to that of the traditional Karate system: using different colors to represent a hierarchy of levels in proficiency. This system is an incredible tool for our students, since it enables each student to work at his/her own pace and take pride as they master one level and move up to the next. The Aleph Champ program begins at the most basic level, 'White', in which students learn to identify the first half of the Hebrew alphabet. As the levels progress, the entire alphabet is mastered along with its accompanying vowels. A student completes the Aleph Champ program at the 'Black level', at which point they are able to read Hebrew fluently from a Siddur (Prayer book).

Aside from Hebrew Reading we focus on the following Judaica curricula

JEWISH HISTORY

Our students gain an appreciation of our heritage and culture as it has been preserved in modern times, from creation to the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. The captivating stories carry lessons for day to day life.

HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT

Our spiraling holidays curriculum is unique in the fact that the traditions and lessons from the Jewish Holidays provide a deeper and richer level of understanding as the children get older. We also host Shabbat dinners and interactive fun family holiday programs and events.

ISRAEL

The holiness and love for our homeland is imparted to our students. The land of where it all began.

JEWISH VALUES

Beginning with simple lessons, our younger children learn about the mitzvot. We stress practical application to the child's daily life. The older children explore and delve into the spirituality of the Mitzvot on a deeper level, beginning with discussions on the concept of a soul and progressing to a discussion of each student's own feelings about his/her personal Jewishness.

Interactive



Learning

Throughout the year of Hebrew School, students will celebrate our heritage through interactive learning with our Ckids events. Your child will experience many projects and hands-on methods of learning. These events happen outside of Hebrew School, but our students are encouraged to attend. Some experiences are for the whole family and friends to join along. Among them are the following:

ROSH HASHANA FARMER'S MARKET: Start the year out fresh with an organic, hands-on experience bringing the local goodness of the High Holidays to life

SUKKOT ART FEST: Learn about how each of us is part of one big beautiful whole, while working together on a mural for our community sukkah

CHANUKAH CANDLE WORKSHOP: Bring your own special light to your menorah this Chanukah season. Experiment with fun, custom made molds to make candles of all shapes, sizes, patterns, and colors

TU B'SHVAT HEALTH BAR FACTORY: Find out what nature, fruits, and the environment can teach us about living well. Experience fruit like never before in a great game of "taste buds" with fun challenges using tasty fruits.

Your

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Involvement

We strongly encourage close communication between the school staff and parents. We care deeply about the progress of each individual student. Teachers are readily available to talk anytime about your child's growth throughout the year. Esther can be reached at (310) 721-1746 or estherm93@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE: Our school was developed for families who take their children's education seriously. The first step in the right direction is for parents and children to realize that attendance is the key to a successful school year.

DROP-OFF AND PICK UP: Parents escort their child inside to sign them in and out. Children who arrive more than 15 minutes before school begins may wait safely in their vehicle. Effort should be made to ensure that your child arrives to school on time. Please pick up punctually at dismissal time.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: If you would like to volunteer and be readily available during school and/or out of school to help with various projects please let us know.

General



Information

AGES: 4 -13

HOURS: Sunday mornings, 10:00am-12:00pm
Teen Assistants' pick up is at 12:30pm

LOCATION: Chabad of Greater Orlando
708 Lake Howell Rd., Matiland FL, 32751

CALENDAR: The CHS calendar can be seen at
www.chabadorlando.org/chs.

TRIPS: Certain classes have trips integrated into the curriculum. Before the trip you will receive a permission slip to be returned before the trip date.

SNACKS: A small snack and drink will be provided. If you would like to send extra snacks please only send fruit or vegetables

TOY/DEVICE RESTRICTIONS: We ask that all students leave toys, phones and handheld devices at home. Aside from obvious distractions they can cause during class, they can also prevent kids from socializing and making real friendships during recess time.

Registration



Information

REGISTRATION: If you haven't registered yet, fill out an application form on our website to ensure a spot for your child – chabadorlando.org/CHS. If you are a new family looking to join our Hebrew School please get in touch with us to schedule a meeting before registration.

TUITION: Tuition is \$875.00 for the school year.

Tuition can be paid in one or two installments, or you may pay the annual tuition on a monthly basis by submitting your credit card information or 10 checks of \$100.00 each, dated August through May. All checks must be submitted before the first day of Hebrew School.

SCHOLARSHIPS: No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Limited scholarships are available. Please call our office for scholarship requests. (407) 644-2500 Ext.0

Teen



Assistants

Since so many of our students love CHS and don't want to leave, many come back as assistants to help out with Hebrew Reading after their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. This section is for the moms of our dedicated assistants.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: If your child needs a form filled out to count towards volunteer work please bring it in to be signed by Esther or Rabbi anytime. We are approved for Bright Futures

DROPOFF/PICKUP: If possible please drop off your child a few minutes before 10am to assist with classroom setup etc. PICKUP IS AT 12:30pm

GROWTH: Rabbi Amram will be sharing a tidbit of Jewish knowledge with the assistants for 15 minutes from 12:15 to 12:30 so they get to gain something personally for themselves each week. Each week there will be a snack served during this time.