



Chabad of Rock Hill Hebrew School

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 Rock Hill 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!

Chany Zajac

Curriculum

The curriculum is designed to generate a positive change in children by encouraging them to integrate Torah, Mitzvot and Yomim Tovim into their lives. Through focused lesson goals and repeated application, the children will gain real skills and will be able to effect a genuine change in their lives. The curriculum offers timeless lessons and ways to integrate the knowledge children need to practically implement the skill. Children will have the passion and knowledge to live Jewishly, by internalizing the lessons and skills they learn. Upon completion of this course the student will have created a method to integrate Torah, Mitzvot and Jewish Holidays into their lives and developed methods to create change in the world around them.

Areas of academic emphasis include:

1. Hebrew reading and vocabulary
2. Holidays and traditions
3. Culture and current events

This course engages children in discovering the higher purpose of everyday lifestyle, and gives them the tools to practically implement their inspiration.

Communication

Should you need to contact us during school hours, please contact:

Chany Zajac:

845-321-5228

The Atmosphere

The underlying strength of our school is in its general warmth and spirit, providing a learning experience in an atmosphere of joy and liveliness.

Mitzva notes and charity are encouraged and the children develop a joy for giving and doing good deeds.

Holiday family programs, Friday night dinner, hands-on education, as well as games, drama, and songs are blended into our curriculum.

Homework

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

Our Approach

At our Hebrew School we strive to stress the beauty and warmth of Judaism and its Mitzvot. 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.

Aleph Champ/Hebrew Language Reading & Comprehension

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

Health, Wellness and COVID-19 Precautions

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, a 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.

This year, we have added an extra precaution to ensure health and wellness. For In-Person Hebrew School, everyone's temperature will be taken and hands washed or sanitized upon arrival. All adults should wear masks when in close proximity to others. Student masks will be evaluated.

Drop Off/ Pick Up

- Tuesdays: 4:15- 5:45 pm

This year, we will have students waiting for pick up by the gate to the backyard and in the snowy months by the front door for safer and more efficient drop-off and pickup. If students arrive late, please walk them to the door.

Hebrew School Schedule

In-Person Hebrew School

Tuedays: 4:15 pm -5:45 pm

Sample Schedule	Activity
4:15- 4:30 pm	Tefillah-Prayer
4:30- 4:55 pm	Hebrew Reading-Aleph Champ
4:55- 5:05 pm	Snack (Individual packages)
5:05- 5:45 pm	Class Curriculum

Virtual Hebrew School

In the event that someone in our Hebrew school becomes affected by Covid-19 or if it is deemed unsafe by health authorities, we are prepared to switch to a temporary virtual program. Hebrew reading would be done individually.

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. 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.

Tuition

\$540 for the year - Includes Registration, book fees & all supplies.

Scholarships available upon request.

Payments may be split over the year- up to 9 installments of \$60 monthly.

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 using our Chabad Hebrew School WhatsApp group as a form of communication to keep parents up to date and informed of important information. Please message 845-321-5228 to be added to the group chat.

Kippah

All boys are encouraged to wear a kippah in class. Please send along a kippah or he will be given one.

Snacks

A light snack will be provided during in-person classes.

Parent/ CHS Communication

We believe in a strong parent/teacher partnership. Communication between parents and teachers is very important to ensure that Hebrew School is a meaningful and pleasant experience for your child.

We will be updating the WhatsApp group notifying you of upcoming events, important notices, and what your child has covered in class each week. Homework and other important information will be sent home with your child in their Hebrew school folder. Please check his/her school bag each week.

Photos of Hebrew School in action will be posted on our website-make sure to view them at jewishcatskills.org/chs

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact Chany **845-321-5228**.

Helping Your Child Succeed

In order for our Chabad Hebrew School 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 celebration of Jewish Holidays and Shabbat 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!

Virtual Hebrew School Success Tips

Should we need to revert to a virtual program on a temporary basis keep these tips in mind.

1. Make sure that your child is properly set up for online learning, with a set place to learn, a laptop/computer and proper bandwidth for wifi.
2. Please make sure that your child's camera is on and the microphone works.
3. Please remove all distractions from nearby, only having the materials for the classroom available.
4. Make sure your child is familiar with the platform.