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CHABAD OF YORKTOWN HEBREW SCHOOL

PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK



www.ChabadYorktown.com/HebrewSchool

We hope you had a wonderful summer! We at Chabad are gearing up for another wonderful year at Hebrew School. We have been preparing educational activities that are fun and memorable, and are looking forward to great times together!

We will begin classes on Sept. 11, the Sunday after Labor Day.

Can't wait to see you!
Rabbi and Hadassah



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Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a Hebrew song. Walking through the halls, you can hear the sounds of lively discussion, of singing, laughter and prayer.

Welcome to Chabad of Yorktown Hebrew School, an exciting and innovative educational program in Yorktown. Our school makes every Jewish child feel welcome, regardless of knowledge or affiliation. Chabad Hebrew School is where Judaism comes alive and children are encouraged to ask and explore. Our experienced staff, hands-on curriculum, and holiday workshops are sure to make this year both educational and enjoyable for our students.

Our curriculum is designed to instill our students with a basic yet thorough understanding of our traditions and values, a strong sense of Jewish pride and a love of Jewish life. Our exclusive ALEPH-CHAMP reading program has been uniquely successful in motivating the students toward Hebrew fluency. We firmly believe that the holistic approach we employ is the most effective way to educate children and ensure an enduring connection with our Heritage.

We look forward to working together with you to educate and inspire your children. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me any time at 914-962-1111 or email Hadassah@ChabadYorktown.com.

Looking forward to a wonderful year!

Yours sincerely,

Hadassah Heber,

Director

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Chabad Hebrew School meets on Sundays, beginning September 11 (the Sunday after Labor Day), and ending May 21, from 9:30am-11:30am. Classes are held at the Chabad Jewish Center, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd. in Yorktown Heights.

The Hebrew School year calendar is available on our website. Additionally, a Hebrew School calendar magnet is being mailed to you. Please keep it handy so that you can easily refer to it throughout the year.

COMMUNICATION

Should you need to contact our staff during school hours, please call Hadassah on her cell phone at 718-755-1873, or Rabbi Heber at 914-486-3686.

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, parents will be notified **via email** whether Hebrew School has been canceled. If you suspect that school may be canceled due to the weather, **please check your email.**

CURRICULUM

At CHS, we put a lot of effort into providing our students with substantive lessons and a positive atmosphere. The lessons are multi-sensory and hands-on, ensuring that the students experience what they are being taught and that the information truly becomes the student's own. Each lesson is structured with discussion-starters to create a lively, interactive classroom experience.

The following is a sample of a typical Sunday morning's schedule:

9:30am-9:45 am	Tefillah-Prayer
9:45- 10:20am	Hebrew reading-Aleph Champ/Hebrew Writing/Hebrew language
10:20am-10:30am	Recess & Snack
10:30am-11:30pm	Individual Class Curriculum/Holidays

WORKBOOKS/SUPPLIES

All workbooks and supplies for all grades are provided by Chabad Hebrew School .

Boys are encouraged to bring and wear a *Kipah* & *Tzitzit* for all classes. If you do not have one, Hebrew School can provide one for you.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Consistent and timely attendance is vital! Consistent attendance is key to a successful year in Hebrew School and crucial in accomplishing the goals of our educational program. There is a direct correlation between a student's attendance, and his/her interest, achievement and attitude. For the benefit of your child and all students, it is imperative that your child arrives on time and remains in school until the end of the session. Your support of our attendance policy is greatly appreciated.

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DISMISSAL

Please call or email Hadassah if someone other than the parent will be picking up your child. Please pick up your child/ren promptly.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Students should not bring cell phones, iPods or other electronic devices to Hebrew School, all of which serve as a distraction to the student and the class. We respectfully request that parents take the lead in reinforcing this important rule.

SNACKS

Kosher and nutritious snacks are provided; we therefore request that you do not send in any additional snacks or drinks. If your child is allergic to any food or beverages, please be sure that it is written on his/her registration form. **Due to various student allergies, and Kosher laws, we ask that parents not bring any food or snack to school for their child or to be shared with the class, unless it has been discussed with staff earlier.**

HOMEWORK

Your child will be coming home from school with weekly homework for review. In order to gain the most from our once a week Hebrew School, students are strongly encouraged to practice their Hebrew reading and to go over at home what they have learned in class. For your convenience, homework sheets and assignments are available on our website www.ChabadYorktown.com. Please encourage your child to complete his/her assignments.

PARENT/CHS COMMUNICATION

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

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

When a parent is involved in their child's educational experience, the child's schooling is far more effective. When enrolling your child in Hebrew School, you demonstrate to your child that their Judaism is an integral part of your life, and you want it to be an integral part of theirs. We invite both parents and students to partake in a special and uplifting Friday night Shabbat Dinner. Additionally, please check our school calendar for various holiday programs throughout the year. We encourage you to attend.

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