

# Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School

Welcome! At Chabad Hebrew School our goal is to provide Jewish children with an education that instills Jewish pride and values. We strive to provide a basis in which to enable our children to grow into warm and knowledgeable adults who will positively shape our communities in years to come. We hope that by year's end, along with the Aleph-Bet, Holiday learning, Jewish Values and Hebrew literacy, your child will have developed a deep love and respect for our precious heritage.

Our Hebrew School prides itself in its dynamic approach to education. We seek to instill Jewish values and identity in the children through creative and interactive lessons, song and art. Your child is bound to love the ideas and ideals they study each week.

In this booklet you will find all the necessary details for the upcoming year of Hebrew School. We encourage you, as a parent, to get involved, ask questions and keep in touch with our school. Please follow our weekly newsletter email for updates on what your child covered. Like us on facebook for a glimpse of our day and other updates: facebook.com/chabadofnaperville/

If there is anything we can help you with, please feel free to contact us. Looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year!

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# Aleph Champ

The Aleph Champ program is changing the course of Hebrew reading. It employs an innovative reading system based on the martial arts motivational philosophy of color coding levels and testing. The Aleph Champion program provides our students with clear goals, motivation and a world of inspiration.

Students start out as a White Level Aleph Champ as they learn the first half of the Hebrew letters. Complete with color coded books, flashcards and medallions, they work their way through the different "belts" until they become a Black Level Aleph Champ with the ability to read fluently from the Siddur (prayer book).

# Jewish Holidays

Each Holiday in our school is an exciting experience. The students will learn and experience the Holidays through workshops, cooking, drama, and art. Our holiday discussions center around how we can internalize the lessons taught and apply them to our everyday lives.

Parents are encouraged to attend and participate in all Hebrew School holiday celebrations. You will be notified of each program, party or event as it approaches.

# Our Curriculum

Our Hebrew School curriculum is mapped out and divided into the grade levels that a child will go through from ages 4 -13. Our goal is that by the time your child graduates Hebrew School, he/she will have internalized all the fundamental parts of

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Judaism, be it in Jewish practice, tradition or history. We put emphasis on 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. You will be updated on our weekly progress via email.

# **General Information**

#### **Attendance**

School Hours are 9:30am-12:00pm. Regular attendance is crucial in accomplishing the goals of our educational program. There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. Please notify the teacher if your child will be absent for any length of time due to illness or vacation, so she can plan accordingly.

Further, coming late and leaving early can disrupt the class as well as your child's classroom routine. If, for any reason, your child must leave early please communicate with his/her teacher in advance.

# Drop off and Pickup

Children should not be dropped off more than 10 minutes before school begins. Effort should be made to ensure that your child arrives at school on time and is picked up punctually at dismissal time. Please ensure that one of the staff members at Hebrew School acknowledges your child's arrival and departure.

### Supplies

All textbooks and workbooks will be provided by the school. We ask that each student have a box or case designated especially for Hebrew School with the following supplies:

3 Sharpened pencils 3 Glue sticks 1 pack of marker

1 Sharpener1 bottle of glue1 Scissor1 pack of crayons

#### **Dress Code**

Out of respect for the Jewish tradition, boys are encouraged to wear a Kippah. If you do not have one, we will gladly provide one.

### **Tzedaka**

Tzedaka (charity) is a basic value in Judaism. We attempt to develop commitment among our students to share with others less fortunate than ourselves by donating a few coins a

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day to charity. Please try to send some coins to school each Hebrew School day to encourage your child to perform this Mitzvah.

#### First Aid

Minor injuries will be seen to and should something more serious occur, G-d forbid, you will be contacted; failing this, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital.

#### Snack

During Hebrew school time, the children will have time to eat snack. Snack will be provided. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.

# **Snow Days & Cancellations**

In the event that Hebrew School should be cancelled whether due to snow or unforeseen circumstances, you will receive an email or text by 8:00 am Sunday morning notifying you about the cancellation.

# Confidentially

It is of great importance for the teacher to have any information that can provide for the optimum learning situation. Information of a physical, social, or psychological nature can aid a teacher in planning instruction for each child. Without this knowledge, teachers may be unable to provide the kind of support needed. Such information should be transmitted either in writing or by a private conference with the Director who will make it known to the appropriate teacher. The Chabad Hebrew School registration information form has a section for such information.

### **Email Updates and Communication**

Communication between parents and staff is very important to ensure that Hebrew School will be a meaningful and pleasant experience for your child. Please ensure that you have given us a valid current email address so we can keep you informed about what your child has learned, let you know about special events, and send pictures. Your comments are always welcome, as we are always looking for ways to improve our educational program.