

בס"ד

Parent Handbook



2020.21 Edition
[Includes covid-19 guidelines]

Hebrew School Hours

Children meet for classes on Sunday from 10:00 am till 12:30 pm. Please refer to our Hebrew School Calendar for dates of classes, and additional programs and events.

Attendance (In-person and virtual)

Regular attendance is crucial in accomplishing the goals of our educational program. There is direct correlation between attendance and achievement, interest and attitude. We urge you to arrange for your children to be dropped off on time. For children participating virtually, we urge parents to make sure they are logged onto zoom on time.

Covid-19 Guidelines

- Upon arrival, all students will have their temperature taken.
- To minimize social interaction, we ask parents to wait in their cars both during drop off and pick up.
- Masks will be required throughout the learning sessions.
- Children will be given frequent breaks to social distance, take of there masks, breath and stretch.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and must be used upon entrance.
- Physical distancing will be practiced by both students and teachers.
- Children will be seated apart from one another during class.
- In the event a student is exposed to Covid-19, a two-week quarantine period will be required, and that student will attend sessions virtually.
- In the event a staff member is exposed to Covid-19, Hebrew School will go virtual for a two-week period.

Due to the small size of our Hebrew School and the precautions we are taking we hope to remain open in person throughout the year.

Absence

If your child will be absent or late whether in-person or virtually, it is important that you contact us either by calling 201-767-4008 or by emailing chs@chabadot.org.

If a student misses a Hebrew session, please contact us to obtain any material covered in class as well as class homework.

Dismissal

Dismissal time is 12:30 p.m. Please ensure that your child is picked up on time.

If you would like someone other than a parent to pick up your child, please make sure to leave us written instructions via text or email prior to dismissal of that day.

Parent/School Communication

To ensure that your child's Hebrew School experience continue to be a pleasant and positive one, communication between parents and our staff is very important. Please contact us with any family complications, questions or concerns.

Regular emails and "WhatsApp" messages will be sent to inform parents of any important school information, including updates from the teachers regarding class material, friendly reminders of any upcoming programs, special events and school closings etc. To inspire family discussion at home, at the park or during a car ride, a weekly "Ask ME About" WhatsApp text will be sent with a question on a topic discussed that day.

Behavioral Expectations

We strive to create an atmosphere that reflects our traditional Jewish values. Our students understand that respect for teachers, respect for each other and each other's property is essential for a successful learning environment.

Personal Belongings and Devices

Students are not permitted to use cell phones, iPods or other electronic devices during Hebrew School, all of which serve as a distraction for the student and the school environment. It is best that children leave all devices at home, if for some reason, a student needs to bring a device, it should be kept in a pocket, bookbag or handed in to the office till the end of the day.

Books and Supplies

All textbooks and workbooks will be supplied by the school at the beginning of the school year. All books are to be treated with care and respect. Textbooks are to be returned at the end of the school year in good condition.

Kippot

Boys are encouraged to come to Hebrew School wearing a Kippa. You can contact our office to find out how to obtain a Kippa for your child.

Tzedakah

Tzedakah (charity) is a fundamental Jewish concept. Our school attempts to develop a commitment among our students to share with others less fortunate than themselves by donating a few coins a day to charity. Parents are asked to provide children with a coin or two to use for Tzedakah.

Snacks

Our facility is strictly Kosher, as such, we do not allow outside food to. We will provide the children with a snack during Hebrew School. Please feel free to discuss any concerns with allergies or other medical conditions.

Homework

Our teachers will be sending home light and fun homework assignments.

Students should practice reading on a regular basis and should complete all homework assignments and bring them back signed to the next session. Your positive reinforcement and encouragement will ensure your child gets the most out of their Hebrew School experience.

First Aid

Should a minor injury occur during school, it will be attended to by our staff. Should something more serious occur, G-d forbid, the parents will be contacted immediately. Should the parents be unavailable, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital.

Bringing A Friend

Students who wish to bring a guest/friend to school can do so gladly, provided that the school is given prior notice and parent's contact info in case of an emergency.

Contacting the School

Should you need to contact the school during Hebrew School hours please call the office.

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