



# Chabad Hebrew School

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## REGISTRATION

# 2010-2011

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for inquiring about the Chabad Hebrew School. Enclosed please find a registration package, which includes a program sheet, fact sheet with detailed information about the Hebrew School, school calendar & a registration application.

Please read this package carefully. Send in the application forms & we will call you to arrange an interview. If you have any questions or if you need any special arrangements, please feel free to call me.

At Chabad Hebrew School, we firmly believe that your child's first taste of Jewish learning should be fun, upbeat, and interesting. Now approaching our sixth school year, we are noticing that our students really enjoy coming to school, they don't want to miss a day. Perhaps this is due to our commitment to making each day exciting and each lesson relevant and interesting. Or possibly it is our "hands-on" learning style that allows the children to experience living Judaism. One thing is for sure - the children are happy to come and learn.

With the upcoming 2010–2011 school year we are implementing a lot of new & exciting programs in addition to the ongoing events & activities that we've had in the past, holidays, newsletters, arts & crafts etc. Some of the exciting programs to look forward to this year include Hebrew School Tiny Tots for 3 year olds, our Library Corner Kids and a Shabbat Youth service.

We are also expanding our successful Jewish Teen Group, which includes special programming & events for the pre-teens and teenagers that have already turned Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

At Chabad Hebrew School, families of all backgrounds and affiliations are made to feel welcome. Tuition is affordable and synagogue membership is not required. Families are welcome to attend services at the Chabad Synagogue when and if they wish.

Wishing you a happy & healthy summer.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel Kornfeld  
Educational Director



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## SCHOOL PROGRAM

*We are enthusiastic about the beautiful lessons that Judaism has to offer, and we hope to transmit that excitement to the children through the excellent Hebrew School program at Chabad.*

The Chabad Hebrew School offers an outstanding program that will give your child a solid foundation in the fundamentals of Judaism, and will instill in your child the faith, beauty and values of our heritage.

All lessons will be taught in a manner that will give the children a great appreciation of our rich Jewish heritage. Role-playing, arts & crafts, and songs will be incorporated to help make the lessons enjoyable.

We plan special programs during the year, such as Shabbat experiences, Shofar Factory, Chanukah Rally, Purim Fun, Passover Matzah Baking, Model Seder, Lag B'Omer Community Barbeque, and more. We also feature ongoing activities throughout the year, such as Jewish Jeopardy, Kosher label contest, Brachot bee, Friday night children's services and more, to develop and maintain strong participation and enthusiasm from our students.

We believe that the joy and pride of our heritage and traditions that will be experienced at the Chabad Hebrew School will make an indelible impression upon the children.

### **HEBREW LANGUAGE:**

Children will learn to recognize and identify the names of all Hebrew letters. They will begin reading simple words after learning how to blend the sounds. Additionally, they will begin to learn how to write the letters in the Hebrew script. Hebrew vocabulary is a basic part of the program - Children will learn Hebrew words related to current themes.

### **MITZVOT:**

Children will be taught the meaning of Mitzvoth - Torah commandments - and will be encouraged to enjoy the experience of doing mitzvot. Some mitzvot emphasized are Tzedaka, loving one another, kindness to living creatures, hospitality, honoring parents, mezuzah, and brachot (blessings). The teachers will help each child develop a consciousness of proper Torah behavior towards others - *Midot Tovot* - which is the acquisition of desirable character traits.

### **HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES:**

Children will learn to appreciate the special quality and holiness of Shabbat and Holidays. They will become familiar with the historical background, customs, and observances of each festival throughout the year.

### **PRAYER AND BLESSINGS:**

Children will start to learn simple, basic prayers and blessings. As they progress they will learn more prayers and what is appropriate to say at which times.

### **JEWISH HISTORY:**

Children will learn to view our *Avot* (patriarchs) and *Imahot* (matriarchs) and other Jewish heroic figures as role models. They will be taught morals and ethics from people highlighted in the weekly Torah portion. The children will gain knowledge of and a love for the land of Israel and its people.



## CURRICULUM

Our curriculum consists of the following:

Hebrew Reading and Writing	Jewish History
Hebrew Prayer	The Jewish Calendar
Conversational Hebrew	Love for Israel
Jewish Laws and Customs	Synagogue Life
Jewish Holidays	Bible - Torah Portions
Jewish Values	Jewish Songs

Below are descriptions of each class: *(Older children that are not on their Hebrew grade level will be given special attention in order to move up to their appropriate level)*

### **KINDERGARTEN:**

This class is designed for children ages 4-6.

Using our new curriculum "Jewish from Head to Toe", the children explore all the aspects of basic Judaism using their five senses through hands-on activities. This class is introduced to the Hebrew alphabet, basic Jewish history, holidays and Mitzvoth. The students participate in a more relaxed environment with fun and games.

### **FIRST & SECOND GRADE:**

This class will learn the Hebrew reading format, enabling them to eventually complete full words and sentences and learn the meanings of basic Hebrew words. The class will also learn to write the alphabet, and take an in-depth look at the basic everyday laws, customs, and Bible history with "MY JEWISH HOME" curriculum.

### **THIRD & FOURTH GRADE.**

This class continues to develop its Hebrew reading and writing ability and is ready to expand their comprehension skills in reading and understanding the Hebrew language and grammar. During the year, the class will begin using the *Siddur* – prayer book – for the daily prayers. We will further explore Jewish life and traditions such as the Synagogue, calendar, and more. Lessons from the weekly Torah portions will begin to come alive using our BEREISHIS & SHEMOS STORYBOOK curriculums.

### **FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE:**

This class will continue to further their Hebrew skills. They will take a closer look at Jewish history and the lessons we can learn from our ancestors using the "JEWISH HEROES" curriculum. These classes will also study the traditions and meanings of commonly used prayers. Jewish life cycles will be approached using a hands-on, interactive approach with our L'CHAIM – TO LIFE curriculum and activities.



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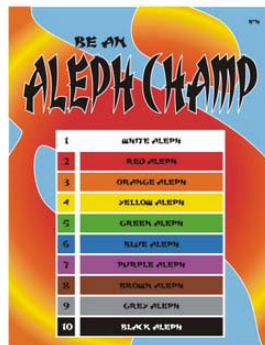
## SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE:

This class will spend more time on class discussion as they continue to further explore Jewish law and history. The children are encouraged to attend synagogue services to become accustomed with the service format. The class also takes an in-depth look at more advanced Jewish law and Bible study. The pre-teen years are crucial in forming life ideas and building character. What better way to prepare these young adults for their bar/bat mitzvahs and life then with a character building curriculum title – DISCOVERING TREASURES. Concepts of Jewish identity and unity are approached with our Israel and holocaust programs.

When the children reach Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, they will begin taking their Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons with the Rabbi, to prepare them for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah service at our synagogue. In addition, the children will participate in a series of Bar Mitzvah classes as an introduction to Jewish adulthood as a Jewish man, or Bat Mitzvah classes for a girl, teaching the significance and role of the Jewish woman in Judaism.

## JEWISH TEEN GROUP

Jewish education continues after graduating Hebrew school with a fun and exciting club. The Jewish Teen Group is a club for teenagers ages 13-16. Together, we go on trips, do crafts and learn in an informal manner, exploring our place in Judaism.



The nationally acclaimed ALEPH CHAMP Reading Program, which we initiated in 2007, generated much excitement and has reaped incredible results. It is designed to adjust to the various reading levels and adopt a more INDIVIDUALIZED APPROACH to Hebrew reading. It is based on the Karate motivational system. In order to motivate children in Hebrew Schools to learn to read Hebrew, Aleph Champ copied the karate system of motivational colored levels. Students start out on the White Champ Level, with a white champ book, white flashcards and a burning desire to pass to the next level and color, developing new skills at every level.

An important component to the success of this program is the fact that the students set a goal for themselves and try to reach that goal. Each level (ranging from basic letter recognition to a 100-word-per-minute fluency) has a designated color code. Hebrew is a purely phonetic language; so, it is relatively easy to master. In addition to the reading time we spend in school, it is imperative to spend at least 5 minutes a day reviewing at home.



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## FACT SHEET

### Age Levels

Preschool through eighth grade (ages 3-13).

### Days / Times

**Grades Preschool – 8:** Sundays 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

### **All Grades**

Occasional extracurricular Jewish fun activities

### Tuition and Fees:

#### **Grades :**

Preschool-Pre K: \$650

Kindergarten – 8: \$ 675

The above tuition does not include the non-refundable registration fee and book fee.

Registration: <i>(due with registration form)</i>	\$50.00	Preschool-Pre K
	\$50.00	Grades K-8
Book Fee:	\$75.00	Grades K-8

### Payment Options:

Option 1: Prepayment in full before September.

Option 2: Pay 2/3 of tuition before September, 1/3 of tuition by January 10.

Note: If there are reasons you cannot commit to one of the above options, please contact our office to arrange a personal payment plan. Please note that the above options are for tuition only. The registration fee and the book fee are due with your registration form.

A supply list and a school calendar will be sent out during the summer.



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## Registration Application 2010-2011

Please Print Clearly

### Part I: Student Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail (child's) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name: English \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Entering) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Part II: Parents' Information

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail (parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Synagogue Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

### Part III: Religious & Educational History

Previous Hebrew Education \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does your child read basic Hebrew?  None  Somewhat  Well  
 Does your child have any learning difficulties with general studies?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, please describe. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Were there any conversions &/or adoptions in the family? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_



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## Part IV: *Medical Information* (confidential)

Up to date with vaccinations?     Yes     No    Date of last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special medical or other information, which we should be aware of? (Confidential) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part V: *Referrals*

How did you hear about Chabad Hebrew School? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Registration Application 2010-2011 (continued)

I Hereby permit my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all school activities, and to join in class and school trips on and beyond school properties and use any transportation selected by the Chabad Hebrew School. I allow for photo/video taken of my child/ren during school activities to be used for Chabad promotional use.

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information

Person to be contacted in case of an emergency when parents cannot be reached:

Name _____	Telephone # ( ) - _____
Relationship to child _____	City/Town _____
Family Physician _____	Telephone # ( ) - _____
Medical Insurance Co. _____	Policy # _____

### Medical Release Form

I hereby give consent to the administration of the Chabad Hebrew School to take whatever medical measures they deem necessary, at my expense, for my child in the event of a medical emergency.

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Registration Application 2010-2011 (continued)

I am enrolling my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ in the Chabad Hebrew School Sunday program (Preschool – Pre K)

I am enrolling my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ in the Chabad Hebrew School Sunday program (Grades K- 8)

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for registration and book fees.

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards tuition.

Please check box with your choice for method of payment:

Pre-payment in full before September.

Pay 2/3 of tuition before September, and 1/3 by January 10.

Other method of payment as arranged with the office. Please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## EXTRACURRICULAR JEWISH FUN DAY

The extracurricular program is an optional day for the children. If they don't come, they won't miss out on the regular schedule of learning. However, the benefit of this enrichment program, which will take place occasionally during the year, if you can work it into your schedules, will be tremendous. One of the greatest gifts we can all give to our children is the feeling that our rich heritage is alive, thriving, exciting and joyous. The extracurricular time is when children will experience fun activities that teach Jewish lessons by means of various outlets, such as drama, choir, art projects, special visitors, etc. The tuition is the same with or without this optional day. There may be small cover costs from time to time for special projects or events.

It's a day the children are sure to look forward to!

## CHABAD



More than anyone else, Chabad is known for its ability

- to transmit traditional ideals in a modern world
- to relate to every Jewish child and adult and make them feel welcome and important
- to bring people together to share Judaism in a fun and exciting way - regardless of background or religious affiliation and observance

Chabad is where Judaism comes alive, and with its warmth, enthusiasm, and sense of purpose -- it is the place where your child can and will grow to be proud of his or her Judaism and flourish as a productive member of contemporary society.

**All of this, and we make it fun, too!**