



CHABAD  
HEBREW  
SCHOOL  
NEWBURY PARK

School Year 5784- 2023/24

# 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.

Welcome to our 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's works and wonders, 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!

Hebrew School Director

Tzippy Schneerson

## Communication

Should you need to contact our staff during school hours, please contact:

**Tzippy Schneerson**

**(805)204-8650**

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**(805)204-8672**

## 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.

Mishpacha Days, Jewish Month rallies, Friday night dinners, Junior Congregation, school contests, hands-on education, and family workshops as well as games, drama, and songs are blended into our curriculum.

## 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 understand basic Hebrew vocabulary through our Immersion Hebrew program.

## Health and Wellness

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, the 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.

## Drop Off/ Pick Up

- Sunday: 10:00-12:15pm

To ensure the safety of our students, we ask that each parent walks their child into the building at drop off and comes in to get them at pick up. Please park in a legal parking space when getting out of your car. We do offer drop off and pick up thru the parking lot. Please be careful when driving in and out of the lot.

If you would like your child to walk or ride a bike home from CHS please complete an authorization form. Return completed forms to the appropriate head of school. No child will be allowed to walk/bike home without prior consent from a parent or guardian.

## Leaving Class Early

If for some significant reason your child has to leave early, please walk over and pick up your child from Chabad. No child will be allowed to wait outside.

## Hebrew School Schedule

Sunday mornings from 10:00–12:15 p.m.

Sample Schedule	Activity
10:00 am-10:45 am	Aleph Champ reading
10:45 am-11:00 am	Tefilah/ Prayer
11:00am-11:15am	Recess & Snack
11:15 am-12:15pm	History, Holidays, Mitzvoth and Jewish Values

## 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. Any work that is missed due to attendance has to be made up.

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.

## Payment and Refund Policy

Tuition fees can be paid by credit card. Tuition fees are non-refundable. Should you decide to withdraw your child from Hebrew School, your refund will be pro-rated up to April 1. After that date no refund will be allowed for Hebrew School tuition. There are no refunds or credits for days missed due to illness, holidays, or family vacations.

## Textbooks

Textbooks and workbooks will be supplied by the school. Books should be treated with care and respect.

## 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 posting on our group WhatsApp important notices and newsletters to let you know **what is happening during Hebrew school**. If you would like to receive these notices through email, please let us know.

## Behavioral Expectation

At Chabad Hebrew School we strive to create an atmosphere that reflects our lofty Jewish values. We take pride in our student body that understands that respect for teachers, respect for each other and each other's property, and respect for ourselves are essential for a successful learning environment.

We expect:

1. Every student to treat fellow students and staff members with courtesy.
2. That classroom directions be followed promptly and quietly.
3. Books and materials handed out to be handled with care and kept neatly organized.
4. Proper decorum to be maintained in the classroom.
5. Each student to cooperate at all times.
6. During school functions all rules and regulations for student behavior to be complied with.
7. Students to avoid loud, abusive or demeaning language.
8. All students to act responsibly and with caution e.g. no running or jumping in the center or classroom, exercising care in the parking lot and playground.

## Tzedakah

Tzedakah (charity) is a concept which is basic to Judaism. Our school attempts to develop a commitment among our students to share with the less fortunate by donating a few pennies a day to charity. Parents can provide the students with a daily coin for tzedakah.

## Mitzvah Notes

For the younger children, teachers may ask to send in a Mitzvah note. This is a note that tells something special that the child has done. Children really look forward to hearing what their parents have to say. So please be sure to send one if it's requested.

## Snacks

A light snack and cut fruit will be provided to your child during Hebrew school. Water is always available for students to drink. Our school is NUT FREE.

## Parent/CHS Communication

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

We will be sending out weekly emails 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 as well. Please check his/her school bag for these notices.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or call our director **Tzippy** at **(805)204-8650**.

## Helping Your Child Succeed

In order for our CHS 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 Synagogue services and celebration of Jewish Holidays 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!