

CHABAD
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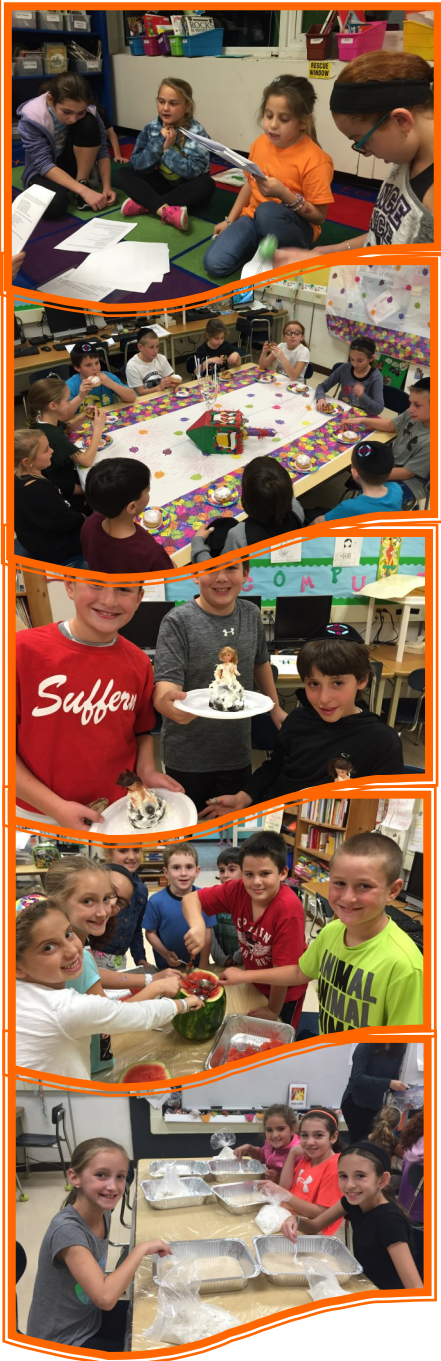


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Chabad Hebrew School



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School, 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 the children 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.

I would like to ask that every parent volunteer to assist with one school program this year. Please email your selection or you can fill in your choice when you register your child. The committee's are:

- Hebrew School Friday Night Dinner
- Chanukah Gift Wrap
- Hamantash Bake
- Challah Bake
- End-of-Year-Celebration

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, please feel free to call and discuss them with me at any time. Looking forward to an exciting and successful year!

Yours sincerely,

Devorah Gancz

Director



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Information Sheet

Programs:

First Taste

Grades kindergarten– 1st grade

Tuesdays 3:05-5:30

Location: Viola Elementary School

This program is designed to grab a child's attention with Jewish songs, art, theatre and games. By exposure to the aleph-bet, holiday studies, Torah tales and prayer through song, a child gains a sense of pride and love for Judaism.

Tier II

Grades 2-5

Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:05– 5:30

Location: Viola Elementary School

This program offers a more advanced Hebrew and Jewish studies curriculum. The students learn to read Hebrew and gain an appreciation for the who, what, when and why of Jewish life and tradition.

Tier III

Grade 6 & 7- Judaism Alive

Wednesday 2:35-5:00

Location: Suffern Middle School

The transition from child to teenager is an important milestone in any child's life. These lessons give a child the tools he or she needs to properly navigate life as a responsible adult. Bar and Bat Mitzvah lessons will be given in addition to these classes.



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Important Notice:

CHS welcomes every child, regardless of one's religious background or level of observance. CHS does not require membership or prior affiliations as a condition for enrollment. Acceptance to Hebrew School does not validate in any way you or your child's Judaism. The process of being Bar and Bat Mitzvah through Chabad will require proof of mothers Judaism based on the guidelines of the Rabbinical court.

Tuition:

First Taste: \$625 Yearly Tuition.

Tier II: \$985 Yearly Tuition.

Tier III: \$835 Yearly Tuition.

Registrations Submitted after August 1st will be charged an additional \$100.

Scholarship requests will only be considered if registration is submitted before August 1st

Attendance:

The greatest gift that you as a parent can give to your child is constant encouragement. Too much is never enough! The first step in the right direction for parents and children is to realize that attendance is the key to a successful school year. Children who take days off not only miss important school work, but also create an atmosphere of "Hebrew school isn't really that important." Parents should schedule all appointments on non-school days. Students who miss class on a regular basis disrupt their learning and the learning of other students.

Confidential Information:

It is of great importance for the teacher to have any information which can provide for the optimum learning situation. Information of a physical, social, and psychological nature can aid a teacher in planning instructions for each child. Without this knowledge, teachers are handicapped and 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.



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First Aid: First Aid Minor injuries will be taken care of by the school staff. Should anything serious occur, G-d forbid, the parents or emergency contact will be contacted and the child will be taken to the nearest hospital if necessary.

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather we will cancel based on the decision of Suffern Central School District

Email:

Much of our communication takes place via email and Facebook. Please make sure we have a current email address on file. You should also like the Chabad Hebrew School page on Facebook to get updates via Facebook and to see current programs and pictures. We send out remind texts so please make sure you are signed up to receive those texts.

Electronic Devices: (Cell Phones, iPods, iPads)

We understand the importance of providing an environment conducive to learning. The use of cell phones during the school session is inappropriate, disrespectful, and disruptive toward teachers and students. All iPods and similar audio/visual devices must be turned off and put away during school hours. It is strongly recommended that all such devices remain at home.

Supplies:

Tzedakah (charity) Kippah

Snack:

During Hebrew School there will be a 10 minute break during which the children will have time to eat snack. We will provide a small snack. Please send along a substantial snack so that the children can learn better on a full stomach.



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Chabad Hebrew School Curriculum

CHS is dedicated to providing a positive environment that is sure to engage the mind and heart, thereby forming an everlasting impression - to last a lifetime. We therefore go to great lengths to create a very warm and exciting classroom atmosphere, incorporating art projects, songs, games, and contests into all of our lesson plans. Our school is a contemporary learning center that is committed to making each lesson relevant and interesting. Our "hands-on" learning style allows the children to experience authentic Judaism. CHS will teach children about caring for others, bringing the lessons to life, by enhancing their Midot Tovot - true morals and values. At Chabad the children are happy to come and learn, because learning is fun! With this in mind we have prepared a full and thorough curriculum including the following subjects.

1. Hebrew Reading

Our Hebrew reading curriculum - **Aleph Champ** - is the latest educational breakthrough around. Modeled after the Karate/Martial Arts motivational philosophy of color coded levels and testing, it provides excitement and inspiration, leading the student into a winning cycle of learning. Learning is on an individual basis, and each child is encouraged at his/her level.

2. Torah, Jewish History & Israel

The children will be introduced to the characters and stories of the Bible. An overview of Jewish history starting with creation to the giving of the Torah to modern day Israel will be taught through interactive stories and art projects. The students will gain an appreciation for our heritage and culture that has been preserved throughout the ages. They will study the Torah Portions, providing them with practical lessons that apply to our daily lives. They will also attain an affection for the uniqueness of Israel, our homeland.

3. Jewish Values & Ethics

Using age-appropriate textbooks students will read and discuss real stories and case scenarios that have practical application to our everyday life. They will understand that our religion is based on a G-d given set of values and morals and that the "norm" is not always right. Beginning with the origin of the Mitzvot, our students will explore a personal Jewishness.

4. Shabbat & Holidays

Providing a deeper understanding of Shabbat, we will explore its traditions and customs, and the reasons behind them. Hands-on lessons for each Jewish holiday will fill the calendar as we begin with learning about the High Holidays and continue throughout the entire school year. By the end of the year, the students will have a deeper understanding and appreciation of each holiday, its traditions and customs.

Hand crafted and decorated Menorahs, honey dishes, Seder plates, Shofars, Matzah baking and more will bring our holidays to life and enable the children to bring home a taste of Jewish life.

Chabad Hebrew School will also host holiday & Shabbat celebrations for students and their families.

5. Extra Curricular

Chabad Hebrew School offers a variety of exciting extra curricular activities such as Friday night Shabbat dinners, family fun days and contests. These events will allow our students to experience Judaism in its entirety. A point system based on in-class and out-of-class participation will allow students to reach different award levels.



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6th Grade Program-Judaism Alive

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a fresh, exciting year at Chabad Hebrew School. We are thrilled to introduce to you our innovative curriculum for the 6th & 7th graders.

During the coming year students will participate in our Judaism Alive program this will take their learning to a whole new level. They will be able to actually experience Judaism. Students will visit a Kosher supermarket, a scribe, a Holocaust museum and many other Jewish sites (see attached schedule) and see what Judaism is all about. They will have opportunities to interact with special Jewish personalities, and ask questions to gain new insights. Through thought provoking discussions and analysis students will gain an understanding and pride in their Judaism.

We are confident that the year will be educational, informative, fun, and exciting as we learn and explore together! We look forward to your involvement and welcome your participation.

All trips will be chaperoned by Devorah Gancz and will return in time for a 5:00 dismissal. We would appreciate if you can let us know if your child will not make it to one of our trips so that we can plan accordingly.

We will send out an email on Monday of each week confirming each trip and providing you with the address. Please look out for those emails as it may be necessary to switch the schedules at times.

If you need to pick your child up early you may either meet us at the location where we are at, or you will need to pick him up before we leave. Please contact me so that we can make arrangements.

Please fill out the permission slip below and send it with your child on Wednesday.

We will be doing prayer & Hebrew reading prior to leaving on our trip each week.

Looking forward to a great year of learning and exploring,

Devorah

Permission Slip for 6th & 7th Grade Judaism Alive Course trips.

I _____ allow my son/daughter _____ to participate in all the trips that the Judaism Alive Course will be going on during the school year of 2018/19.

Signature: _____



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