

# HEBREW SCHOOL

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## PARENT HANDBOOK 2019/20



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Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to announce that the Chabad Hebrew School is open for registration for the scholastic year of 2019-20. Enclosed is a registration form for the coming year; please fill out the form and mail it back to Chabad at 350 Haverstraw Road, Suffern NY 10901.

Our school has been on the cutting edge of Jewish education. Our educational philosophy, is premised on the following principles:

We recognize that a child learns best in an atmosphere of respect and joy.

Our curriculum is interconnected and builds upon itself.

Each lesson synthesizes three components: Torah knowledge, Torah relevance, and a commitment to fostering a positive disposition toward the subject matter.

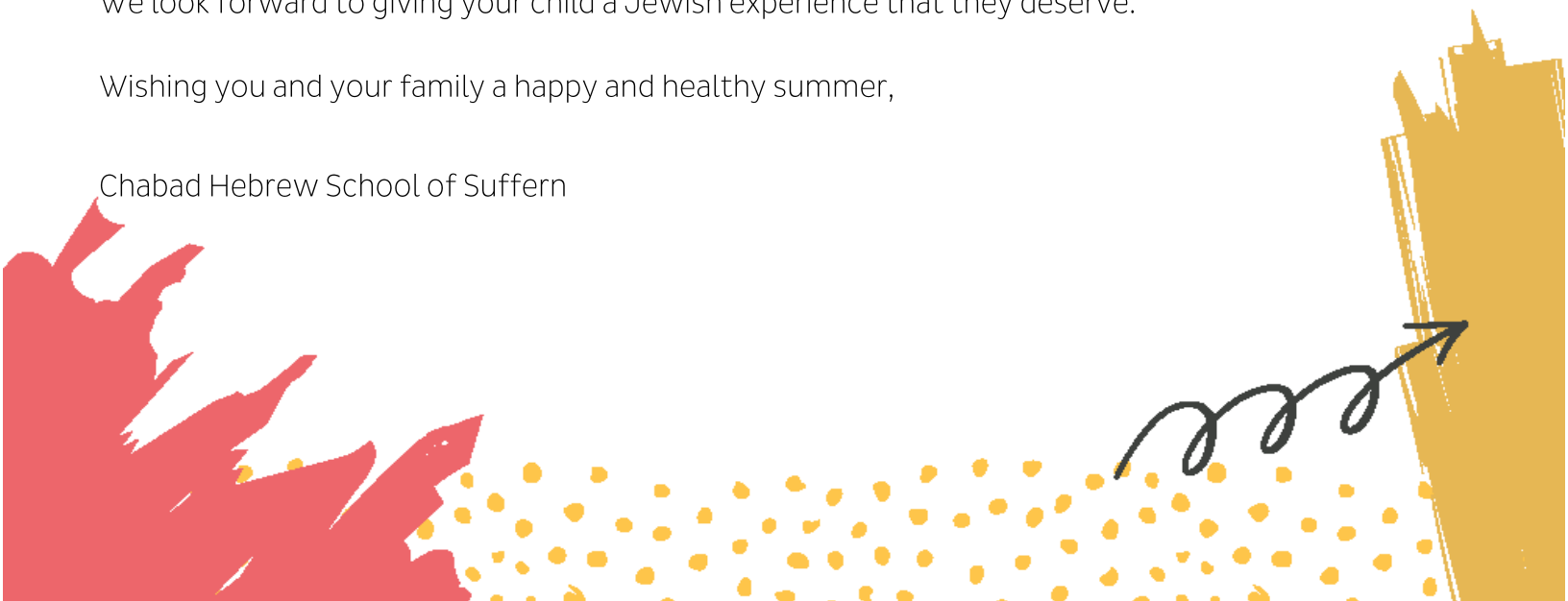
Our teachers “live Judaism” with passion and their joy is imparted naturally to our students.

Our program recognizes that parents are the active ingredient to a successful Jewish educational experience.

We look forward to giving your child a Jewish experience that they deserve.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy summer,

Chabad Hebrew School of Suffern



# Information Sheet

## **Programs:**

### **First Taste**

*Grades kindergarten– 1st grade*

Sundays 10:00 - 12:00

Location: Chabad Jewish Center of Suffern

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*

Sundays 10:00 - 12:00

Location: Chabad Jewish Center of Suffern

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 - Judaism Alive*

Sundays 10:00 - 12:00

Location: Chabad Jewish Center of Suffern

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.

### **Tier IV**

*Grade 7 – 8 - Cteen Junior*

Sundays 10:00 - 12:00

Location: Chabad Jewish Center of Suffern

This program provides an advanced level of Hebrew and Jewish studies. As well as an opportunity to learn and take pride in their Jewish heritage. 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:** \$985 Yearly Tuition.

**Tier IV:** \$985 Yearly Tuition.





**Registrations Submitted after August 25th will be charged an additional \$100.**

## **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 send out a text by 8:00 am to cancel school

## ***Email:***

Much of our communication takes place via email, text, 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.

## ***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.





# 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.

