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MBE Chabad Hebrew School of NWBC

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.

Imagine a child who feels the warmth and spirit of Judaism and then imagine the pride of this child's parents.

Welcome to MBE Chabad Hebrew School where the values and tradition of Judaism are vividly brought to life!

The goal of our Hebrew School is to access & strengthen Jewish Pride and Joy in our students through joyful learning experiences that deepen their Jewish knowledge & connect them to AM YISROEL. This is proven to strengthen your children's understanding and connection to G-d, their identification with the Jewish people, their involvement in all things Jewish, their participation in Jewish life and determination to live as proud 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!

Mimi Kaplan

MBE Chabad Hebrew School Director

201.560.2640

Curriculum

- **My Jewish Treasure** (Grades K–2):
Calling all explorers! Children will be diving into the incredible treasures of Judaism each week - mitzvot, traditions, values, and more! With interactive activities, games, and crafts, children will uncover the bounty of Jewish treasures in the past, their own lives, and the world around us. Each week, your child will collect a special “treasure token” to fill their personal “Jewish Treasures Chest” - while also discovering their inner treasures of kindness, confidence, and a strong Jewish identity.
- **Israel Quest** (Grades 3–5):
Get ready for an adventure! Children will journey through the epic story of the Jewish people from entering the Land of Israel, to building the Beit Hamikdash - Holy Temple, and beyond! Each week, through immersive and creative activities, games, and adventures, children will step into the shoes of prophets, kings, and heroes, discovering the strength of our people and the unbreakable bond we share with our homeland.

Communication

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

Mimi or Rabbi Kaplan

Mimi: 201.560.2640 | mimi@chabadplace.org / **Rabbi:** 201.560.2502 | rabbi@chabadplace.org

Our Approach

At MBE Chabad Hebrew School we strive to stress the beauty and warmth of Judaism and its Mitzvot, providing a learning experience in an atmosphere of joy and liveliness. We place particular emphasis on the inclusion of Jewish ethics and values. Mutual tolerance and respect for fellow human beings are taught as basic principles of faith.

Besides for the weekly Shemot lessons, we have a host of other programs that we use to create the best experiences for your child:

CKids Clubs

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CKids Clubs are insider events that get children innovating with fun, new mediums and skill sets. Open to the larger Jewish community, we invite more Jewish children to join CKids Clubs.

JewQ Torah Competition

Children in 150+ cities worldwide put their Jewish knowledge to the ULTIMATE test. High achievers win prizes and an exciting end-of-year trip!

Tzivot Hashem

Move up the ranks with a new program celebrating the “me” and “u” in meaningful, mitzvah-filled Judaism.

Aleph Camp

Learn to read Hebrew like a boss. This award-winning, karate-inspired curriculum helps you set goals, learn at your own pace, and bring Hebrew Literacy to life.

Extracurricular

Family days, Shabbat experiences, school contests, hands-on education, and family workshops as well as games, drama, and songs are blended into our curriculum.

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.

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.

MBE Chabad Hebrew School has someone certified in CPR/First Aid on duty at all times.

Hebrew School Schedule

All students meet Sunday mornings from 9:30am-12:00 p.m.

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Homework

Limited homework will be assigned. Homework will generally consist of a review, reinforcement or completion of classroom work, specifically for Hebrew reading. All reading homework will be available online and the children will be able to send their reading recordings to their teacher.

Drop Off/ Pick Up

- Sunday: 9:30-12 pm

Drop-off and pickup is done via a carpool line. You can enter our parking lot and join our carpool line outside the building.

We will update changes via email.

Leaving Hebrew School Early

If for some significant reason your child has to leave early, please let us know via email or text. This is a safety precaution to protect your children. No child will be allowed to linger in the hallways or wait outside.

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. F

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.

Textbooks

Textbooks and workbooks will be supplied by the school. Books should be treated with care and respect. There will be a charge for lost books.

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.

Photos of Chabad Hebrew School in action will be posted weekly on our website. Please make sure to view them weekly on our FB Page: Chabad Hebrew School NWBC. Please like and follow our page. Please follow us on our Chabad Instagram page as well: Chabad NWBC.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact our director Mimi Kaplan@ 201.560.2640

Kippah

We will supply CHS Kippahs for all the boys. For sanitary reasons, please make sure your child has his own kippah every day. If he forgets his own kippah, he will be given one.

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 are asked to provide the students with a daily coin for tzedakah.

Snacks

We hand out light snacks of fruits, pretzels and water each week. Water is always available for students to drink.

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Supplies

We provide all supplies needed for Hebrew School including backpacks, folders, books and Kippahs. Please remind your child to bring their backpack & supplies back to Hebrew School each week.

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!