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JUDA

Chabad Hebrew School- St. Paul

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 Jewish song.

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

Welcome to JUDA! Chabad Hebrew School of S. Paul! Here 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, their identification with the Jewish people, their involvement in their community, 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

Nechama Bendet

Curriculum



SuperJew

Throughout this curriculum, students will be introduced to key Jewish concepts, *Mitzvot*, and *Middot*. They will learn how to relate the knowledge to their lives while instilling the idea that the Torah is our guide and source for how to live as Jews. They will learn the importance of laying the foundation at this young age to be able to incorporate the Torah into their lives.

Each week, the teacher will broach an exciting 'Super Powers' framework to introduce a new dilemma, scenario, or challenge to the students. These scenarios will be relatable to their day-to-day lives. Using clues, the students will be taken on an exploratory journey, facts, and how-to information from the Torah that will lead them to gain a full understanding of the subject matter. The clues will encourage engaging and fun methods of learning; including interactive activities, games, music & movement, and crafts as they make their way through the lesson. Students will discover new 'Super Powers' each week which builds their image as a Super Jew!

This course engages children in discovering the higher purpose of everyday lifestyle, and gives them the tools to practically implement their inspiration. It is our school-wide program, offering content and activities geared towards the different age groups.

The Approach

At JUDA 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.

Aleph Champ

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. 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, we 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.

Homework

Limited homework will be assigned. Homework will generally consist of a review, reinforcement or completion of classroom work, specifically Hebrew reading.

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 emailing important notices and newsletters to let you know what is happening during Hebrew school. Please check your email Hebrew school notices to monitor how your child is progressing.

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

Nechama Bendet - 347 563 4480

Drop Off/ Pick Up

Wednesday- 4:15-6:00 PM

Please note policy: If for some significant reason your child has to leave early, please let us know in advance.

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 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 check or 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 February 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. There will be a charge for lost books.

Behavior Management Plan

Teachers will make all classroom rules clear to students.

Teachers will give one reminder of the rule. If the behavior continues, the student will be asked to observe from the back of the classroom.

If a child continues to be disruptive, they will ask the student to leave the classroom for three minutes to collect themselves. Parents will be contacted to review the episode. If disruptive behavior continues, a conference will be set up between child, parent and the director where a behavior management contract will be drafted.

Zero Tolerance Policy: Any student involved in harmful and/or dangerous behavior to himself or others, or destruction of property, will result in immediate suspension pending a conference between the director and the parents.

Snacks

A light snack should be given to your child before Hebrew school. Water is always available for students to drink. We will also be providing an additional snack during class.

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.

Photos of Chabad Hebrew School in action will be posted weekly on our google photos album- make sure to check them out! Link will be sent out after the 1st day of Hebrew School

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact Nechama.

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 the same priority on your child's Jewish education.
- Participation in Chabad's Events 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!



COURSE DESCRIPTION



CURRICULUM GOAL:

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METHOD:

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TOPICS INCLUDE:

Torah, Creation, Emunah, Neshama, Yetzer Tov, My body, Jewish Pride, Gratitude, Tefillah, Working Hard, Emet-Truth, Ahavat Yisrael, Brachot, Shabbat, Kosher, Mezuzah, Tzedakah, Derech Eretz, Israel, as well as all Chagim.





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HEBREW VOCABULARY:



Each week includes a 'word bank' of a few key phrases and terms that will be introduced and explained, as well as reviewing the words that were taught in the previous weeks. By the end of the year, the students will be comfortable with the foundational terms that will be used throughout the year in Hebrew School. They will also find themselves being involved in and understanding Jewish lingo!

END OF YEAR:

This curriculum includes a 'Super Jew - Super You' comic picture book that the students illustrate throughout the year, reiterating the theme of each lesson to be taken home at the end of the year.

Students will decorate a 'Super Jew' cape with all the 'superpowers' learned throughout the year, which will be used at an end-of-the-year presentation!



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT:

A prepared card will be sent home each week, with a short description of the lesson learned and how it can be incorporated into their life. Send it back as a 'mitzvah note' each week for your child to earn a prize!



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JUDA HEBREW SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

October

- 6 **FIRST DAY!**
- 13 Hebrew School
- 20 Hebrew School
- 27 Hebrew School

November

- 3 Hebrew School
- 10 Hebrew School
- 17 Hebrew School
- 24 Hebrew School

December

- 1 Hebrew School
- 8 Hebrew School
- 15 Hebrew School
- 22 **NO CLASS**
- 29 **NO CLASS**

January

- 5 Hebrew School
- 12 Hebrew School
- 19 **NO CLASS**
- 26 **NO CLASS**

February

- 2 Hebrew School
- 9 Hebrew School
- 16 Hebrew School
- 23 Hebrew School

March

- 2 Hebrew School
- 9 Hebrew School
- 16 Hebrew School
- 23 Hebrew School
- 30 Hebrew School

April

- 6 **NO CLASS**
- 13 Hebrew School
- 20 **NO CLASS**
- 27 Hebrew School

May

- 4 Hebrew School
- 11 Hebrew School
- 18 Hebrew School
- 25 Hebrew School

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