

***CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL***

***OF BOCA RATON***

***2018-2019***

***PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK***



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Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a Hebrew song. Walking through the halls, you can hear the sounds of lively discussion, of singing, laughter and prayer.

Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School, an exciting and innovative educational program in Boca Raton. Our school is quickly building a reputation as a trend setter in creative Jewish education for children in Kindergarten through Grade 7, and for making every Jewish child feel welcome, regardless of knowledge or affiliation. Chabad Hebrew School is 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 our students 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.

Please take a moment to review the parent's handbook so that we can be partners in creating the best, safest and most enjoyable experience at Chabad Hebrew School. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call at any time.

Looking forward to a wonderful year!

Yours sincerely,

Chaya Gopin

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Chabad Hebrew School meets on Sundays beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> and ending May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am-12:30pm.

A Hebrew School year calendar has been inserted into this booklet. Please remove it and place it somewhere you can easily refer to it during the year.

**COMMUNICATION**

Should you need to contact our staff during school hours, please call:  
Central location: Chaya Gopin 561 414 7999 or email HebrewSchool@ChabadBoca.com

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather, parents will be notified via email whether Hebrew School has been canceled.

**CURRICULUM**

At CHS, we put a lot of effort into providing our students with substantive lessons and a positive atmosphere. The lessons are multi-sensory and hands-on, ensuring that the students truly experience what they are being taught and that the information truly becomes the student's own. Each lesson is structured with discussion-starters to create a lively, interactive classroom experience.

The following is a sample of a typical Sunday morning's schedule:

|                 |                                   |
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| 10:00am-10:45am | Hebrew reading-Aleph Champ/Hebrew |
| 10:45-11:15 am  | Tefillah-Prayer                   |
| 11:15am-11:30am | Recess & Snack                    |
| 11:30am-12:30pm | Judaics and Hebrew Language       |

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**Only at CHS... Jewish Birthdays** will be celebrated each week during Hebrew School. We will be recognizing the students whose birthdays take place in the upcoming week. Those students will receive certificates with their Hebrew birthdays and birthday box with the tools to celebrate their birthday the Jewish way! Our birthday program will teach the students that they have a Jewish birthday, how to celebrate and familiarize them with the Hebrew months of the year and calendar.

**Only at CHS... Club Kef** is a special enrichment program for students in grades 3-7. Students will gather for a dramatic story-telling, interactive group game, or holiday celebration. At this time, we also sing Yom Huledet Sameach to those celebrating their Hebrew birthday the upcoming week and award Alef Champ certificates and medallions.

**Only at CHS... Family Days and Holiday Programs** at Hebrew School are a great way to get your entire family involved in Jewish, hands-on experiences that will last a lifetime!

### **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

Consistent and timely attendance is vital! Consistent attendance is key to a successful year in Hebrew School and crucial in accomplishing the goals of our educational program. There is a direct correlation between a student's attendance, and his/her interest, achievement and attitude. For the benefit of your child and all students, it is imperative that your child arrives on time and remains in school until the end of the session. Your support of our attendance policy is greatly appreciated.

If, for any reason, your child must leave early, please email or let the director know a note with an explanation and the time you will pick up your child. Please pick up your child from his/her classroom.

### **DROP OFF & DISMISSAL**

Parents are asked to park their cars, walk the children in through the school gate, and sign in each morning.

Dismissal is a car line at the front circle. We request that all parents stay in their cars and your child will be brought out by a staff member. Children will not be released to anyone other than a parent or regular carpool driver without permission from the parent. Please send a note with your child or call if someone other than the parent will be picking up your child. Please help us keep our students safe by following our dismissal policy.

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### **PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

Students are not permitted to bring cell phones, iPods or other electronic devices to Hebrew School, all of which serve as a distraction for the student and the class. In the event that a student brings these items, the teacher will hold it for safekeeping and return it to the student at the end of the day. We respectfully request that parents take the lead in reinforcing this important rule.

### **TZEDAKAH**

Tzedakah (charity) is a concept that is basic to Judaism. CHS strives to develop a commitment among our students to share with others less fortunate than themselves, by donating a few pennies a day to charity. Please send your child with some coins for Tzedakah to encourage them to perform this Mitzvah. Older children should be encouraged to give Tzedakah from their own allowance money. Each class will have the opportunity to discuss and decide where to allocate the money they collect throughout the year.

### **SNACKS**

Kosher and nutritious snacks are provided; we therefore request that you do not send in any additional snacks or drinks. If your child is allergic to any food or beverages, please be sure that it is written on his/her registration form.

### **HOMEWORK**

Your child will be coming home from school with optional weekly homework for review. In order to gain the most from our once a week Hebrew School, students are strongly encouraged to practice their Hebrew reading and to go over at home what they have learned in class. Please encourage your child to complete his/her assignments.

### **MOTIVATIONAL SYSTEMS**

Chabad Hebrew School uses highly successful Motivational Systems such as Torah Dollars and Mitzvah Missions to help motivate and encourage our students. Students can earn Dollars for praying nicely, class participation, completed Mitzvah Missions and good behavior. We will open a "Torah Dollar Store" on a monthly basis where students can redeem their hard earned Dollars for fabulous prizes. Please encourage your child to complete Mitzvah Missions and other school assignments, which are rewarded with Torah Dollars.

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## **PARENT/CHS COMMUNICATION**

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

We will be sending out 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.

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, call:

Central location: Chaya Gopin 561 414 7999 or email [chaya@chabadofbocaraton.com](mailto:chaya@chabadofbocaraton.com)

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

When a parent is involved in their child's educational experience, the child's schooling is far more effective. When enrolling your child in Hebrew School, you demonstrate to your child that their Judaism is an integral part of your life, and you want it to be an integral part of theirs.

Chabad Hebrew School offers many venues for parental involvement. We invite our parents to take advantage of our many adult education classes, our innovative and unique women's classes and programs, as well as our Shabbat and Holiday services/events.

## **HOW TO HELP 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!

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