



Chabad Hebrew School

Under the auspices of Chabad of Westborough

We Take Pride In Jewish Pride!

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for inquiring about the Chabad Hebrew School. Enclosed please find a registration package, which includes a program sheet, fact sheet with detailed information about the Hebrew School & a registration application.

Please read this package carefully. Send in the application forms & we will call you to arrange an interview. If you have any questions or if you need any special arrangements, please feel free to call me.

At Chabad Hebrew School, we firmly believe that your child's first taste of Jewish learning should be fun, upbeat, and interesting. Now approaching our fourth school year, we are noticing that our students really enjoy coming to school, they don't want to miss a day. Perhaps this is due to our commitment to making each day exciting and each lesson relevant and interesting. Or possibly it is our "hands-on" learning style that allows the children to experience living Judaism. One thing is for sure - the children are happy to come and learn.

With the upcoming 2007–2008 school year we are implementing a lot of new & exciting programs, in addition to the ongoing events & activities that we've had in the past, holidays, newsletters, arts & crafts etc. Plus, we are using the cutting edge Hebrew reading program called "Aleph Champ", color coded and modeled after karate, designed to teach kids to read Hebrew at their own pace in a clear and organized fashion.

We are also commencing the brand new Bar/Bat Mitzvah club, which will include special programming & events for the children that will be Bar/Bat Mitzvah during the coming year.

At Chabad Hebrew School, families of all backgrounds and affiliations are made to feel welcome. Tuition is affordable and synagogue membership is not required. Families are welcome to attend services at the Chabad Synagogue and may become members when and if they wish.

Wishing you a happy & healthy summer. May you have true *Yiddisheh Nachas* from your children & loved ones!

Sincerely yours,

Dvora Green
Director

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SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are enthusiastic about the beautiful lessons that Judaism has to offer, and we hope to transmit that excitement to the children through the excellent Hebrew School program at Chabad.

The Chabad Hebrew School offers an outstanding program that will give your child a solid foundation in the fundamentals of Judaism, and will instill in your child the faith, beauty and values of our heritage.

All lessons will be taught in a manner that will give the children a great appreciation of our rich Jewish heritage. Role-playing, arts & crafts, and songs will be incorporated to help make the lessons enjoyable.

We plan special programs during the year, such as Shabbat experiences, Shofar Factory, Chanukah Rally, Purim Fun, Passover Matzah Baking, Model Seder, Lag B'Omer Community Barbeque, and more. We also feature ongoing activities throughout the year, such as Jewish Jeopardy, Kosher label contest, Brachot bee, Friday night children's services and more, to develop and maintain strong participation and enthusiasm from our students.

We believe that the joy and pride in Yiddishkeit that will be experienced at the Chabad Hebrew School will make an indelible impression upon the children.

HEBREW LANGUAGE:

Children will learn to recognize and identify the names of all Hebrew letters. They will begin reading simple words after learning how to blend the sounds. Additionally, they will begin to learn how to write the letters in the Hebrew script. Hebrew vocabulary is a basic part of the program - Children will learn Hebrew words related to current themes.

MITZVOT:

Children will be taught the meaning of Mitzvoth - Torah commandments - and will be encouraged to enjoy the experience of doing mitzvot. Some mitzvot emphasized are Tzedaka, loving one another, kindness to living creatures, hospitality, honoring parents, mezuzah, and brachot (blessings). The teachers will help each child develop a consciousness of proper Torah behavior towards others - *Midot Tovot* - which is the acquisition of desirable character traits.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES:

Children will learn to appreciate the special quality and holiness of Shabbat and Holidays. They will become familiar with the historical background, customs, and observances of each festival throughout the year.

PRAYER AND BLESSINGS:

Children will start to learn simple, basic prayers and blessings. As they progress they will learn more prayers and what is appropriate to say at which times.

JEWISH HISTORY:

Children will learn to view our *Avot* (patriarchs) and *Imahot* (matriarchs) and other Jewish heroic figures as role models. They will be taught morals and ethics from people highlighted in the weekly Torah portion. The children will gain knowledge of and a love for the land of Israel and its people.



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CURRICULUM

Our curriculum consists of the following:

Hebrew Reading and Writing	Jewish History
Hebrew Prayer	The Jewish Calendar
Conversational Hebrew	Love for Israel
Jewish Laws and Customs	Synagogue Life
Jewish Holidays	Bible - Torah Portions
Jewish Values	Jewish Songs

Below are descriptions of each class: *(Older children that are not on their Hebrew grade level will be given special attention in order to move up to their appropriate level)*

FIRST TASTE PROGRAM:

The First Taste Program is designed to grab a child's attention with song, art, drama and games. By exposure to the aleph-bet, Torah tales, prayer through song and holiday studies, a child gains a sense of pride and love for Judaism. This class is for children ages 4-5 (Kindergarten).

KITAH ALEPH:

Level One

This class will learn the Hebrew reading format, enabling them to eventually complete full words and sentences. The class will also learn to write the alphabet, and take an in-depth look at the basic everyday laws, customs, and Bible history.

KITAH BET:

Level Two

This class begins to learn the meaning of basic Hebrew words, and continues to develop its Hebrew reading and writing ability. We will further explore Jewish life and traditions such as the Synagogue, calendar, and more. Lessons from the weekly Torah portions will begin to come alive.

KITAH GIMMEL:

Level Three

This class is ready to expand their comprehension skills in reading and understanding the Hebrew language and grammar. During the year, the class will begin using the *Siddur* – prayer book – for the daily prayers. The class also takes an in-depth look at more advanced Jewish law and Bible study.

When the children reach Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, they will begin taking their Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons with the Rabbi, to prepare them for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah service at our synagogue. In addition, the children will participate in a series of Bar Mitzvah classes as an introduction to Jewish adulthood as a Jewish man, or Bat Mitzvah classes for a girl, teaching the significance and role of the Jewish woman in Judaism.



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FACT SHEET

Age Levels

Kindergarten through eighth grade

Days / Times

First Taste Program: Sundays 9:30am – 12:00pm

Grades 1-8: Sundays 9:30am – 12:00pm

All Grades Occasional extracurricular Jewish fun activities

Tuition and Fees:

First Taste Program \$600.00

Grades 1-9: \$600.00

The above tuition does not include the non-refundable registration & book fee.

Registration & Book Fee:	\$30.00	First Taste Program
	\$50.00	Grades 1-9

Payment Options:

Option 1: Prepayment in full before September.

Option 2: Pay 2/3 of tuition before September, 1/3 of tuition by January 10.

Note: If there are reasons you cannot commit to one of the above options, please contact our office to arrange a personal payment plan. Please note that the above options are for tuition only. The registration fee and the book fee are due with your registration form.

A supply list and a school calendar will be sent out during the summer.

Discounts

We offer a \$30 discount on the tuition for each additional child in a family.

We offer a \$60 discount per family on the tuition if the registration form, tuition, registration, and book fees are received in full before Aug. 13th, 2007.



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Registration Application 2007-2008

Please Print Clearly

Part I: Student Information

Last Name _____ e-mail (child's) _____
First Name: English _____ Hebrew _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Birth date _____ Age _____ School _____ Grade (Entering) _____

Part II: Parents' Information

Father's Name _____ Hebrew Name _____
Work Address _____ Phone _____ Occupation _____
Mother's Name _____ Hebrew Name _____
Work Address _____ Phone _____ Occupation _____
e-mail (parent) _____ Synagogue Affiliation _____

Part III: Religious & Educational History

Previous Hebrew Education _____
Does your child read basic Hebrew? None Somewhat Well
Does your child have any learning difficulties with general studies? Yes No
If Yes, please describe. _____
Were there any conversions &/or adoptions in the family? _____
If Yes, please explain. _____

Part IV: Medical Information (confidential)

Up to date with vaccinations? Yes No Date of last tetanus shot _____
Are there any special medical or other information, which we should be aware of? (Confidential) _____

Part V: Referrals

How did you hear about Chabad Hebrew School? _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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Registration Application 2007-2008 (continued)

I Hereby permit my child _____ to participate in all school activities, and to join in class and school trips on and beyond school properties and use any transportation selected by the Chabad Hebrew School.

Signature of parent _____

Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Person to be contacted in case of an emergency when parents cannot be reached:

Name _____	Telephone # () - _____
Relationship to child _____	City/Town _____
Family Physician _____	Telephone # () - _____
Medical Insurance Co. _____	Policy # _____

Medical Release Form

I hereby give consent to the administration of the Chabad Hebrew School to take whatever medical measures they deem necessary, at my expense, for my child in the event of a medical emergency.

Signature of parent _____

Date _____



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Registration Application 2007-2008 (continued)

Please check one or more of the following:

I am enrolling my child _____ in the:

Chabad Hebrew School Sunday program

I have enclosed \$_____ for registration and book fees.

I have enclosed \$_____ towards tuition.

Please check box with your choice for method of payment:

Prepayment in full before September.

Pay 2/3 of tuition before September, and 1/3 by January 10.

Other method of payment as arranged with the office. Please specify:

Signature

Date



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EXTRACURRICULAR JEWISH FUN DAY

The extracurricular program is an optional day for the children. If they don't come, they won't miss out on the regular schedule of learning. However, the benefit of this enrichment program, which will take place occasionally during the year, if you can work it into your schedules, will be tremendous. One of the greatest gifts we can all give to our children is the feeling that our rich heritage is alive, thriving, exciting and joyous. The extracurricular time is when children will experience fun activities that teach Jewish lessons by means of various outlets, such as drama, choir, art projects, special visitors, etc. The tuition is the same with or without this optional day. There may be small cover costs from time to time for special projects or events.

It's a day the children are sure to look forward to!

CHABAD

More than anyone else, Chabad is known for its ability

- to transmit traditional ideals in a modern world
- to relate to every Jewish child and adult and make them feel welcome and important
- to bring people together to share Judaism in a fun and exciting way - regardless of background or religious affiliation and observance

Chabad is where Judaism comes alive, and with its warmth, enthusiasm, and sense of purpose -- it is the place where your child can and will grow to be proud of his or her Judaism and flourish as a productive member of contemporary society.

All of this, and we make it fun, too!

