

OVER VIEW HEBREW 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 Spirit of Sinai Chabad Hebrew School..

The Spirit of Sinai 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 Judaism that will be experienced at the Chabad Hebrew School will make an indelible impression upon the children.

CURRICULUM:

HEBREW LANGUAGE:

We will be using the Aleph Champ system for our Hebrew reading and vocabulary program. Simply, in order to motivate children in Hebrew Schools to learn to read Hebrew, Aleph Champ copied the karate system of motivational colored levels. Students start out on the White Champ Level, with a white champ book, white flashcards and a *burning desire to pass to the next level*.

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 Mitzvot - 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 - 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.

SCHOOL POLICIES:**LATENESS:**

Please help to instill the habit of promptness in your child: A student who is late disrupts the class and doesn't take their lessons seriously.

Homework:

Homework is a valuable learning tool, particularly when we try to condense a proper Jewish education in a very short time frame. A minimal amount will be given, yet it is essential in order for a student to progress. Parents should supervise their children's homework.

Birthday Celebrations:

Jewish birthday parties can be arranged through the school. We encourage our children to celebrate their Jewish birthdays. Please let us know your child's birth date and we'll tell you his/her Jewish birthday. Please verify with the teacher one week in advance to properly plan the party.

Extra Curricular Activities:

We strongly encourage parents to become involved with the school's activities. Experience has shown that parental involvement in school and related projects contributes greatly and helps make events for their children a terrific success. Please complete the Parent Volunteer Form to notify Chanala of your interest in participating in our programs by way of chaperoning, making calls, driving, or otherwise.

The Atmosphere:

The underlying strength of our school is in its general warmth and spirit, providing a

learning experience in an atmosphere of joy and liveliness. Audio-visual presentation such as Friday Night Dinners, Model Matzah bakery and Model Seder, Havdallah ceremonies, school contests, field trips, hands-on educational children and family workshops as well as games, drama, songs, parties, and arts'n crafts are blended with the curriculum. This will ensure that your child will receive a stimulating educational experience in a fun and exciting way.

Our Approach:

At our Hebrew School, we strive to stress the beauty and warmth of Judaism and its Mitzvot (precepts). With our unique educational approach our students are able to explore and discover the beauty of their heritage, in an atmosphere of joy and warmth. Many children are out of touch with an entity that has preserved us for thousands of years, an entity of beauty and deep significance and one which is inherently their own. At our Hebrew School, an area of particular emphasis is in the inculcation of Jewish values and ethics. Mutual tolerance and respect for fellow human beings are taught as basic principles of the Jewish faith.

Conferences:

Our staff is prepared to work with you, should you require our assistance. Parent - Teacher meetings are arranged by the school at which time all matters referring to your child's growth and development will be discussed. When teachers and parents are acquainted with each other, students benefit. Appointments may be arranged by emailing Chanalar@gmail.com.