

CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL

PARENT HANDBOOK

Academic Year 2018-19



Where Judaism Comes to Life!

Chabad of San Clemente

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- WELCOME -

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Chabad of San Clemente Hebrew School, where Judaism comes to life and children learn in a fun and creative atmosphere!

Enclosed please find a registration form, school calendar, and some general information for the upcoming school year. Please read this information carefully and if there is anything you would like to discuss at any stage, feel free to call me at (949) 489-0723.

We hope that by the year's end, along with Hebrew reading, Holiday learning, and other Jewish topics, your child will have developed a deep love and respect for his/her precious heritage, as well as a strong sense of Jewish pride and identity. We have added a number of new programs and workshops to this year's schedule and we are excited about our innovative curriculum!

We encourage you as their parent, to get involved, ask questions, and keep in touch with the goings-on of the Chabad Hebrew School.

Looking forward to an enjoyable and successful school year together.

Sincerely,

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Hebrew School Director
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FACT SHEET

Ages: Boys and girls - 4 yrs. to 13 yrs.

Dates & Times: Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Location: Chabad of San Clemente
1306 North El Camino Real, San Clemente

Attendance: If your child is not able to attend class for any reason, please notify us in advance. Class starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. with Alef Champ Reading. To maximize our learning time, and to avoid distractions to the class, your cooperation is appreciated. Incentives and rewards are given out weekly to those who arrive on time. Also please make sure your child leaves their cell phones and electronics at home.

Boys are encouraged to attend wearing a kippah. If you do not have one, the Chabad Hebrew School can provide one.

Yearly Tuition: \$750 - Includes Registration, book fees, and all supplies.

- Full Military Scholarship
- Full and Partial Community Grants (contact Tzippy)

Snack: During Hebrew School there will be a 10 minute break during which the children will receive a healthy snack



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-CURRICULUM-

At Chabad Hebrew School, our goal is to foster a warmth and love of Judaism, while teaching our beautiful and rich Jewish traditions and history.

The following are the primary subjects of particular emphasis:

1. Hebrew Reading, Writing, and Vocabulary
2. Jewish History and Culture through a Culturally Connected Curriculum
3. Holidays and Traditions
4. Jewish Ethics and Manners
5. Prayer and Synagogue Familiarity

Hebrew - Aleph Champion Program

Our Hebrew School, like many others, is changing the course of Hebrew reading with an innovative reading system. Based on the martial arts motivational philosophy of color-coded levels and testing, the Aleph Champion program will provide our students with clear goals, motivation, and a world of inspiration. Below is a brief description of the 10 color-coded levels implemented in the Aleph Champion program.

Our beginning Hebrew School Class (ages 4-5) will be using the Workbook, *Alef is for Apple*. It is a sensory based activity workbook, with three dimensional materials for each letter of the Alef-Bet, using the child's native language of English. In between each letter there are multiple reinforcing games and fun tasks.

White Aleph Champion:	Master the first 18 letters of the Aleph Bet.
Red Aleph Champion:	Master all 32 letters of the Aleph Bet.
Orange Aleph Champion:	Master the first 3 vowels with letter combinations.
Yellow Aleph Champion:	Master the first 6 vowels with letter combinations.
Green Aleph Champion:	Master the first 9 vowels with letter combinations.
Blue Aleph Champion:	Master all the vowels and exceptions to the rules.
Purple Aleph Champion:	Master reading familiar Prayers and Brachot.
Brown Aleph Champion:	Master reading important Tefillot.
Grey Aleph Champion:	Master reading from the Siddur in a timed fashion.
Black Aleph Champion:	Master reading over 100 words in a minute.



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Holidays and Celebrations

Judaism is overflowing with joyful and meaningful Holidays - at Chabad Hebrew School they come alive! Whether it is through making a Shofar for Rosh Hashana, creating your own Menorah, and even baking Matzah in an authentic bakery for Passover, there is something fun every day!

This year we will be having a Hebrew School Family Shabbat Dinner as well, in which the children will be leading and hosting. We encourage you to attend our various Holiday events and Services we offer at Chabad. Bring the joy of Judaism into your entire year!

NEW CURRICULUMS FOR THIS YEAR

CKids Holiday Happiness Project

Empowering your children to tap into their talents and interests, while connecting to their own Jewish identity, we bring you CKids! The Holidays will be celebrated in an original way that is innovative and cool!

- Rosh Hashana-Bee Busters Honey Workshop
- Sukkot- Discovery Lab STEM Slime Factory
- Chanukah-Maccabbe Makerspace Create and Build
- Tu Bshvat -Grow Goodness
- Purim-Epic Rap Battle of Ancient Storytelling
- Pesach-4D Time Travel Team Challenge



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CULTURALLY CONNECTED

Journey around the World as we visit different Jewish Cultures of yesterday and the present. Learn the history, cook and taste the foods, create the art, sing and dance as we celebrate our unique differences that make up the mosaic of our People!

A few examples of what we will do on our travels:

- Yemen- Make Hennas, Taste Malawach, Operation Magic Carpet History
- Morocco- Separdi Dance, Kebabs, Ink and Quill Mezuzah Calligraphy
- Israel-Guest IDF speaker, Mini Kotels, Falafel
- Shtetl Life- Shabbat in a Box, Kugel, Fiddler on the Roof
- Early America- NY Street Games, Chicken Soup, Kosher Lesson and Pickle Making, Ellis Island

Art Class with Shari Pratt, a Renowned Art Teacher.

Here are the projects we will be covering.

Class levels: Zaytim: K – 3; Rimonim: 4 – 7

Zaytim: Jerusalem landscapes – horizontal format of temple (stone walls, turrets, crenulated high walls, rooftops) in foreground, hills with trees behind. Oil pastel and watercolor. Mount on dark brown paper.

Rimonim: Jerusalem landscapes – vertical format of houses in foreground, trees and sheep in mid-ground; temple in background. If time, we'll include very close foreground with tall weeds at the corners. Oil pastel and watercolor. Mount on dark brown paper.

Zaytim: Portrait of Joseph in his many-colored coat. Stencils and tempera paint. Second pic of camel, if time.

Rimonim: Portraits of Jewish ancestors: kings, queens, matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, sages. Tempera paint.

Zaytim: Hamsa images, fingers up or down. "Stained glass." Stencils, black oil pastel outline and watercolor interior colors. Mount on black paper.

Rimonim: Tribes of Israel on shields – "Stained glass" effect. Oil pastel outline and watercolor interior colors. Mount on black paper.



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Random Acts of Kindness

Helped a neighbor bring in groceries? Did the dishes without being asked? Let's put it up on our wall! Every child will receive a stack of "Random Acts of Kindness" notes. Do something nice and kind for someone else, write it on the notecard, have a parent sign it, and not only does the child receive raffle tickets, but their note goes on our Wall of Integrity.

Tzedakah

Tzedakah (charity) is a concept which is basic to Judaism. Our school attempts to develop a commitment among our students to share with others less fortunate than themselves by donating a few pennies a day to charity. Parents are asked to provide children with a coin(s) for Tzedakah each Sunday class.

This year the children will be putting their coins in the Charity of their choice during Tefila (Prayer) time. The Charities chosen this year will be:

Camp Simcha (Summer Camp for children fighting cancer),

Beis Zecharia (helping the disabled in the Land of Israel),

Israeli Terror Victims (providing toys, therapies, and support for terror victims).

We are committed to helping others - it is our way of life!



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TUITION PAYMENT & ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

\$750 includes registration, book fee, and all supplies

Minimum deposit with registration: \$100

Full Military Scholarship

No child will be turned away for lack of funds.

Please contact me regarding our Education Scholarship Foundation.

Please choose from the following two payment methods:

- 1)** Pay the entire amount in full by check or credit card
- 2)** Pay Deposit (\$100) at registration, and make a payment arrangement with post-dated checks or by monthly credit card charges for the balance. All checks/credit card payments (or any financial arrangements) should please be submitted before the first day of Hebrew School.

Please make checks payable to Chabad of San Clemente and mail to:

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