



Chabad Hebrew School of the Art - Bradenton /LWR

# 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 Hebrew song.

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

Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School of the Arts where 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 the synagogue, 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 year!

Hebrew School Director

Chanie Bukiet

## Curriculum

Throughout the BRNG IT HOME curriculum, students will understand what it means to make a home for Hashem, and how they can accomplish this in their own lives and homes. They will begin to understand the concept of holiness and how we shine the light of Hashem into the world when we learn Torah and do Mitzvot.

This curriculum builds on last year's curriculum, "Adventure into the Holy Land" where students learned about the history of the Jewish people with important events in Shemot (Exodus), beginning with our slavery in Egypt and through a forty-year journey to becoming a nation and receiving the Torah. Students were instilled with a pride in their ancestors, and with the confidence to live their lives as proud Jews. They will now begin to explore how that looks with the BRNG IT HOME curriculum.

Each class is broken into two parts:

Part 1: An interactive way to tell the story.

Part 2: A hands-on activity where the kids continue learning the story or internalize the message.

Through engaging and fresh activities, your child will sense that Jewish history isn't just something of the past. Students will perceive that this is their story and feel confident and responsible to live an active life portraying the values taught by our ancestors.

The curriculum is designed to generate a positive change in children by encouraging them to integrate Torah and Mitzvot into their lives. Through focused lesson goals and repeated application, the children will gain real skills and will be able to effect a genuine change in their lives. The curriculum offers timeless lessons and ways to integrate the knowledge children need to practically implement the skill. Children will have the passion and knowledge to live Jewishly, by internalizing the lessons and skills they learn. Upon completion of this course the student will have created a method to integrate Torah, Mitzvot and Jewish Holidays into their lives and developed methods to create change in the world around them.

Areas of academic emphasis include:

1. Jewish History
2. Hebrew reading and vocabulary
3. Holidays and traditions
4. Culture and current events

This course engages children in discovering the higher purpose of everyday lifestyle, and gives them the tools to practically implement their inspiration.

## The Approach

At CHS 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.

Besides for the weekly BRING IT HOME lessons, we have a host of other programs that we use to create the best experiences for your child:

### **CKids Clubs**

CKids Clubs are insider events that get children innovating with fun, new mediums and skill sets. Featuring the Jewish “BIG 3”: Pride, Heritage & Identity! Opened to the larger Jewish community, we invite more Jewish children to join four CKids Clubs.

### **JewQ Torah Competition**

Children in 150+ cities worldwide put their Jewish knowledge to the ULTIMATE test. High achievers win prizes and an exciting end-of-year trip!

### **Tzivot Hashem**

Move up the ranks with a new program celebrating the “me” and “u” in meaningful, mitzvah-filled Judaism. Monthly rallies highlight Jewish birthdays and ranks. We feature a Student of the Month from each class who is recognized for his/her positive attitude, participation and attendance.

Attendance and Tzivot Hashem Ranks are kept in the new ChabadPlus app.

### **CKids Shabbaton**

Exciting performances. New friends. Yummy Shabbat food. One action packed weekend. Finish up with Sunday’s International JewQ Championship and Tzivot Hashem Award Ceremony.

### **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.

**CHS** has someone certified in CPR/First Aid on duty at all times.

In case of minor injury, the first aider 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.

## Sample Hebrew School Schedule

All students meet Sunday mornings from 9:30 am – 12:00 PM

Pre-K-Kindergarten Class Schedule	Activity
9:30 - 9:50 am	Morning Prayers and Songs
9:50 - 10:30 am	Art
10:30 -10:40 am	Snack
10:40 -11:20am	Aleph Champ
11:20 - 11:50am	Curriculum Lesson
11:50 am-12:00pm	Goodbye Routine & Birthday Bash/TH Rallies

1-2 Class Schedule	Activity
9:30 - 9:50 am	Morning Prayers and Songs
9:50 - 10:30 am	Art
10:30 -10:40 am	Snack
10:40 -11:20am	Aleph Champ
11:20 - 11:50am	Curriculum Lesson
11:50 am-12:00pm	Goodbye Routine & Birthday Bash/TH Rallies

3-5 Class Schedule	Activity
9:30 - 9:50 am	Morning Prayers and Songs
9:50 - 10:30 am	Curriculum Lesson
10:30 -10:40 am	Snack
10:40 -11:20am	Aleph Champ
11:20 - 11:40 am	Art
11:40 - 11:50 am	JEWQ
11:50 am-12:00pm	Goodbye Routine & Birthday Bash/TH Rallies

6-8 Class Schedule	Activity
9:30 - 9:50 am	Morning Prayers and Songs
9:50 - 10:30 am	Curriculum Lesson
10:30 -10:40 am	Snack
10:40 -11:20am	Aleph Champ
11:20 - 11:40am	Art
11:40 - 11:50 am	JEWQ
11:50 am-12:00pm	Goodbye Routine & Birthday Bash/TH Rallies

## Chabad Plus App

We are pleased to use the Chabad Plus app as our student database management.

In the Chabad Plus app, you will be able to monitor your child's attendance, complete Mitzvah Missions, view their Aleph Champ levels, Tzivot Hashem ranks and points earned during class. Your child will be able to use their points to purchase prizes from a virtual prize store, and they will receive their prizes during the monthly rallies.

You will receive an email to sign up for the Chabad Plus app.

## 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.

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

**Chanie Bukiet**  
**941-284-6390**

Please do not send your children to Hebrew School with a cell phone or electronics. If they need to reach you, they will have use of the Chabad phones.

## Drop Off/ Pick Up

- Sunday: 9:30am-12:00 pm

Arrival: All parents are required to drop off their children outside the Hebrew School Building and to sign in.

Dismissal: All parents are required to pick up their children outside the Hebrew School Building and to sign out.

The doors to Chabad will be locked after 9:45 for safety reasons. If you need to arrive late, please let us know and use the doorbell. The doors will be unlocked at 11:45 am.

## Attendance & Arrival Time

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 entire 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.

You can view your child's attendance in the new Chabad Plus app.

## 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.

## Supplies

Supplies:

All workbooks and art materials for all grades are provided by the school. Please see Tzitzit and Kippah order forms.



## Tzedakah

Tzedakah (charity) is a concept which is basic to Judaism. Our school attempts to develop a commitment among our students to share with the less fortunate by donating a few pennies a day to charity. Parents are asked to provide the students with a daily coin for tzedakah.

## Snacks & Allergies

### Snack

A delicious snack will be served each week to our students. If your child has any allergies, please notify us.

### Allergies

Due to the fact that we currently have a couple of students enrolled in Chabad Hebrew School with a nut allergy, we have instituted a NUT AWARE policy and do not allow nuts and peanuts in the Chabad House. Please help us to keep the Chabad House a nut free environment by refraining from sending items containing nuts to school with your child.

## 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.

We will be sending out weekly emails and WhatsApp notices 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. Please check his/her school bag for these notices.

CHS Parent WhatsApp Group: This group provides interactive communication with parents and teachers.

Weekly Email: Every Monday morning, an email will be sent out with an update on your child's day in Hebrew School. The email will include progress, special events, pictures as well as important information.

Nachas Reports & Tzivos Hashem Rallies: We will be holding mini assemblies during the first Sunday of each month at 11:50 am where we will celebrate a special Nachas report for each child. Parents are invited to attend.

Photos of Chabad Hebrew School in action will be posted weekly on our website-make sure to view them at [www.chabadofbradenton.com](http://www.chabadofbradenton.com)

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 our Chanie Bukiet at 941-284-6390.



## 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 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!
- 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!