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CHABAD OF PLANO HEBREW SCHOOL
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 of Plano Hebrew School. Our school enjoys a well-earned 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 reading 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 note special programs in Hebrew School in which parent participation is key:

- 1) Hebrew School Shabbat Dinner, at which your children will have an opportunity to take part in the service and we will celebrate Shabbat together.
- 2) HS Family Holiday Events-Interactive family holiday activities prior to several of the Jewish holidays, geared to educating Hebrew School Families in a hands-on and creative manner.

Please make sure to mark your personal calendars with all the special Hebrew School days and events to ensure that you are there.

We look forward to working together with you to educate and inspire your children. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me any time at 2140735-8390 or email estherjudihorowitz@gmail.com

Looking forward to a wonderful year!

Yours sincerely,

Esther Horowitz, Director

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Chabad Hebrew School meets on Sundays September through May. We begin at 9:30 am and end at 12:00pm. (Please see calendar for “special days” programs with different schedule).

A Hebrew School year calendar can be found on our website. You will also receive a copy of it on the first day. Please 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 our director Esther Horowitz on her cell phone at 214-735-8390.

Office: 972-596-8270

Email: estherjudihorowitz@gmail.com

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, parents will be notified via text 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.

WORKBOOKS/SUPPLIES

All workbooks and supplies for all grades are provided by Chabad Hebrew School. All books are to be treated with care and respect.

Boys are encouraged to bring and wear a *Kipah* or a cap for all classes. We will be providing fun kippot for the students to wear.

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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, or be absent, please text Esther Horowitz at 214-735-8390.

DISMISSAL

Parents are asked to drive around to the East side of the building for 12:00 carpool. Your children will be called outside to your car. Children will not be released to anyone other than a parent or regular carpool driver without permission from the parent. Please text Esther if someone other than the parent will be picking up your child. Please help us keep our students safe by following our dismissal policy.

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 each day to charity. Please send your child with a coin or two for Tzedakah to encourage them to perform this Mitzvah.

SNACKS

Kosher, pareve snacks are provided each morning. If your child is allergic to any food or beverages, please be sure that it is written on his/her registration form.

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 weekly emails notifying you of upcoming events, important notices, and what your child has covered in class each week.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact our director Esther Horowitz at 214-735-8390, or email estheryudihorowitz@gmail.com

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

When parents are involved in their children'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, the wealth of information located on our website www.ChabadPlano.org, as well as our Shabbat and Holiday services/events.

Parental involvement in Hebrew School is crucial, so please make every effort to take part in the family Holiday Celebrations. The best way to teach and support your child is by personal participation.

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.
- 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.

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