



PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK 2019-2020

Chabad Hebrew School of Vernon Hills
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Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School of Vernon Hills!

Dear Hebrew School Parents,

We are pleased that you have chosen our school for your child. We believe that the Hebrew School experience should be fun, inspiring, and provide warm memories for a lifetime. Your child should gain an understanding of Jewish life and traditions. Most importantly, we hope to instill in your child a love of Judaism and of Israel, a deep pride in being Jewish, and a commitment to Jewish life.

We have many exciting programs planned for this year including several new and innovative programs as well as proven winners from past years. Our students will be engaged with the special curriculums and presentations that are prepared for each class. Plus there are always plenty of educational games, crafts, baking and prizes to keep the momentum going. We also offer a fully array of holiday events for our Hebrew School families throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing your child in September!

Warmly,

Rochel Susskind

Hebrew School Hours

Regular Classes: Sunday Mornings

10:00am -12:00pm

Drop Off and Pick Up

The school will be open for students ten minutes prior to the beginning of class. We ask parents to be sensitive to the needs of the classes and arrive promptly at 10:00am.

At dismissal, the students will be lead with the teachers outside. If you would like your child to stay indoors and not wait outside, please let us know.

If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, please inform us in person or in a written note.

Due to safety concerns, if you wish to enter the school building while class is in session (not during the designated drop off and pick up times), please knock and we will open the door. For security, the doors will remain locked from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Parent/School Communication

Communication between parents and staff is very important and will help make the Hebrew School experience more pleasant for your child. We often send emails with important updates and announcements. Please call or email if you have questions or would like to discuss

something. If you need to reach us during Hebrew School hours, please reach Rochel at 718.930.3445 or Rabbi Susskind at 718.755.5356.

Behavior Expectation

Chabad Hebrew School strives to create an atmosphere that reflects our traditional Jewish values. Our students understand that respect for teachers, for each other, and for all school property, is essential for a successful learning environment. We expect all students to act responsibly, exercising special care in and around the building.

Hebrew School Responsibilities

You can expect the school to fulfill the following:

- Provide a positive, warm and safe environment for your child
- Give your child a viable knowledge of Hebrew Reading, Prayers, Jewish History, Customs, Torah, Israel, and ethics.
- Provide your child with knowledgeable teachers who are dedicated to instilling your child with quality Jewish education and values.
- Provide your family with opportunities to learn and experience Jewish life.

Books and Supplies

All textbooks and workbooks will be provided by the school at the beginning of the year. Chabad provides all scissors, glue, pencils and all art supplies for each student.

Tzedakah

Tzedakah, (Charity) is a basic value in Judaism and one we try to develop in our students. All classes begin each day with prayers and the giving of charity. Please try to send some coins to school each Sunday to help encourage your child to perform this Mitzvah.

Mitzvah Notes

Students ages 7 and younger are asked to bring in a note each week about a “Mitzvah”/good deed that they did. Students share their Mitzvahs and learn about the importance of helping others. Please try to point out your child’s good deeds throughout the week and write down a special one to share. We post each Mitzvah on a special Mitzvah tree that is hung in the classroom.

Snacks

We provide a snack and drink for every student. If your child is allergic to any food or beverages, please be sure to inform us. We are a nut free facility to accommodate all of the Hebrew School students.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is crucial in accomplishing the goals of our educational program. There is a direct correlation between attendance records and achievement. Please notify us if your child will be absent for any length of time due to illness or vacation.

Early Pick Up or Late Drop Off

If you need to pick up your child early, please notify us in advance. This will allow the teacher to be sure your child is ready and minimize the disruption to the rest of the class.

If your child is late for any reason, please accompany him/her into the classroom.