

# Who We Are

Dear Parents,

Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a Jewish song. Picture a group of Jewish children engaged in lively discussion, singing, laughter and prayer.

Welcome to Chabad LIC Hebrew School. At CHS, families of all affiliations and backgrounds feel comfortable and welcome. Our school offers a warm and lively Jewish atmosphere where children can attain a unique and exciting awareness of their Jewish identity.

We hope that by year's end, along with the Aleph-Bet, the holiday learning, and Hebrew literacy, your child will have developed a deep love and respect for our precious heritage.

We encourage you, as a parent, to get involved, ask questions, and keep in touch with our school. If there is anything you would ever like to discuss with me, feel free to call me at 718-609-0066, or email [RivkaWineberg@gmail.com](mailto:RivkaWineberg@gmail.com).

Looking forward to a fun and productive year,

Rivka Wineberg☺

Director

Chabad Hebrew School

## General Information

**Ages:** Boys and girls, ages 4 -12/13

**Hours:** Tuesday afternoons from 2:45pm-4:45pm

**Location:** Chabad LIC, 10-29 48<sup>th</sup> Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101

**Registration:** To register, please fill out the application forms online at Jewishlic.com under the tab "Children and Youth" or drop off your completed forms at Chabad. If you wish, you can schedule an interview with the Director to discuss all the details of the Hebrew School. There is a \$50.00 registration fee due upon registration.

**Tuition:** Tuition is \$1,800.00 for the school year.

**Scholarships:** No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Limited scholarships are available as needed. A scholarship committee will evaluate requests. Please email for a scholarship request.

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah:** We offer Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons for girls and boys. Be in touch with us for more information.

## Our Goals

- To provide a positive and warm environment for your child
- To attain a strong sense of love for, and pride in, being Jewish
- To discover and explore the Torah (Bible) and the incredible history of the Jewish people
- To gain an understanding of Jewish practice
- To perceive Judaism's relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- To grasp the Torah's moral and ethical expectations
- To attain a hands-on appreciation for the Jewish holidays
- To master the skills of Hebrew reading and writing
- To gain familiarity with the basic Jewish prayers
- To identify with the Land of Israel and its history
- To stimulate students to express their opinions and questions

**Supplies:** All workbooks are provided to your child by our school on loan. The books are made available to your child to use in school and take home throughout the school year but must be returned at year's end. The students can keep the workbooks that they filled out during the lessons.

**Tzedakah:** Tzedakah (charity) is a basic value in 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. Please try to send some coins to school each day to help encourage your child to perform this Mitzvah. At the end of the year, we vote on which charity should receive the money we collected.

**Mitzvah Note:** Please send in a short note describing any good behavior, or good deed your child has done. We read this note out loud, as it boosts the child's self-esteem and makes them feel very proud about their positive behavior. At the same time, it encourages their friends to do good deeds as well.

## **Our Curriculum**

### **LANGUAGE**

Our students learn to read and write Hebrew and achieve a familiarity with the Jewish prayer book.

### **TORAH**

Study of the weekly Torah portion provides our students with practical lessons that apply to their daily lives.

### **JEWISH HISTORY**

Our students gain an appreciation of our heritage and culture as it has been preserved in modern times. Our history course will take the students from creation to the giving of the ten commandments at Mount Sinai. The older classes will also be discussing the periods of the Spanish Inquisition and the Holocaust.

## **HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT**

As the students progress through Hebrew school, the traditions and lessons from the Jewish Holidays provide a deeper and richer level of understanding. Families and children all enjoy celebrations and festivities hosted by Chabad LIC.

## **ISRAEL**

The uniqueness of our homeland is imparted to our students. The land where it all began, and where it all continues.

## **JEWISH VALUES**

Beginning with simple lessons, our younger children learn the origins behind the Mitzvot. We stress practical application to the child's daily life in school and home. The older children explore and delve into the spirituality of the Mitzvot on a deeper level, beginning with discussions on the concept of a soul and progressing to a discussion of each student's own feelings about his/her personal Jewishness.

# **Hands-On Learning**

Celebrating our heritage through hands-on projects, children are invited to create an actual tangible link with their forebears with their own hands.

**SHOFAR FACTORY:** How we get a Shofar from a ram's horn!

**OLIVE OIL PRESS:** Chanukah's story comes alive when kids turn olives into olive oil – just like Maccabees.

**MODEL MATZAH BAKERY:** Students grind, winnow, knead and roll the dough to make real Matzah.

**TALLIT FACTORY:** Students learn the technique of this Biblical craft.

**MEZUZAH WORKSHOP:** Youngsters analyze the mezuzah scroll's specifics, and then fashion a unique mezuzah cover.

## Your Involvement

We strongly encourage close communication between the school staff and parents. We are concerned about the progress of each individual student and would be more than willing to spend time discussing your child's progress with you. Please don't hesitate to call or email me should any issue or question arise.

**Weekly Updates:** A synopsis of what each class learned, together with pictures, will be posted on the HS WhatsApp group. This will tell about progress, special events in the classes as well as important information you need to know. Please read it. Your comments are always welcome, as we are always looking for ways to improve our educational program. CHS is also active on Instagram under **jccchabadlic**. Check us out there 😊

**Attendance:** Our school was developed for families who take the study seriously. The first step in the right direction is for parents and children to realize that attendance is the key to a successful school year.

**Drop-off and pick up:** Children are not to be dropped off more than 15 minutes before school. Effort should be made to assure that your child arrives to school on time. Please see to it that your child is picked up punctually at dismissal time.

We also provide pick up from public school for a fee of \$15 per month. The form for this is on the website under Hebrew school registration.

At pickup, the teachers will bring the children outside to you.