



Parent Handbook



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 Cobb Hebrew School 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 participation in Jewish life and their joy and pride of their Jewish heritage.

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 New Year!

Chani Silverman and Musy Wolf

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Curriculum

The curriculums are designed to generate a positive growth in children by encouraging them to learn and love Torah, Mitzvot and Jewish Holidays. The curriculums offers timeless lessons and ways to integrate the knowledge children need to practically implement the skill.

Areas of academic emphasis include:

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



Our younger classes will be introduced to key Jewish concepts, Mitzvot, and Middot with our 'SUPER JEW, SUPER YOU' curriculum. They will learn how to relate the knowledge to their lives while instilling the idea that the Torah is our guide.



Our older classes will embark on an adventure of a lifetime, exploring our history as Am Yisroel Chai! Discover our humble beginnings in Israel and the secret to our eternal strength. Students will relive the journey of the Jewish People in the Land of Israel, from the time the Jews entered the land led by prophets and kings, until the untimely destruction of the Holy Temples. Discover the secret to our eternal survival with tools that were established to keep Judaism thriving in the Diaspora.

Our Approach

At our Hebrew School we strive to stress the beauty and warmth of Judaism and its Mitzvot. 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.



The Atmosphere

The underlying strength of our school is in its general warmth and spirit, providing a learning experience in an atmosphere of joy and liveliness!

We believe that family connection is the most important aspect of our programming. This year, we will be working to build the CHS family. Holiday celebrations, Friday night dinners, hands-on education, Rap with the Rabbi and family workshops as well as games, crafts and songs are blended into our calendar. You will be notified via email before all events.

Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial to your child's success in Hebrew school. There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement, interest and attitude. Adhering to the attendance policy will be greatly appreciated and will help your child get the most out of Hebrew school.

Communication

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. 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.

Photos of Hebrew School in action will be posted weekly on our facebook page.

Homework

Limited homework will be assigned. Homework will generally consist of a review of Hebrew reading. Parents will be sent a weekly text from the Hebrew teacher with what their child should review. Reading practice at home is an excellent tool to improve your child's reading skills and keep you in touch with his/her progress.

Aleph Champ

Aleph Champ is a ground-breaking program that we have successfully been using at CHS. This Hebrew reading system offers an innovative Hebrew reading technique that involves ten attainable levels for children to master. Students are motivated and have clear goals defined for them. As they pass levels, they are rewarded and motivated to keep learning.

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.

This year, we have added an extra precaution, such as temperature checks during drop off, to ensure health and wellness due to Covid-19. Please **DO NOT** send your child if they, or anyone in your immediate family, has been exposed within the 14 prior days.

- Please check your child's temperature at home prior to coming to Hebrew School if they may be ill.
- Keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness.
- Children must be symptom free (without the aid of a fever reducing medication) for 72 hours.
- If your child has an excessive and unusual runny nose, cough or sneeze, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, loss of taste or smell, or any other symptoms typical of COVID-19, the student will be separated from the group until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- If you, your spouse or other members of your family have a temperature or are sick, we respectfully request that you keep your child/ren home.
- The success of in person Hebrew School depends upon all families openly and honestly communicating whether anyone in their home has tested positive or even has any related symptoms.

Drop Off / Pick Up

K-6th Grade

Drop off and pick up are both at the roundabout in back of the building.

Drop off 8:55-9:10

Pickup 11:45-11:55

7th Grade

Drop off is at the front of the building at 10:30

Pickup from the back 11:45-11:55

Snack

We will be providing a snack weekly and water to drink. Please do not send in food from home. If your child has any food allergies, please let us know before school begins.

Daily Schedule

Kindergarten through 6th Grades meet on Sunday mornings 9:00-11:45

7th Grade meets on Sunday 10:30-11:45. 7th Grade does go off campus on trips on occasion. You will be notified via email each time. Please see 7th grade calendar under the 7th grade tab on our website cobbhs.org

Sample Schedule	Activity
9:00am-9:30am	Judaic Craft
9:30am-10:00am	Davening/Prayers
10:00am-10:35am	Hebrew Reading-Aleph Champ
10:35am-10:50am	Recess & Snack/Monthly Jewish Birthday Bash
10:50am-11:45pm	Class Curriculum

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.

Jewish Birthdays

Jewish Birthdays will be celebrated once a month with an exciting Birthday Bash during Hebrew School. We will be recognizing the students whose birthdays take place in the upcoming Jewish month. Those students will receive certificates with their Hebrew birthdays, goody bags, and the whole school will celebrate with cupcakes.. This program will help familiarize the students with Jewish traditions associated with celebrating their Jewish birthday.

Shabbat Adventure

Join us on the first Shabbat of each month for an exciting family program! Shabbat Adventure takes place on Saturday mornings at Chabad of Cobb. This is a fabulous way to supplement the children's Jewish education and give them a head start on bar/bat mitzvah preparation by helping familiarize them with synagogue prayers and traditions. Students and their families will enjoy an interactive family program. The program runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. followed by lunch. Emails and flyers will be emailed prior to each event.



Torah Token Prizes and Trips

Throughout the year students earn “Torah Tokens” for their participation during their time at Hebrew School. These tokens will be redeemable for prizes and for extra fun at the end of the year! Children can also receive a Torah Token for wearing their Hebrew School t-shirt, bringing Tzedakah to Hebrew School and answering questions!

Rap with the Rabbi

Rap with the Rabbi is your child’s time to ask the Rabbi any and all questions he/she may have! Parents are invited as well to join and enjoy delicious cocoa and treats! You will receive an email with the date of your child’s Rap with the Rabbi Session. Be sure to prepare with your child all the Jewish questions they can come up with!

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!