

CHAI
HEBREW
SCHOOL



**REGISTRATION
& INFORMATION
PACKET**

2016-2017

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Where Judaism Comes Alive!

Dear Parents,

It is our pleasure to announce that Chai Hebrew School is now open for registration for the scholastic year of 2016 - 2017. Enclosed is a registration form for the coming year. Please fill out the form and mail it back to Chai Hebrew School's office: 569 Vanderbilt Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11238.

Imagine a Hebrew School in which children don't want to miss a day—in which children arrive in the morning with a smile and leave humming a Hebrew song. Walking through the school, you catch snippets of lively conversation, singing, laughter, and prayer from the different classrooms. Imagine your pride as you observe your child participating in a class discussion.

At Chai Hebrew School, we aim to give you just that. Chai Hebrew School provides a warm Jewish atmosphere in which children obtain a unique awareness of and appreciation for their Jewish identities. Our goal is that by the year's end, in addition to learning Hebrew, Jewish History, Holidays, Judaic, and prayer, your child/ren will have developed a deep love and respect for their heritage.

Our faculty is comprised of highly motivated teachers with a proven track record of care, devotion, and academic expertise. Every child enjoys individual attention from instructors who are carefully selected for their abilities to connect with, appropriately assess, and cater to the needs of each student. Our teachers recognize that a child learns best in an atmosphere of respect and joy; and that is the environment they aspire to cultivate.

In addition, we understand that parental involvement is crucial to a child's success in Hebrew School. We therefore encourage you as a parent to become involved, ask questions, and keep in touch with Chai Hebrew School's administration and faculty. Feel free to call at 718 499 0836 with any questions.

I look forward to a year of growth and learning with your child.

Sincerely,

Chaya Hecht
Chai Hebrew, Director



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Chai Hebrew School Curriculum

CHS is dedicated to providing a positive, intellectually stimulating environment that is sure to engage the mind and heart of every attendee. In attempt to cater to every child’s unique talents and preferred methods of learning, our curriculums are filled songs, games, stories, art projects, contests, and many diverse, exciting activities. That way, we are ensured to form a positive impression on every child.

Our school is a contemporary learning center that is committed to making each lesson relevant and interesting. Our “hands-on” learning style allows the children to experience authentic Judaism. Amidst the knowledge they will gain regarding the holidays and Jewish lifestyle, the children will learn lessons about caring for others and enhancing their **Midot Tovot** – proper behavior, morals, and values.

The children of CHS are eager to come and learn because the learning is relevant and fun! With this in mind, we have prepared thorough curriculum including, but not limited to, the following subjects:

1. Hebrew Reading

At CHS we use two great programs for Hebrew reading: Aleph Champ & Cap IT

Aleph Champ is the latest motivational program for teaching children how to read Hebrew. It is modeled after the Karate/Martial Arts system of color-coded levels and testing. Excitement and inspiration are built into the program itself, leading the student into a winning cycle of learning. Learning is on an individual basis, and each child is encouraged at his/her level.

The **CAP IT** program provides visual mnemonics for every consonant and vowel in the Hebrew language. These visual aids help the student associate all the Hebrew characters with either real-life objects that they can actually touch, or images that they can store in their visual memory to later recall. Along with the toys, songs, and games, CAP IT!® is not only effective, but also enthrusing. Best of all, the results are instantaneous. Students begin reading words and even complete sentences in a matter of minutes. Our **Tactile Visual Mnemonics**, easy to follow instructions, and full color workbook, make it easy for anyone to learn to read Hebrew.

2. Tefillah - Prayer

Students learn basic Tefilot (prayers) including Modeh Ani, Adon Olam, Ashrei, Shema, Ein Kelokeinu, & Aleinu. In addition, they are also taught certain songs associated with specific holidays, daily prayer, and Jewish life. Our goal is for our students to receive the tools they need to comfortably participate in the services at their respective synagogues.



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3. Torah, Jewish History, & Israel

The children will be introduced to the characters and stories of the Bible. An overview of Jewish history—beginning with creation, including the giving of the Torah, and culminating with modern day Israel—will be taught through interactive stories and art projects. The students will gain an appreciation for the heritage and culture that has been preserved throughout the ages. Their study of the Torah Portions will provide them with practical lessons for daily life, and their knowledge of Israel will help them appreciate its uniqueness as our homeland.

4. Shabbat & Holidays

To gain a deeper understanding of Shabbat, our students will explore Shabbat’s traditions, customs, and the reasons behind them. Hands-on lessons for each Jewish holiday will fill the calendar as they apply. Hand crafted and decorated Menorahs, honey dishes, Seder plates, Matzah baking and more will bring our holidays to life and enable the children to bring home a contribution for each Jewish holiday that their entire family can enjoy.

Chai Hebrew School will also host holiday & Shabbat celebrations for students and their families.

5. Extra Curricular

Chai Hebrew School will offer a variety of exciting extra curricular activities such as Friday night Shabbat dinners, family fun days, and contests. These events will allow our students to experience Judaism in its entirety. A point system based on in-class and out-of-class participation will allow students to reach different award levels and be rewarded accordingly.

6. Youth Lounge

On select Sunday afternoons after Hebrew School the students are invited to stay for an extra hour of fun games. There will be sports, interactive activities, crafts and plenty of board games—plus a delicious lunch. Parents can sponsor the lunch in honor of a child’s birthday. In honor of a birthday, birthday cake is provided for all the students. Youth Lounge provides a fun atmosphere for a child to hang out with his/her Jewish friends after school hours. It is a great time to socialize and build strong Jewish friendships. Cover charge \$5.



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General Information

Important Notice:

CHS welcomes every child, regardless of one’s religious background or level of observance. CHS does not require membership or prior affiliations as a condition for enrollment.

Programs: Sunday Mornings from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday Afternoons from 3:30 pm - 5:30pm

Attendance: The greatest gift that you as a parent can give to your child is constant encouragement. Too much is never enough! The first step in the right direction for parents and children is to realize that attendance is the key to a successful school year. Children who take days off not only miss important information, but also create an atmosphere of “Hebrew school isn’t really that important.” Parents should schedule all appointments on non-school days. Students who miss class on a regular basis disrupt their learning and the learning of other students.

Confidential Information: It is of great importance for the teacher to have any information which can provide for the optimum learning situation. Information of a physical, social, and psychological nature can aid a teacher in planning instructions for each child. Without this knowledge, teachers are handicapped and may be unable to provide the kind of support needed. Such information should be transmitted either in writing, or by a private conference with the director, who will make it known to the appropriate teacher.

Supplies: Tzedakah (charity) and Kippah

Snack: During Hebrew School there will be a 10 minute break during which the children will have time to eat snack, we will provide a small snack.

First Aid: First Aid Minor injuries will be taken care of by the school staff. Should anything serious occur, G-d forbid, the parents or emergency contact will be contacted and the child will be taken to the nearest hospital if necessary.

Email: Much of our communication takes place via email. Please make sure we have a current email address on file.

Electronic Devices: (Cell Phones and iPods)

We understand the importance of providing an environment conducive to learning. The use of cell phones during the school session is inappropriate, disrespectful, and disruptive toward teachers and students. All iPods and similar audio/visual devices must be turned off and put away during school hours. It is strongly recommended that all such devices remain at home.



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Registration Form

Student Information:

First Name Last Name Date of Birth

Would you like us to give your child a Hebrew Name? Yes No Child already has one.

If child has, please specify its Hebrew spelling: _____

Address City, State Zip

Home Phone Home Fax Email (child's)

What school does your child attend? _____
Current Grade: _____

Are you affiliated with any synagogue - if yes which one? _____ If not, would you be interested in one?

Previous Hebrew Education: _____

Does your child read basic Hebrew? Yes No If Yes: Well Fair Poor

Does your child speak Hebrew? Yes No If Yes: Well Fair Poor

Does your child have any difficulties with his general studies? If yes, please specify

What would you like your child to gain by joining Chai Hebrew School?

Please mention anything else that you feel we should know about your child, or information that you think teachers should be aware of:



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Parent Information

Mother's Name _____ *Born Jewish* Yes _____ No _____

Address _____ *Zip* _____

Occupation _____

Business Phone _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Number _____

Father's Name _____ *Born Jewish* Yes _____ No _____

Address _____ *Zip* _____

Occupation _____

Business Phone _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Number _____

Were there any conversions and/or adoptions in the family? If yes, please explain.



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Medical Form

Child's Name:

First	Last	Date of Birth
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Doctor's Name:

First	Last	Phone
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Doctor's Address:

Street/Suite	City	Zip
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Medical Coverage:

Insurance Company	Policy Number
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Allergies:

If any, please list

Medical Conditions:

If any, please explain

Vaccinations:

Up to date with vaccinations? Yes No Date of last tetanus shot: _____

Please List Two Emergency Contacts:

Name	Phone	Relationship
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Permission for Emergency Medical Treatment:

As the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, I/we authorize any adult acting on behalf of the Chai Hebrew School to hospitalize or secure treatment for my child. I further agree to pay for all charges for that care and/or treatment. It is understood that, if time and circumstances reasonably permit, Chai Hebrew School will try to communicate with me prior to such treatment.

Permission:

I/we hereby give permission for my child _____ to attend all field trips and outings sponsored by Chai Hebrew School.

I give permission for my child _____ to be photographed in Hebrew School activities. Additionally I give permission for the photographs to be published on our website and in our printed materials.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date



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Hebrew School Tuition Agreement

The following is a tuition agreement for the Chai Hebrew School. The agreement explains the tuition fees, and payments plans. Please read it through carefully.

- **Registration Fee: \$50**
- **Sunday Hebrew School: \$850 Complete Year**
Includes Registration, Book Fee, Supplies, Snack & Security Fee
- **Wednesday Hebrew School: \$850 Complete Year**
Includes Registration, Book Fee, Supplies, Snack & Security Fee
- **Sunday & Wednesday Hebrew School: \$1,050 Complete Year**
Includes Registration, Book Fee, Supplies, Snack & Security Fee

Discounts: Please check those that apply to you.

- Early Bird Registration Special: \$50 off total tuition before June 30th.
- Sign up for both days and receive a 10% sibling discount!

You may choose one of the following payment methods:

- PLAN A:** Enclosed is the entire payment in full with a check or cash
- PLAN B:** I would like to pay half now, and the balance by January 1, 2017 (**head check required**)
- Enclosed is a check payable to Chai Hebrew School.
- Total Amount Due for This Year _____

Please note that without the registration submitted including all arranged fees paid, your child is not officially registered.
Once everything that is required is received, we will send you the Parent Handbook together with the upcoming School Calendar.



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Parent Involvement

We encourage you to get more involved in your children’s Hebrew School experience. This will give you a chance to see first hand what Chai Hebrew School is all about!

Please check off which of the jobs below you may be able to help with:

- Hebrew School Shabbat Dinner
- Youth Zone
- Chaperoning Trips
- End of the Year Graduation

We appreciate all of the help and are sure that you will enjoy it as well!

