



Northshore Community Hebrew School

# Parent Handbook



## Director's Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Northshore Community 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 involvement in the synagogue, their participation in Jewish life and their determination to live as Jews.

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.

Northshore Community Hebrew School Director

Michla Schanowitz



## Curriculum

We hope to engage your child's sense of identity by capturing his/her imagination and attention. So, we put a lot of effort into providing our students with substantive lessons and a positive atmosphere.

As part of our curriculum this year we are offering a program this year titled *Bringing it Home: Making Judaism come alive through experiential and interactive learning*.

*Bringing it Home* has been developed to ensure that the content is both developmentally appropriate and user-friendly for both settings. The curriculum is scaffolded to cater to each student within three age groups: K-2, 3-5 and 6-7.

Our curriculum has been designed to be taught through a diverse set of mediums, including drama, construction, STEM, and stop-motion animation. The curriculum comprises seven units, focusing on lessons that are learned from each room of the home. The subjects will come alive as students learn about the Jewish holidays, empathy, respect and integrity amongst other life skills and Jewish values while exploring each room of their house.

Through our mitzvah curriculum we emphasize each mitzvah's meaning for everyday life, in addition to the how-to of ritual observance. No matter what synagogue your child attends, he or she will share the language of prayer with Jews around the world.

### HEBREW

Aleph Champ is a ground-breaking program. This system offers a new and innovative Hebrew reading technique that involves ten easily attainable levels for children to master. Students are motivated and have clear goals defined for them. In addition to reading they will be able to write and understand basic Hebrew vocabulary.

### TORAH

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



## ISRAEL

Our students will attain an affection for our heritage and a uniqueness of our homeland Israel.

## JEWISH HISTORY

The students gain an appreciation of our heritage and culture that has been preserved throughout the ages.

## HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT

Traditions and celebrations, exploring the Jewish Holidays and Shabbat will provide a deeper understanding for our students.

## Communication

Should you need to contact our staff during school hours, please contact:

**Michla Schanowitz: 847-602-2418 or [michla@nschabad.org](mailto:michla@nschabad.org)**

**Rabbi Schanowitz: 224-558-3998**

**Synagogue: 847-266-0770**

## 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.

## Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, parents will be notified via email whether Hebrew School has been canceled.

## Drop Off/ Pick Up

In order to ensure the safety and health of the children, we are adopting the following policy. When dropping off and picking up please enter the parking lot and form a line. Someone will be waiting to escort the children from school. As part of our health and safety protocol, we ask that parents not leave their cars. This policy is for everyone's benefit. Children will not be released to anyone other than a

parent or regular carpool driver without permission from the parent. Please send a note with your child or call if someone other than the parent will be picking up your child.

## Hebrew School Schedule

### In-Person Hebrew School

#### **Sunday**

All Classes: 9:30 AM – 10:50 AM

#### **Tuesday**

Rabbi Chaim's Class: 4:15 PM – 5:40 PM

### Virtual Hebrew School

#### **Sunday**

Morah Lieba's Class: 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Morah Chayale's Class: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Morah Mina's Class: 10:30 AM – 11:45 PM

#### **Tuesday**

Rabbi Chaim's Class: 5:20 PM – 6:30 PM

We are offering personal time on Zoom devoted to Aleph Champ for your child.

The times available are:

Mondays: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Thursdays: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact [michla@nschabad.org](mailto:michla@nschabad.org).

## 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. Furthermore, coming late disturbs the entire class and disrupts your child's classroom routine.

Adhering to the attendance policy will be greatly appreciated and will help your child get the most out of Hebrew school.



## Communication

Your child's happiness is our top priority. Communication between parents and staff is very important and will make the Hebrew school experience more pleasant for your child.

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.

## Kippah

All boys will be given a kippah to wear during Hebrew School hours.

## 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.

## Personal Belongings

Students should try not to bring cell phones, iPods or other electronic devices to Hebrew School, all of which serve as a distraction for the student and class. Please keep these items at home. If your child must carry a cell phone, please explain to them that it must be turned off during school and should not be used until dismissal.

## Snacks

We request that you do not send in any additional snacks or drinks due to kosher and health reasons. If your child is allergic to any food or beverages, please be sure that it is written on his/her medical form.

## Parent/CHS Communication

We believe in a strong parent/teacher partnership. Communication between parents and school is very important to ensure that Hebrew School is a meaningful and pleasant experience for your child.

We will be sending out emails notifying you of upcoming events, important notices, and what your child has covered in class.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, call our director **Michla 847-602-2418**.



## Parental Involvement

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, as well as our Shabbat and Holiday services/events. Our adult classes will be held over Zoom until further notification.

## Helping Your Child Succeed

- 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!

### Virtual Hebrew School Success Tips

In order to set your child up for success this year, please make sure that the following is adhered to:

1. Make sure that your child is properly set up for online learning, with a set place to learn, a laptop/computer and proper bandwidth for wifi.
2. Please make sure that your child's camera is on and the microphone works.
3. Please remove all distractions from nearby, only having the materials for the classroom available.
4. Make sure your child is familiar with the platform.