



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

Contact

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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
4. Mitzvot and good deeds



Throughout the year, students will explore how we can make Hashem (G-d) feel welcome in our world, through the mitzvot we do in our daily lives. Each lesson centers on ways to make our homes a place where Hashem is known. Topics include celebrating Shabbat, making blessings, honoring parents, giving charity, and much more. And of course, each lesson includes hands-on STEM activities that will keep the kids excited and engaged at every step!

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 CHS Whatsapp group. Link will be sent out to join.

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 nine 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.

Keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness.

Snack

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

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!

Drop Off / Pick Up

K-6th Grade

Drop off and pick up will be at the main entrance of the building.

Drop off 8:55-9:05

Pickup 11:45-11:55

7th Grade

Drop off at 10:30

Pickup 11:45-11:55

Parent Track

Due to popular demand, we will be implementing a CHS Parent Track with the Rabbi. There will be a couple mornings for CHS parents to come learn like the children and ask any questions in Judaism one may have.

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 / Welcome Activity
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 a gift with their Hebrew birthdays and the whole school will celebrate. This program will help familiarize the students with Jewish traditions associated with celebrating their Jewish birthday.

Cocoa with the Rabbi

Cocoa 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 Cocoa 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!