

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Hallandale Chabad's Hebrew Club for the 2010-2011 school year. The Hallandale Hebrew Club is an innovative Sunday Club formed with one goal: to provide a venue where the Jewish child can cultivate a broad knowledge of Judaism in a stimulating and challenging environment. We aim to bring the joys, values and traditions of our heritage vividly to life.

Check out our new Hebrew Club Website (which be updated daily)
HallandaleHebrewClub.com

For those parents who wish to come in to the office to register, our regular office hours are Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please note: No registration will be accepted without payment. Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, you will receive a Hebrew CLub calendar, parent handbook and an admission slip, which will allow your child to enter the class on the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me @ (954) 558 7005.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Levi Tennenhaus Director

PARENT HANDBOOK

HALLANDALE HEBREW CLUB

5771 2010 - 2011



Welcome

Hallandale Hebrew Club offers a warm and lively Jewish atmosphere where children can attain a unique and exciting awareness of their Jewish identity.

A child equipped with a Torah education and a feeling for Judaism's beautiful teachings, traditions and historical lessons, is a child better equipped to face the awesome moral challenges of today's society.

Our Club's most underlying approach is for the children to enjoy the time spent at Hebrew School so that they are left with positive feelings and fond memories of their Jewish education. Our program is thus carefully blended with songs, games, incentives, arts and crafts, dramatics, field trips, family celebrations and other exciting co-curricular activities.

We encourage you, as a parent to get involved, ask questions and keep in touch with our school. You may very well discover that your child's Hebrew Club education at Chabad will add an enriching spiritual dimension to the lives of your entire family.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Levi & Dassy Tennenhaus Directors



The Goals of our Program

- To attain a strong feeling of identity with our heritage and to develop a sense of Love and Pride in being Jewish.
- Gain Knowledge and Understanding of the Mitzvot, traditions and practices that Judaism stands for, study and morals, values and ethical behavior mandated by the Torah, and develop an appreciation and experience a hands-on approach to all holidays.
- Master the skills of Hebrew reading and to gradually develop the ability to understand basic Hebrew words, emphasizing prayers so that the students will feel comfortable when attending services.
- Identify with the Land of Israel as their own land and develop an interest in issues relating to Israel and its inhabitants.
- Discover and explore the incredible history of the Jewish people and its relevance for all times. Allow students to express their opinions and questions about G-d, Torah and religion and to have them understand the importance and relevance of Torah in today's day and age.
- Attain a "Jewish" perspective on life and maintain Jewish feelings and involvement beyond the years at Hebrew School and ultimately perpetuate this onto future generations.



Information and Fees

Ages: Girls 5-12

Boys 5-13

Hours: Sundays 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Location: 1295 East. Hallandale Beach Blvd.

First day of School: Sunday-August 29th. Wed. -September 1st Last day of School: Sunday: June 5th. Wednesday - June 8th

Registration: To register, fill out an application and mail it to our office. If you wish, you can schedule an interview with the Director to discuss all the details of the Hebrew School.

Tuition: Tuition is \$510.00 for the school year, plus Registration fee \$30, & Book Fee \$30 = \$570.

Tuition is per school year and can be paid in one sum in advance or in post-dated checks, dated until January. Prompt attention to tuition fees is necessary since we are a non-profit organization and we depend on this money for operation.

Scholarships: Limited scholarships are available for needy families. A scholarship committee will evaluate requests; please call our office for scholarship requests.



Books & Supplies

Book Policy: All textbooks are provided to your child by our school "on loan". This means that the books are made available to your child to use in class and take home throughout the school year, but must be returned at year's end. If your child should lose any of his books, you will be charged our cost per book to have it replaced. Workbooks are the property of every student.

Supplies: Each child is responsible to bring the following supplies in a pencil case to school on the first day. These supplies will be kept in school for use throughout the year:

- 1. Crayons
- 2. Markers
- 3. Pencils
- 4. Fraser
- 5. Scissors
- 6. 2 glue sticks
- 7. White glue

We will supply them with a folder, in which the homework, newsletters, and notices will go. Please read the notes that come home, each week, so you will be informed of our programs.

Tzedakah: Tzedakah (charity) is a concept, which is basic to 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. Parents are asked to provide young children with a coin daily for Tzedakah. Older children should give Tzedakah from their allowance money. The Tzedakah money raised by our Hebrew School students will go towards the needy in Israel.

Mitzvah Note: For the younger classes teachers may ask to send in a Mitzvah note. This is a note that tells something special that the child has done. Children

really look forward to hearing what their parents have to say. So please be sure to send one if it's requested.

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General Information

Communication: We strongly encourage close communication between the school staff and parents. We are deeply 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 us at 954 558 7005 should any issue or question arise. Also, every month, your child's teacher places a short newsletter with the basic information of what was learned that day in the classroom. This way, you can be kept abreast as to what the children are learning.

Report Cards: Your child will be receiving two progress report cards throughout the course of the year, January and June. The report cards inform parents of social as well as academic performance.

Newsletters: Newsletters will be given out regularly. They will tell about progress, special events in the classes as well as important information you need to know. They will also include entries from the students. Please read them. Your comments are always welcome, as we are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve our educational program.

Attendance: Our Club was developed for families who take their Judaism 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. Children who take days off not only miss important schoolwork, but also create an atmosphere of "Hebrew Club is not really that important". Parents should schedule all appointments, enrichment programs and extra-curricular activities on non-school days.



Punctuality: Children are not to be dropped off more than 10 minutes before school. Be sure your child arrives to school on time. Children who arrive late miss the daily prayers. Please see to it that your child is picked up at dismissal time.

Dress Code: All boys are required to wear a Kipah for all classes. Hebrew Club will initially provide one if necessary at no charge. It will be the responsibility of the student to bring it with him to school. Although we prefer a Kipah, we do allow baseball caps.

Snack: Hebrew Club has a ten-minute recess in which time our students have a chance to catch a breather and enjoy a snack. We provide a nice kosher snack of cookies or chips and juice. No outside food is allowed in the school, unless your child is celebrating a birthday. In that case, cupcakes or doughnuts from a kosher establishment that is KOSHER AND PARVE (not meat and not dairy) will be gladly accepted. Please check with our office to verify that the food you buy meets our kosher standards.



Curriculum

Hebrew

Hallandale Hebrew Club is implementing the Aleph Champ Reading Program. Based on the martial arts philosophy of color-coded levels and testing, the Aleph Champ program provides motivation and inspiration for students to succeed at their own pace. Children begin with the white level, practicing the first half of the aleph-bet and move through the ten levels, ending with reading fluently. Below, please find the break-down of the levels so you can see your child's progress. Children will receive an Aleph Champ home kit so they can practice their level at home, and move ahead. Home kit items are to be returned to the school as the child moves ahead and are replaced with the next level items. Children will be tested three times a year and can move up a level at that time. They receive three stripes per level, to keep them motivated between testing times.

Aleph Champion Levels

White - Master first 18 letters of Aleph Bet

Red - Master all 32 letters of Aleph Bet

Orange - Master first 3 vowels with their letter combinations

Green - Master first 9 vowels with their letter combinations

Blue - Master all vowels and exceptions

Purple - Master basic prayers

Brown - Master reading higher level prayers

Grey - Master reading from the Siddur in timed fashion

Black - Master reading 100 words per minute correctly



Torah and Jewish History

Our Torah class is a review of the Torah portions. Classes learn different books of the Torah each year, starting with the story of creation, until the Jews leaving the desert and beginning to prepare to enter the land of Israel.

Holidays

Lessons on each Jewish holiday will fill the calendar as we proceed from Rosh Hashana and the High Holidays through the holiday of Shavuot. The students will have a deeper understanding of each holiday and its traditions and customs. Hallandale Hebrew Club will also host holiday celebrations for our students and their families.

Mitzvot: Why We Do What We Do

Why do women light Shabbat candles? Why is Shabbat such a special day in the week? Why do we have a Mezuzah on our doors? Why is the bride veiled at a Jewish wedding? This class will teach basic Mitzvot to the younger grades and provide insightful meaning of more complex Mitzvot to the older grades.

Current Events and Israel

The older students of Hallandale Hebrew Club will follow any current event concerning Jewish issues and Israel. Students are encouraged to bring in newspaper clippings, and discussions will follow, keeping our students well informed of the world and its relationship to the Jewish people.

Arts and Crafts

Art projects are incorporated into our curriculum to add excitement to the upcoming holidays and Mitzvot. Our projects will have Jewish holiday and Mitzvah themes and will add a taste of Jewish life to your home.



Extra Curricular

Hallandale Hebrew Club will offer a variety of extra curricular activities such as Shabbat Parties, Shabbaton Sleepovers field trips, Father & Son Night, Mother & Daughter Night, Winter Camp, Summer Camp, Holiday Parties & much more. These events will allow our students to experience Judaism in its entirety, both in and out of the classroom. More details & a Youth Calendar will be available once the school year begins.

Hallandale Hebrew Club Enhancements

Bar and Bat Mitzvah

As the students near the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah, they need more training in Judaism. Boys need to be trained to read from the Torah. Since each boy's Torah portion is different, each child needs individual training. Rabbi Levi Tennenhaus will help arrange that training whether or not you choose to do your Bar/Bat Mitzvah in our shul. If you choose to celebrate the child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah in our shul, a meeting must be set up with the Rabbi to review the particulars. Please call our office at (954) 458-1877.

Incentive Program

All children will receive Hebrew Club Coins for good behavior, homework completion, contests, etc. The school dollars can be traded in every few weeks for goodies or prizes. This exciting program will allow children to get involved in all types of contests and fun activities and be rewarded for it in the way they choose! Look out for some great prizes!