



CHAI

HEBREW SCHOOL

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION PACKET

“When I walk into Chai Hebrew and see in one classroom children enthusiastically singing the prayers, in another room kids engaged in a heated discussion about the value of charity, and then one class working on building a Holiday project and another diligently learning Hebrew with our Aleph Champ and Hebrew through Movement programs – When I take that all in, I can’t help but think that this is what today’s children need: community and friendship, strong Jewish awareness and values, confidence in themselves and their heritage and a Judaism that is relevant and meaningful.

I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful community and program. There is no greater achievement for me then to give your beautifully sincere young child a positive Jewish experience and the tools to grow and build character through Jewish values and traditions.”

Rabbi Menashe Wolf

Director, Chai Hebrew

Our Philosophy

Each Child is a World


The Chai Hebrew environment is one of openness; we welcome Jewish families from all backgrounds and no affiliation is necessary. We acknowledge and respect the diversity of our children, while emphasizing Jewish values of family, community, caring, joy, tradition and rituals.

Our core philosophy, consistent with the Talmudic dictum, is to see each child as a world of their own endowed with a unique soul, and infinitely valuable. We don't believe in one-size-fits-all education, and cater our curriculum to the needs of each student.

Judaism is a Way of Life

To us, Judaism is not a set of rituals or a collection of rules; it is a meaningful way of life. Our programs are all designed to be engaging and interactive and our professional staff are trained to encourage questions and student interaction.

We endeavor to teach the beauty of our traditions and the richness of Jewish life through comprehensive and experiential learning, holiday celebrations, and community events.

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Nurturing Staff


Chai Hebrew is directed by a dynamic power couple, Rabbi Menashe and Leah Wolf. Both passionate and accomplished educators, they have spent time in Jewish communities around the world, and bring years of diverse educational experience and a forward thinking vision to create a warm and loving environment of Jewish learning and life. Leah completed her Masters in 2012 and holds New York State certification in Regular and Special Education.

A school is only as good as its teachers

Our staff members have extensive Hebrew language skills, have attended teachers' seminars and most importantly live, breathe and love what they do. Through their education they have learned the strategies to successfully share Judaism with children of all levels of knowledge and ability.

Our staff have a reputation for their enthusiasm and dedication, broad knowledge of Judaism, and experience in teaching.

In addition to the Judaic studies that they teach, they understand the developmental issues applicable to the age level of their students. In short, our teachers are as enthusiastic about teaching as our students are about learning!

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Unique Curriculum

Experience is the greatest teacher


Chai Hebrew is a contemporary learning center and is committed to making each lesson relevant and interesting. One of the guiding principles in our education model is to provide our students with an experiential learning process. In attempt to cater to each child's unique talents and preferred methods of learning, our curriculum utilizes a variety of mediums, including songs, games, stories, hands-on art projects, visuals, contests, and many diverse learning activities.

We are dedicated to providing a positive environment that engages the mind and heart of every child. Our curriculum places a strong emphasis on caring for others and enhancing *midot tovot* – proper character and behavior. We also aim to provide our students with a strong sense of morals and values. Together with the knowledge they will gain regarding the Jewish Holidays, history and lifestyle, your child will learn and receive the tools to be a better person—a *mentch*.

Our Curriculum is divided into 3 sections:

Hebrew Language

At Chai Hebrew we use an internationally acclaimed Hebrew reading and writing program, *Aleph Champ*. It is modeled after the Karate/Martial Arts

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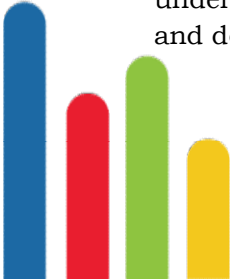
system of color-coded levels and testing. Each child learns at their own pace, and is motivated by their progression to the next color. Excitement and inspiration are built into the program itself, leading the student into a winning cycle of learning. The Aleph Champ system is a leader in Hebrew language programs.

We also teach basic Hebrew vocabulary through *Hebrew Through Movement*, an innovative educational program that teaches conversational Hebrew through kinetic learning. Students act out the words they are learning which aids the learning process.

Tefillah - Prayer

Students learn basic Tefilot (prayers) including Modeh Ani, Adon Olam, Ashrei, Shema, Ein Kelokeinu, & Aleinu. Each grade has a prayer curriculum designed for their age group, progressing each year to additional prayers and a greater understanding of them. Built into the Tefillah curriculum is the songs and prayers for the Holidays which are added to the class's prayer routine seasonally.

Our goal in Tefillah is two-fold: For our students to receive the tools they need to be familiar with the basic Jewish prayers and comfortably participate in the services at their respective synagogues, and for them to understand what prayer is and appreciate the meaning and depth of the Jewish prayers.

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Main Curriculum

Each class has a curriculum that takes them through Jewish history, Shabbat and Holidays, and Jewish practice and culture. From learning the stories of the Bible to discussions on contemporary issues from a Jewish perspective, from engaging with the practices of Shabbat to learning about the Jewish homeland of Israel, the children get a broad and thorough overview of Jewish history, life, culture and ideas through their years at Chai Hebrew.


Some of the topics that we cover are:

- Jewish History

From the Biblical stories to the modern day Jewish leaders, our students learn to appreciate where they come from and how that can inform them where they should be headed. Starting with the story of creation and continuing through the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses, we learn the classic stories of the Torah, followed by the prophets and some of the highlights of Jewish history: The stories of Purim and Chanukah, the Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust, Modern day Israel and more.

- Shabbat and Holidays

Students learn the beauty of Shabbat through learning its history, meaning and practice. They'll learn

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why and how we celebrate Shabbat, with a hands-on experience of Kiddush, candle lighting and all other Shabbat practices.

Each Holiday is explored in depth, with a study of its background and history together with its contemporary relevance and practice. Chai Hebrew brings the Holidays to life through drama, crafts and innovative learning.

- Mitzvot and Traditions

We take children on a virtual tour around their house and familiar surroundings to discover many Mitzvot and traditions in Judaism. Why a Mezuzah? What makes food Kosher? How are we meant to treat our parents and peers? These discussions and many more teach the students about the many wonderful opportunities they have to bring light to the world.

- Jewish Lifecycles

Jewish life comes with so many built in ceremonies and milestones. Students learn the meaning and reason for the important Jewish moments in their lives from birth and bar/bat mitzvah to wedding and the joys and pains of adulthood.



Extra-Curricular

We are not just a school; we are a community

Chai Hebrew is more than a Hebrew School; it is a community. We believe in a holistic approach to Jewish learning, one that is not limited to the classroom. For children to grow and develop as proud Jews they have to experience the joys and celebrations of Judaism first hand. We strongly encourage family involvement, which brings the tools and ideas that the students learn in school into their homes, making the lessons real and relevant. In addition to the formal learning during Hebrew School hours, Chai Hebrew offers a variety of exciting extra-curricular activities, such as Shabbat dinners, Holiday programs and community social opportunities.

Bar-Bat Mitzvah

We provide private tutoring for students' Bar/Bat Mitzvah learning outside regular Hebrew School hours. Our personalized approach means that no two ceremonies are the same and we create a tailored learning program for each student to match their needs and vision to prepare for their special day.



Registration Form

Form may be filled out online at www.chaihebrew.com

Student Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Jewish Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade (2018-2019): _____

Previous Hebrew Education: _____

Does your child read/speak Hebrew? Well Poor No


What are their special interests, likes or dislikes?

How does your child learn best?

Are there any academic considerations, such as learning disorder or difficulty that the teacher should be aware of?

Is there anything else we should know about your child, or information that you think teachers should be aware of:

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

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Parent 1

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Jewish Name: _____ Born Jewish: Yes No

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Business Phone: _____

Parent 2

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Jewish Name: _____ Born Jewish: Yes No

Address (If Different): _____

Home Ph. (If Different): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Business Phone: _____

Marital Status: Married Divorced WidowedWere there any conversions or adoptions in the family? Y N

If yes, please provide details: _____



SESSION OPTIONS:

SUNDAY 9:30-12:00

WEDNESDAY 3:30-5:30

LOCATION:

70 PROSPECT PARK WEST
(3RD ST. ENTRANCE)

AGES:

PRE-K - 8TH GRADE

TUITION FEE:

\$900

