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# **JUDA Hebrew School 2023/24**

*Parent  
Handbook*



# WELCOME TO JUDA HEBREW SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to JUDA 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!

In this booklet you will find all the necessary details for the upcoming year of Hebrew School 2023-24/5784

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful New Year!

Rabbi Laibel and Menucha Hanoka

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***You can also email us at [Juda@chabadpasadena.com](mailto:Juda@chabadpasadena.com)***

# OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is that every Jewish child is entitled to a basic education regardless of family affiliation or membership.

The Chabad Hebrew School offers a warm and lively Jewish atmosphere where children can attain a unique and exciting awareness of their Jewish identity.

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

Judaism has always taught and stressed the importance of knowledge. Through our Hebrew School, we will try to instill in the children a strong thirst for study, to gain knowledge and understanding of what Judaism stands for, a feeling for their rich heritage, a sense of responsibility, and a positive picture of themselves as Jews.

Our 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 carefully blended with songs, games, incentives, arts and crafts, dramatics, family celebrations, and other exciting co-curricular activities.

## OUR GOAL IS THAT EVERY STUDENT SHOULD....

- ◆ Attain a strong feeling of identity with their Jewish heritage and to develop a sense of love and pride in being Jewish.
- ◆ Gain knowledge and understanding of the Mitzvoth, traditions and practices that Judaism stands for, to study the morals, values and ethical behavior mandated by the Torah, and to develop an appreciation for all the Jewish 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 attending services.
- ◆ Discover and explore the incredible history of the Jewish people and its relevance for all time.
- ◆ Express their opinions and questions about G-d, Torah and religion, and to understand the importance of these things in today's society.
- ◆ Attain a Jewish perspective on life and maintain Jewish feelings and involvement beyond the years at Hebrew School and to ultimately perpetuate these to future generations.

# OUR CURRICULUM

At JUDA Hebrew School we recognize that each child is a unique individual with different learning styles and abilities.

Each lesson in Hebrew School is multi-sensory and hands on. The lessons incorporate different ways of learning so that each individual child is reached and is able to benefit. The students truly experience that which they are being taught.

Drama, song, interactive workbooks, Aleph Champ, and of course the teachers, bring Hebrew School lessons to life. Our interactive learning style encourages children to be active, rather than passive, learners.

## **OUR CURRICULUM**

**Hebrew:** Hebrew is the language of the Jewish people and it connects us to our past. The Hebrew language and prayer unite us with a sacred commonality. Our program integrates Hebrew and prayer into each weekly session by beginning each day with communal tefillah (prayer), and with our Hebrew sessions. Our individualized Hebrew reading curriculum - Aleph Champ - is the latest educational breakthrough in Hebrew reading, where children learn and grow at their own pace. Modeled after the Karate/Martial Arts motivational philosophy of color coded levels, it provides excitement and inspiration, leading the student into a winning cycle of learning.

**Prayer:** Aimed at the study and understanding of prayer and the Siddur (prayer book), focusing on the meaning of each prayer as well as some key words to remember. We want each child to be comfortable with the Siddur during services.

**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.

**Mitzvot:** The children at Hebrew School will learn about many things that Jews practice and the reasons these things are done. All in a very practical hands on way.

**Jewish Music & Song:** Led by our teachers, the students will learn many Jewish songs connected to the lessons being taught.

**JUDA art room:** The students will enjoy creating many different art projects with Jewish holiday and Mitzvah themes that will add a taste of Jewish life to your home.

# 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 Teachers is very important to ensure that Hebrew School is a meaningful and pleasant experience for your child.

# HOMEWORK

Limited homework will be assigned. Homework will generally consist of a review of Hebrew reading. Parents will be sent a weekly text or handout 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.

# SNACK

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

# 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. At the start of the year each class will choose a charity organization that they want to support with their Tzedakah that was given throughout the year.

Parents are asked to provide the students with a daily coin for Tzedakah if possible

# TORAH TOKENS

Throughout the year students earn "Torah Tokens" for their participation during their time at Hebrew School. These tokens will be redeemable for prizes the Sunday before each School break. Children can also receive a Torah Token for bringing Tzedakah , bringing a Mitzvah Note to Hebrew School, doing their homework, and answering questions!

# 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.



# DAILY SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR

JUDA Hebrew School takes place at Chabad Of Pasadena—1090 E Walnut St on Sunday mornings from 10:00-12:00 (Full calendar on next page)

Here is a Sample schedule of what your child can expect.

TIME	Kitah Aleph	Kitah Bet	Kitah Gimmel
10:00	Circle Time/ Prayers	Davening/Prayers	Davening/Prayers
10:30	Aleph Bet stations	Aleph Champ	Class Curriculum
11:00	Class Curriculum	Class Curriculum	Aleph Champ
11:30	Judaic Craft/Review Game	Judaic Craft/Review Game	Judaic Craft/Review Game

## HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

In order for our JUDA program to be most effective, the home and JUDA must work hand in hand and promote a close partnership. The following are a few suggestions:


- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Always remember that informal Jewish education is one of the best motivators for creating a positive Jewish identity .

# JUDA CALENDAR


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**SEPTEMBER** 


- 7 Kids Club Challah Bake!
- 10 First Day of HS
- 17 Rosh Hashana Kids Program\*
- 24 Yom Kippur Kids Program\*

**OCTOBER** 

- 1 Sukkot Kids Program\*
- 8 Simchat Torah Kids Program\*
- 15 Regular Class
- 22 Regular Class
- 29 Regular Class


**NOVEMBER** 

- 5 Regular Class
- 12 Regular Class
- 19 Regular Class
- 30 Kids Club -Pre-Chanukah!

**DECEMBER** 

- 3 Regular Class
- 8 Kids Shabbat dinner!\*
- 10 Regular Class
- 17 Regular Class


8-15 Chanukah!

**JANUARY** 

- 7 Regular Class
- 14 Regular Class
- 21 Regular Class
- 25 Kids Club - Tu B'shvat
- 28 Regular Class

**FEBRUARY** 

- 4 Regular Class
- 11 Regular Class
- 22 Kids Club - Sushi
- 25 Regular Class


**MARCH** 

- 3 Regular Class
- 10 Regular Class
- 17 Regular Class
- 14 Kids Club - Purim
- 24 PURIM\*
- 31 Regular Class

**APRIL** 

- 7 Regular Class
- 11 Kids Club - Pesach
- 14 Regular Class

23-30 - Passover


**MAY** 

- 5 Regular Class
- 12 Regular Class
- 16 Kids Club - Pizza
- 19 Regular Class
- 26 Regular Class

**JUNE** 

- 2 Graduation!
- Last day of Juda Hebrew School

12-13 Shavuot

 JUDA Hebrew School  
Sundays 10:00-12:00

 JUDA Kids Club  
Thursdays 4:30-5:30

All Juda programs take place at Chabad - 1090 E Walnut St Pasadena CA 91106

\*Chabadpasadena.com/Juda for details and updates on all holiday and family events

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## WHERE IT ALL HAPPENS

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