The Community Hebrew School By Chabad VsL - Bois-Franc

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Parent & Student Handbook

5780 2019-2020

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Learn It - Live It - Love It



Dear Parents,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you (back) to the Community Hebrew School Jewish Enrichment Program! Our motto: Learn it! Love it! Live it!

"When the root is deep, there is no reason to fear the wind." Sometimes we fear the influences of society on our children, and even on ourselves. If we are sure to stay connected, and connect our children, to our roots, our Judaism and our heritage, the winds of society will not be strong enough to affect us.

The CHS is an excellent foundation. Your child has a lot to look forward to as we bring back many of the previous year's successful programming as well as introduce some new initiatives for the 2019-20 School Year.

At our Hebrew School, one of 800+ Hebrew Schools run by Chabad the world over, we strive to blend learning and fun. With the help of an incredible team of teachers and staff, we are devoted to giving your child a well-rounded Jewish education, with creative curricula where students are engaged, stimulated and motivated through **interactive and multi-sensory lessons**.

Jewish music, being played at the beginning of each day will enhance the holiday and Judaic classes, as well as the overall sense of **Jewish identity and pride** that we aim to create. Our goal is that by the year's end, in addition to Hebrew Reading, Jewish History, Holiday learning, Judaica, and prayer, your child/ren will have developed **a deep love and respect for our heritage and Israel**.

Our philosophy is that every Jewish child is entitled to a basic education, regardless of family affiliation or membership. Our family events create a strong feeling of community and belonging, in a pleasant, Jewish environment, and we look forward to your family being an integral part of it.

COMMUNICATION is the KEY to our SUCCESS

We strongly encourage you, as a parent, to get involved, ask questions and keep in touch with us throughout the year.

Wishing your children a happy and successful year, at Hebrew School and beyond!

Shana Tova from the team at Chabad V.s.L. & Bois Franc,

Rabbi Schneur Silberstein, Director Leah Silberstein, Principal Mashi Silberstein, Administrator & Coordinator

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Dates & Rates

- Ages: Our program is for boys and girls, ages 5-13 We offer a First Taste program for younger siblings free of charge! See further details in the handbook.
- Hours: Thursday, 3:45 6:00pm
- Location: Chabad Ville s Laurent, 790 Marcel Laurin blvd, VsL H4M 2M6
- Fee: \$500 1st Child; \$400 2nd Child; \$300 3rd Child (Includes workbooks and text books.) Payable in up to 10 monthly installments by checks, cash or credit card. *Scholarships available—deadline August 29,*

Please contact Rabbi Schneur directly about a payment plan that suits your needs: <u>rabbi@ChabadVSL.com</u> / 514-747-1199.

For further information or to register, please contact Mashi at 514-747-1199 ext 3.

Daily Routine

Our children will thrive on a structured day, following the same order of learning at every Hebrew School class. Below is an outline of our daily routine:

30 min: GR 2 & up: Aleph Champ (Hebrew reading program)

KG-GR 1: Alef Bet

<u>15 min</u>: Prayers (explaining the "Tefillah of the day" for the first 3 minutes)

20 min*: Fun Hebrew Language Program!

10 min: Hebrew song of the week/month

45 min: Lesson according to each class's curriculum

<u>*</u>Children will have snack between 3:45 - 4:00, or during class time.



Curriculum Goals

- * Attain a strong sense of love and pride in being Jewish.
- * Learn all subjects in a creative, stimulating environment including STEM.
- * Explore the Torah, Israel, and the history of the Jewish people and discover their relevance to today's day and age.
- * Gain an understanding of holiday traditions and other Jewish practices.
- * Study the morals, values and ethical behavior as taught in the Torah.
- * Master the skills of Hebrew reading.
- * Understand basic Hebrew words.
- Master basic Jewish and Hebrew songs.
- Learn basic prayers so that the students can feel comfortable in synagogue.
- * Allow students to express their opinions and questions about G-d, Torah and religion.
- Impress upon the children their innate value and the importance of social responsibility.





Judaic curricula to be covered over the course of a child's Hebrew School Education

Every year, we reshuffle our curricula per grade, look into new ones that have come out, and match up our classes and curricula according to what they've covered in previous years. Below is an approximate summary of material your child will have covered by the end of his/her Hebrew School education at Chabad Ville S Laurent.

✓ The creation of the world, 6 days, followed by Shabbat.

- ✓ Bereshit: The Avot (patriarchs) and Imahot (matriarchs), the 12 tribes
- ✓ Shemot: Slavery and freedom from Egypt, becoming a nation at Mount Sinai
- ✓ Jewish Heroes: Important Biblical characters who impacted Jewish History from the creation of the world to the destruction of the second temple
- ✓ Israel: Our cherished homeland, its language, its ancient history and modern times
- ✓ All Around Town: the Mitzvot that pertain to each particular location we 'visit'.
- ✓ The Jewish Home and its Mitzvot.
- ✓ The Why/How/Who/What behind the Mitzvot that we do.
- ✓ Jewish lifecycles: the milestones of a Jewish life
- ✓ The Neshama (soul) and other essential Jewish beliefs
- \checkmark Holidays, Morals, Values, Lessons that come along with each lesson
- ✓ Lots more...



The Community Hebrew School Jewish Enrichment Program

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Jewish Basics for all Grades

Tefillah/Prayers & Jewish Songs

Pre ۱ « (Kindergarten) students pray in their own classroom with audio Siddur tracks.



Grades 1-6 learn all the basic prayers, adding more each year and recite them together weekly.

Jewish songs, including but not limited to holiday songs, are sung as a school.



Jewish Holidays

Jewish holidays and traditions come alive at the CHS.

We spiral our learning program, to deepen our understanding of the many customs and traditions, as we get older.

Hebrew Reading



Pre ۱ « (Kindergarten) students meet the Alef Bet letters for the first time.

Grade 1 reviews the letters and blends with the Kamatz and Patach vowels.



Grades 2+ are divided according to reading proficiency. Using our Aleph Champ* program, they progress at their own pace from letters to words!

<u>*More about Aleph Champ:</u> <u>www.chabadvsl.com/alephchamp</u>

How to Help YOUR Child SUCCEED:

Communication

Keep up with our learning and all upcoming events!

> Weekly email Facebook: The CHS

Your feedback is essential and much appreciated! <u>theCHS@chabadvsl.com</u>

<u>Homework</u>

Reading homework is sent home weekly!

Please encourage your child to <u>call in</u> and record their reading, to promote progress!

Stay tuned...

Attendance*

A year at Hebrew School = 2 weeks of school (~ 65 hrs)

Regular attendance is <u>crucial</u> to the success of our educational program!

There is direct correlation between attendance and achievement.

*Please notify us in advance if your child will be absent on a particular day.

What to Bring

Please send in a Kosher, NUT FREE, healthy and filling snack for your child to enjoy during school.

Out of respect for the Jewish tradition, boys are encouraged to wear a Kippah. If your son has one he'd like to wear, please send it along!

*Please <u>do not</u> send your child with toys/new gifts, etc. (Exceptions can be made for younger children coming for the first time, etc. Please speak to Mashi and arrange it beforehand.)





The CHS Family Involvement





Welcome kids to CHS for hands-on, interactive learning of the א-ב, holidays, fun & more!

*Ages 2-5 years *5:15 - 5:45pm *Dates specified on Calendar *RSVP

NEW! COFFEE © CONNECT



Hebrew School for Adults! Learn a snapshot topic with the Rabbi! Dates & Times TBA

FAMILY EVENTS



Experience the Jewish Holidays and more as a family! High Holidays, Chanukah, Purim, CHS Friday Night Dinner & More!



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Your SON will be able to have his Bar Mitzvah lessons through CHS. His Bar Mitzvah celebration can be @ Chabad or with Chabad at many other more elaborate venues. Sending your child to CHS will prepare them for their Bar / Bat Mitzvah!

Your DAUGHTER will be prepared for her Bat Mitzvah. She will join the CHS group Bat Mitzvah Ceremony and Celebration



Our CurricuLum Kindergarten





THE ALEF BET BAYIT

Meet each of the Alef Bet! One letter a week, plus: - names that start with that letter - the Hebrew vocabulary

words it can spell - Mitzvah that it starts with

- Alef Bet Puppets



MITZVOT AROUND TOWN

Travel around town, learn and explore the different Mitzvot we can do in every place.

Hands-on & Interactive Lessons!





JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Bring the Jewish Holidays to life by learning, crafting and experiencing!





Our Curriculum Kitah Alef - Grade 1



MITZVOT I CAN DO

The Mitzvot that I do with my body parts: ראש, עינים, פה, ידים, רגלים & more!

* Hebrew vocabulary included!



HEBREW READING

Re-visit & master the Alef Bet. Move on to Kamatz & Patach (first 2 nekudot - vowels)!



JEWISH HOLIDAYS Learn it - Craft it -Experience it!



Our CurricuLum Kitah Bet/GimmeL - Grades 2/3



ALEPH CHAMP

Hebrew reading: Work your way towards becoming a BLACK Aleph Champion!

MY JEWISH HOME

What makes my home unique & different? Let's explore our Jewish home as we take a tour of each room.





עברית!

Highly-accredited TalAm Hebrew program

Flashcards, puppets, library books, games...& conversation!

> STEM & SCIENCE Hands-on, interactive & captivating lessons!



Learn It. Live It. Love It.

JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Learn it - Craft it -

Experience it!



Our Curriculum Kitah Daled - Grade 4



ALEPH CHAMP

Hebrew reading: Work your way towards becoming a BLACK Aleph Champion!





BEREISHIT: STORY OF MY LIFE

Go back in time and bring the timeless tales of our ancestors to life. Get ready for an experience of a lifetime!



JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Take the Jewish Holidays to the next level! Bring them to life by learning, crafting and experiencing!





Our CurricuLum Kitah Hey/Vav - Grades 5/6



ALEPH CHAMP

Hebrew reading: Work your way towards becoming a BLACK Aleph Champion!





DREAM BUILDING Magic of the Holy Land GROW DREAM BUILDING - MAGIC of the HOLY LAND

Your child will gain a solid understanding of our historical, physical and spiritual bond, as Jews, with the Holy Land of Israel! Go back in time to explore our rights to the land. Navigate the years of the Beit Hamikdash to the present day Kotel. Unpack the concept of Am Yisrael through reaching out to our brothers and sisters living there now.

* Hebrew Vocabulary & STEM included in every lesson!



JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Bring the Jewish Holidays to life by Cooking, Tasting & Creating your very own Jewish Holiday Cookbook!



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