



Chabad S Clemente Hebrew School

# Parent Handbook





## Director's Letter

Dear Parents,

Imagine a Hebrew school where your kids do not 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 Chabad S Clemente 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 involvement in the synagogue, their participation in Jewish life and their determination to live as Jews.

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!

Mrs. Tzippy Slavin  
Hebrew School Director

## FACT SHEET

**Ages:** Boys and girls - 4 yrs. to 13 yrs.

**Dates & Times:** Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

**Location:** Chabad of San Clemente

1306 North El Camino Real, San Clemente

**Attendance:** If your child is not able to attend class for any reason, please notify us in advance. Class starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. with Alef Champ Reading. To maximize our learning time, and to avoid distractions to the class, your cooperation is appreciated. Incentives and rewards are given out weekly to those who arrive on time. Also please make sure your child leaves their cell phones and electronics at home.

Boys are encouraged to attend wearing a kippah. If you do not have one, the Chabad Hebrew School can provide one.

**Yearly Tuition:** \$800 - Includes Registration, book fees, and all supplies.

- Full Military Scholarship
- Full and Partial Community Grants (contact Tzippy)

**Snack:** During Hebrew School there will be a 10 minute break during which the children will receive a healthy snack

## Curriculum

### **BEREISHIT:** *Story of My Life*

Chabad S Clemente Hebrew School is thrilled to announce an incredible program that will capture your child's heart in the upcoming year.

We are excited to be taking students of the older class on a journey that will leave them feeling proud in their Jewish identity, self-confident, and empowered. We believe that a safe and nurturing environment will allow your child to thrive. Through a hands-on learning experience, your child will develop a strong sense of belonging and individuality.

At Chabad Hebrew School, we are always working on enhancing our curriculum to make it more of an immersive and meaningful Jewish experience. This year, we have worked hard to assemble a curriculum that will expand your child's knowledge base while encouraging your child's creative side to blossom.

Using educational tools, such as theater, crafts, STEM, and filmmaking, we will be diving deep into the first book of the Torah. From Adam and Eve through The Great Flood and until the story of Yosef, your child will cultivate a strong Jewish identity, Torah values, and be able to flourish emotionally, physically, and mentally. They will know that this is their story and feel a sense of belonging as a part of Jewish history.



The younger class will be continuing our Super You Curriculum. Students will be introduced to key Jewish concepts, Mitzvot, and Middot. They will learn how to relate the knowledge to their lives while instilling the idea that the Torah is our guide. They will learn the importance of laying the foundation at this young age to be able to incorporate the Torah into their lives.

Each week, the teacher will broach an exciting 'Super Powers' framework to introduce a new dilemma, scenario, or challenge to the students. These scenarios will be relatable to their day-to-day lives. Using clues, the students will be taken on an exploratory journey, facts, and how-to information from the Torah that will lead them to gain a full understanding of the subject matter. The clues will encourage engaging and fun methods of learning; including interactive activities, games, music & movement, and crafts as they make their way through the lesson. Students will discover new 'Super Powers' each week which builds their image as a Super Jew!

We are looking forward to exploring these incredible courses and growing with you this year.



## The Approach

At Chabad Hebrew School we strive to stress the beauty and warmth of Judaism and its Mitzvot, providing a learning experience in an atmosphere of joy and liveliness. 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.

Besides for the weekly Israel Quest lessons, we have a host of other programs that we use to create the best experiences for your child:

### **CKids Clubs**

CKids Clubs are insider events that get children innovating with fun, new mediums and skill sets. Featuring the Jewish “BIG 3”: Pride, Heritage & Identity! Opened to the larger Jewish community, we invite more Jewish children to join six CKids Clubs.

### ***Family Friday Night Shabbat***

*November 4<sup>th</sup> 2022*

Exciting performances. Good friends. Yummy Shabbat food. One action packed night in which the parents are our guests!

### **Aleph Champ**

Learn to read Hebrew like a boss. This award-winning, karate-inspired curriculum helps you set goals, learn at your own pace, and bring Hebrew Literacy to life.

### **Extracurricular**

Family days, Shabbat experiences, school contests, hands-on education, and family workshops as well as games, drama, and songs are blended into our curriculum.



## Communication

Should you need to contact our staff during school hours, please contact:

**Tzippy Slavin 949 244 4549**

**Rabbi Slavin 949 244 4541**

## 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.

Mishpacha Days, hands-on education, and family workshops as well as games, drama, and songs are blended into our curriculum. We want the children to be excited about what each week will bring!

## Reading Review

We encourage weekly reading review (a few minutes each week). This helps the child continue with his or her progress.

## Our Approach

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## Aleph Champ/Hebrew Language Reading

Aleph Champ is a ground-breaking program that is the talk of the town. This system offers a new and innovative Hebrew reading technique that involves ten easily attainable levels for children to master. Students are motivated and have clear goals defined for them. In addition to reading they will be able to write and understand basic Hebrew vocabulary.

## 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.



In case of minor injury, the first aider will treat the injury. For major injuries, G-d forbid, EMS will be called as well as the parents. In the event the parents/guardians cannot be reached, the emergency contact on file will be contacted. If necessary, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital.

This year, we have added an extra precaution to ensure health and wellness. For In-Person Hebrew School, please fill out the Health Questionnaire sent to you by 9:00 AM, each week of Hebrew School.

## Drop Off/ Pick Up

- Sundays: 9:30-11:30 am

Please see attached calendar

Chabad Jewish Center  
1306 North El Camino Real  
San Clemente, CA 92672

For safety, all children must be picked up or dropped off by an adult. If someone other than a parent is coming, please notify the staff who it is.

## Hebrew School Schedule

**Sundays:** 9:30-11:30 AM

## 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.

## Snacks

A light snack should be given to your child to bring to Hebrew school. Water is always available for students to drink.



## 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!

Looking forward to a FABULOUS and HEALTHY Year together!