

HEBREW SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Welcome to Hebrew School of the Arts!

We are committed to providing your child with a Hebrew School experience that will be enjoyable, inspiring, and provide warm memories for a lifetime. The year ahead promises to be full of exciting learning, highlighted with crafts, drama, stories, games and special extra-curricular activities. We are excited to welcome you!

HOURS AND TIMES

We meet on Sundays from 10:00-12:15 p.m. from August through May. Please download the Hebrew School calendar from our website and post it somewhere so that you can easily refer to it during the year.

REGISTRATION

Visit us online at ChabadRedRock.com/HebrewSchool.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

Regular attendance is crucial in accomplishing the goals of our educational program. There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement, interest and attitude. We recognize that “things happen” but your support of our attendance policy is greatly appreciated. In the event that your child will be absent, please let Binie know beforehand.

PROMPTNESS AND EARLY PICK-UP/LATE DROP-OFF

We have so little time with the children, and the teachers work very hard in planning every moment of every lesson. When a child comes late or leaves early, it negatively impacts the flow of the class. If a child must be picked up early, please communicate with us in advance so that the teacher can be prepared. If an alternate person is picking up, please let us know before Hebrew School starts.

TRIPS

For off-site trips, parents will be notified in advance and asked to sign permission slips.

PARENT/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Our primary means of communication is via whatsapp. Parents will receive a weekly update with pictures and captions of our students at school. Please open it and review it with your child. (Doing so sends a positive message to your child as to how you value their schooling!) Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's class or progress, please reach out to Binie at 702-374-9030

FIRST AID

The teacher will attend to minor injuries. Should something more serious occur, G-d forbid, the parents will be contacted immediately. Should the parents be unavailable, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

We strive to create a respectful and calm learning atmosphere. Our students understand that respect for teachers, respect for each other, and each other's property is essential for a successful learning environment. We expect all rules for student behavior to be complied within class as well as during school events. Please share with us any information that would help us help your child. Please provide information about any conditions that may affect your child's ability to learn in a classroom setting in his/her registration form. Prior knowledge of any physical, social or psychological challenges can aid a teacher in planning instruction for each child. All such information will be kept confidential. Should a student's behavior be deemed inappropriate, it will be dealt with by the staff. If the problem persists, communication with the parent will be initiated.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Students are not permitted to bring cell phones, iPads or other electronic devices to Hebrew School, all of which serve as a distraction for the student and the class. In the event that a student brings these items, the teacher will hold it for safekeeping and return it to the student at the end of the day. We respectfully request that parents take the lead in reinforcing this important rule.

TZEDAKAH

Tzedakah (charity) is a concept basic to Judaism. At Hebrew School, we strive to develop a commitment among our students to share with others less fortunate than themselves by donating a few pennies a day to charity. Please send your child with some coins for Tzedakah to encourage them to perform this Mitzvah. Older children should be encouraged to give Tzedakah from their own allowance money. Each class will have the opportunity to discuss and decide where to allocate the money that they collect throughout the year.

JEWISH BIRTHDAY

Hebrew birthdays are so much fun to celebrate with our Hebrew School family! On your child's birthday they can bring in extra charity and a small gift to share with their friends. Please refrain from giving out any food! We will help celebrate your child during recess! :)

SNACKS

A snack and drink is provided to your child during Hebrew School hour. However, please ensure that your child comes to school having a complete and nutritious breakfast and does not come to Hebrew School hungry. If your child is allergic to any food or beverages, please be sure to provide us with that information on his/her registration form. Please send a water bottle with your child.

SUPPLIES

All textbooks and workbooks will be provided by the school. A small supply list will be sent before school starts. Please make sure your child brings everything labeled with his/her name for the first day of school.

HOMEWORK

At the end of each day, students are given a homework assignment for Hebrew Reading. In order to gain the most from our once-a-week Hebrew School, we ask that our students review their homework 3 times a week for 5 minutes to increase the fluidity of their reading. Parents, please encourage your children to do their homework. There will be different incentives for the children who complete their homework.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

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

- *Set a reasonable bed time the night before.
- *Ensure that your child had a nutritious and full breakfast before Hebrew School.
- *Many of our students are involved in other extra-curricular activities (e.g. sports, music, etc.). All these are important, however please make your child's Jewish education a priority.
- *There is a direct correlation between a student's attendance, and his/her interest, achievement and attitude. Every time your child is absent or late, there is a loss of continuity to the program.
- *Please come to Hebrew School on time.
- *Participation in the programming beyond school helps the child see the context of their Judaism. Please join in as many programs as you can!
- *Ask your child about their day. Rather than yes-or-no questions, try to ask open-ended questions.

Remember that informal Jewish education is one of the best motivators for creating a positive Jewish identity!