



**CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL**

195 S. Main St. Suite #4, Longmont, CO 80501

# PARENT HANDBOOK

**2013/2014**

**CHABAD JEWISH CENTER OF LONGMONT  
HEBREW SCHOOL**



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**Who**



**WE ARE**

Dear Parent,

Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a Jewish song. Picture a group of Jewish children engaged in lively discussion, singing, laughter and prayer.

Welcome to Chabad Hebrew School. At CHS, families of all affiliations and backgrounds feel comfortable and welcomed. Our school offers a warm and lively Jewish atmosphere where children can attain a unique and exciting awareness of their Jewish identity.

We hope that by year's end, along with the Aleph-Bet, the holiday learning, and Hebrew literacy, your child will have developed a deep love and respect for our precious heritage. You may very well discover that your child's Hebrew School education at the Chabad Jewish Center, will add an enriching spiritual dimension to the lives of your entire family.

We encourage you, as a parent, to get involved, ask questions and keep in touch with our school. If there is anything you would ever like to discuss with me, feel free to call me at 303-678-7595.

Looking forward to a fun and productive year,

Shayna Borenstein  
Director  
Chabad Hebrew School



## Our

# Goals

- To attain a strong sense of love and pride in being Jewish
- To discover and explore the Torah and the incredible history of the Jewish people and see its relevance in today's day and age
- To gain an understanding of the practices and traditions of Judaism
- To know the morals, values and ethical behavior taught by the Torah
- To attain a hands-on experience and appreciation for the Jewish holidays
- To master the skills of Hebrew reading and writing
- To understand basic Hebrew words
- To gain familiarity with the basic Jewish prayers so the students will feel comfortable when attending services.
- To identify with the Land of Israel and its history
- To stimulate students to express their opinions and questions about G-d, Torah and religion

## Supplies

# Needed

Students should bring with them a pen, pencil and eraser.  
All other supplies will be supplied by the school.

Tzedakah (charity) is a basic value in Judaism. Our school attempts 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 try to send some coins to school each day to help encourage your child to perform this mitzvah. At the end of the year we vote on which charity should receive the money we collected.



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**Our**  
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**Curriculum**

**HEBREW**

Our students learn to read and write Hebrew and achieve a familiarity with the Jewish prayer book. Chabad Hebrew School is implementing the Aleph Champ Reading Program. Based on the martial arts philosophy of color-coded levels and testing, the Aleph Champ program provides motivation and inspiration for students to succeed at their own pace.

**TORAH and JEWISH HISTORY**

The children are introduced to the characters and stories of the Torah. Our History course will take the students from Creation to the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai to modern day Israel.

**HOLIDAYS**

As the students progress through our school, the traditions and lessons from the Jewish Holidays provide a deeper and richer level of understanding. Families and children all enjoy celebrations and festivities hosted by the school.

**ISRAEL**

The uniqueness of our homeland is imparted to our students. The land of where it all began, and where it all continues.

**JEWISH VALUES**

Beginning with simple lessons, our younger children learn the origins behind the mitzvot. We stress practical application to the child's daily life in school and home. The older children explore and delve into the spirituality of the Mitzvot on a deeper level, beginning with discussions on the concept of a soul and progressing to a discussion of each student's own feelings about his/her personal Jewishness.

**ARTS and CRAFTS**

Art projects are incorporated into our curriculum to add excitement to the upcoming Holidays and Mitzvot. Our projects will have Jewish holiday and Mitzvot themes and will add a taste of Jewish life at home.

**INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

This year, the Hebrew School will have a system with coins, where students will receive coins, for good behavior, participation, questions and answers, and many other ways. They will have a tube container at school, and they will be able to redeem their coins for prizes in our "store" a few times a year.



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### Your

# Involvement

We strongly encourage close communication between the school staff and parents. We are deeply concerned about the progress of each individual student, and would be more than willing to spend time discussing your child's progress with you. Please don't hesitate to call us at 303-678-7595 should any issue or question arise.

**Attendance:** Our school was developed for families who take the study seriously. The first step in the right direction is for parents and children to realize that attendance is the key to a successful school year.

**Drop-off and pick up:** Children are not to be dropped off more than 10 minutes before school. Effort should be made to assure that your child arrives to school on time. Please see to it that your child is picked up punctually at dismissal time.

### General

# Information

**Ages:** Our program is for boys and girls, ages 4-13

**Hours:** Sunday mornings, 10:00-12:00

**Location:** Chabad Jewish Center  
195 S. Main St. Suite #4  
Longmont, CO

**Registration:** To register, fill out an application and mail it to our office. If you wish you can schedule an interview with the Director to discuss all the details of the Hebrew School. There is a \$25.00 registration & book fee due upon registration.

**Tuition:** Tuition is \$600.00 for the school year.

Tuition can be paid in one installment, or you may pay the annual tuition on a monthly basis.

**Scholarships:** No one will be turned away for lack of funds. A scholarship committee will evaluate requests. Please call our office for scholarship requests.

**Snack:** Healthy snacks and drinks will be provided by the school