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CKIDS HEBREW SCHOOL OF RENO

PARENT HANDBOOK

2025-2026

Directors Letter

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to welcome you to the CKids Reno Hebrew School and couldn't be more excited!

We want Hebrew School to be fun and hope that your child will come in with a smile and leave humming a new Hebrew song. Our engaging curriculum is one that brings joy to all aspects of our program.

At CKids Hebrew School, the values and tradition of Judaism are vividly brought to life in a fun and joyful way. The goal of our Hebrew School is to experience and deepen your child's Jewish knowledge through experiential classes, special activities and a cutting edge Hebrew reading program. Holidays, Jewish culture and prayers are embedded into our daily routine in a developmentally appropriate and creative way.

We view parents as partners in achieving those goals and encourage you to support your child on their Jewish journey. So whether that means helping them review their Hebrew or attending a family program, we invite you to be an active participant in our program.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful New Year! Please feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have.

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Curriculum Overview

Hebrew School classes are fun and exciting with content and activities that are stimulating and interactive. Engaging activities like art and story-telling help your child increase their Jewish knowledge base in an enjoyable way. Our classes promote Jewish identity in the context of a vibrant community of co-learners. Students of CKids Hebrew School are encouraged to take an active role in the leadership of the classroom. At CKids Hebrew School, we want every child to shine!

Hebrew

Kindergarten-1st grade: Our youngest students start their Hebrew reading journey with an introduction to the shapes and sounds of the Hebrew Alphabet. Each week, they will explore another letter of the alphabet using their five senses to make the letter come alive.

2nd-3rd grade: Learn to read Hebrew like a boss. The award-winning, karate-inspired Aleph Champ curriculum helps students set goals, progress at their own pace, and bring Hebrew Literacy to life.

Pre Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program

4th-6th grade: Students start their pre Bar or Bat Mitzvah track by completing the Aleph Champ program to become fluent Hebrew readers as well as delving into their Jewish knowledge with the highly engaging JewQ program. JewQ utilizes age appropriate online games, study benchmarks and tests to motivate children to succeed. Children who score at a certain level can also participate in a national JewQ competition.

Yearly Curriculum: Israel Quest - Digging up Torah Tales from the Holy Land

Throughout the year, students will explore tales from the Torah that occurred in the land of Israel throughout our history. Inspired by the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, each lesson will center on a different foundational story. And of course, each lesson includes hands-on STEM activities that will keep the kids excited and engaged at every step! We are excited to see this year's curriculum help empower another year of proud Jewish children!

Holidays are Special Days

Prior to a holiday, we will spend class time learning about the significance, customs and celebrations that make each holiday unique. This hands-on approach will allow children to experience the holiday utilizing all of their senses.

Philosophy

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.

Extracurricular Activities

We offer more than just the weekly classes and have a host of other programs that supplement the Hebrew School experience for your child. Special family activities, Shabbat experiences, and CKids events all supplement our hands-on education..

Chabad Kids Events

Children and family programs and events are hosted by Chabad throughout the year. Open to the larger Jewish community, Hebrew School students get VIP priority to our events.

CKids Club

Tweens ages 9-12 years old meet twice monthly for our CKids club to socialize with other Jewish children their age while participating in exciting activities, hand picked for their age group.

Parent Meeting

Parents will have the opportunity to connect and learn more about our CKids Hebrew School program in a special parent meeting in the fall.

Health and Wellness

Health and safety are our priority. We follow all current state and Federal regulations. All students are required to have a completed registration form on file, which includes an Emergency Consent Form.

Communication is key to allowing us to help your child. Please let us know if there are any important changes in your child's health, such as allergies, vision, hearing, medications, etc. This will help us cater to his/her needs and make sure that their time at Hebrew School is successful.

Contagious Illness: Please do not send your child to Hebrew School if they are sick. In the event of your child experiencing a contagious illness while attending Hebrew School, please notify us

immediately so that we can take the proper steps needed when dealing with a communicable disease.

CKids Hebrew School has someone certified in CPR/First Aid on the premises at all times.

In case of minor injury, we will treat the injury on site and inform the parents. For major injuries, G-d forbid, 911 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.

Photos

Photos of Hebrew School participants may be included in Hebrew School newsletters and publicity.

Hebrew School Schedule

Classes are held Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30pm. A calendar will be published each year with days that we are open and closed.

Class Schedule	Activity
4:00-4:15pm	Welcome Craft
4:15-4:25pm	Tefillah-Prayer
4:25-4:55pm	Hebrew Reading
4:55-5:25pm	Snack Israel Quest: Tales from our Heritage in the Holy Land
5:25-5:30pm	Wrap Up and Goodbye Routine

Homework

Limited Hebrew reading homework will be assigned to our older students.

Communication

Your child's happiness is our top priority. Communication between parents and staff is of utmost importance. If there are any issues that are bothering you or your child, please talk to us immediately so that we can address them.

Most communication will be done by email. Please check your email regularly and let us know if you are not receiving updates. You can also email our staff ckidsnn@gmail.com.

Should you need to contact our staff during school hours, please contact Chana Sputz on her cell at 775-223-6137.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Classes are Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 pm. Please check the school calendar for days we are/not in session.

Please be prompt as classes will start on time. Children who are constantly late may be asked to relinquish their spot to another child. Drop-off and pickup are done at the front door. You can park in our parking lot and enter from the east side of the building. We ask that you do not park in a handicapped spot unless you have a designated placard.

Parents are required to sign their children in and out upon dropoff and pickup.

If you are running more than 5 minutes late, please text Chana at 775-223-6137. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed.

Halacha

Aleph Academy and CKids Hebrew School adheres to the Code of Jewish Law. In all cases where there is a Halachic question, including questions of eligibility for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a Rav (Rabbinic authority) will be approached for proper counsel. If your child's mother is not born Jewish, a meeting will be required to discuss halachic options and standards prior to Hebrew School acceptance.

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. We ask that your child comes on time so as not to disrupt your child's or the classroom's routine. If you are running a few minutes late or your child will be absent, please text Chana at 775-223-6137 so we can plan accordingly. There are no refunds for missed days.

Adhering to the attendance policy will be greatly appreciated and will help your child get the most out of Hebrew school.

Payment and Refund Policy

Tuition is based on an annual commitment. The cost for the year is \$850 and there is a one-time \$100 supply/materials fee and \$85 registration fee (early bird registration fee is \$50). Fees can be paid in one or ten installments, online with a credit card. All payments are done through our website, chabadnorthernnevada.com/hebrewschool. Tuition fees are non-refundable.

No child will be denied a Jewish education due to lack of funds. In the event that a family is experiencing financial hardship, please ask Sarah about a Hebrew School scholarship.

In the event that a child needs to be withdrawn from Hebrew School, an email should be sent to the director and there will be no further payments due. There are no refunds or credits for installments paid or for days missed due to illness, holidays, other after school activities or family vacations.

Supplies

- All supplies including textbooks and workbooks will be supplied by the school. Books should be treated with care and respect. There will be a \$15 charge for any lost Aleph Champ books.
- Please bring a penny or two for Tzedakah as we 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.

Behavior Management

CKids Hebrew School believes in an environment of respect. All rules and policies stem from that.

Teachers will use positivity, gentle reminders and redirection as behavioral prompts. Any student involved in harmful and/or dangerous behavior to themselves or others, or destruction of property, will result in a conference between the director and the parents. The child can only return to our program once a behavioral plan is put in place.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah

We believe that a Bar and Bat Mitzvah should be personalized. Attending CKids Hebrew School is one step toward that. All Bar and Bat Mitzvah lessons are done one on one. Please speak to Sarah or Rabbi Cunin directly regarding a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Chabad for your child.

Snacks

A class snack (such as crackers and string cheese, or hummus and pretzels, or guacamole and tortilla chips) will be served daily. Please send your child with a filled water bottle. Fresh water is always available in the classroom as well. No outside food is allowed on the premises.

Parents as Partners

We believe in a strong parent/teacher partnership. Communication between parents and CKids HS is very important to ensure that Hebrew School is a meaningful and pleasant experience for your child.

We will be sending out monthly communication notifying you of upcoming events, important notices, and what your child has covered in class each week. Please check the monthly emails so you are informed of all pertinent information.

Photos of Hebrew School in action will be sent via the monthly email.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's performance and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact our lead teacher, Chana Sputz.

Helping Your Child Succeed

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

- Practice makes perfect! If review materials are sent home, spend a few minutes each day reviewing the Hebrew letters, vowels and words.
- You are invited to participate in all of our programs to give your child a well-rounded Jewish education.
- Ask your child/ren how their day was, and what they learned. This will greatly encourage and help foster a strong Jewish identity and sense of pride in their Judaic and Hebrew studies.