

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, an exciting and innovative educational program in Folsom. Our school enjoys a well-earned reputation as a trend setter in creative Jewish education for children in Grades pre-K through 7. Chabad Hebrew School has exciting new programs, a dynamic staff and interested students. Our student body is made up of children from various backgrounds and affiliations. Synagogue membership is not required.

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.

We encourage you as a parent to get involved, ask questions and keep in touch with our school. Feel free to contact me at any time.

Looking forward to a fun and productive year,

Goldie Grossbaum, Education Director

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Our



GOALS

**AT CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL,
OUR GOAL IS FOR OUR STUDENTS TO...**

- ...attain a strong sense of love and pride in being Jewish.
- ...explore the Torah (Bible) and discover the incredible history of the Jewish people.
- ...study the Torah's moral and ethical expectations.
- ...gain an understanding of Judaism's relevance in the 21st century.
- ...attain a hands-on appreciation for the Jewish holidays.
- ...master the skills of Hebrew reading and writing.
- ...achieve familiarity with the basic Jewish prayers.
- ...identify with the Land of Israel and its history.
- ...express their opinions and questions.

Our



LANGUAGE

Our students learn to read and write Hebrew and achieve a familiarity with the Jewish prayer book.

TORAH

Study of the weekly Torah portion provides our students with practical lessons that apply to their daily lives.

JEWISH HISTORY

Our students gain an appreciation of our heritage and culture as it has been preserved in modern times. Our History course will take the students from Creation to the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.

HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT

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 of 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.

Curriculum

Hands-on



Learning

LIVING LEGACY

Celebrating our heritage through the hands-on “Living Legacy” projects, children are invited to create an actual tangible link with their forebears with their own hands.

SHOFAR FACTORY: Saw, shellac, drill – and a ram’s horn is now a Shofar.

OLIVE OIL PRESS: Chanukah’s story comes alive when kids turn olives into olive oil – just like Macabees.

MODEL MATZAH BAKERY: Students grind, winnow, knead and roll the dough to make real matzah.

TORAH FACTORY: Using parchment and goose quills, participants practice Torah’s ancient calligraphy.

HAVDALAH FACTORY: Dipping candle strings into hot beeswax, kids create a traditional havdalah candle.

TALLIT FACTORY: Students learn the technique of this Biblical craft.

MEZUZAH WORKSHOP: Youngsters analyze the mezuzah scroll’s specifics, and then fashion a unique mezuzah cover.

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 916 608 9811 should any issue or question arise.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parents are invited to schedule a private conference with their child's teacher. This will enable parents to discuss the progress of their children with the teachers personally and individually.

NEWSLETTER: E-Newsletters will be emailed periodically. They will inform you regarding progress, special events in the classes as well as important information you need to know. Please read them. Your comments are always welcome, as we are always looking for ways to improve our educational program.

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 ensure that your child arrives to school on time. Please see to it that your child is picked up punctually at dismissal time.

General

Information

Please park your car in the parking lot in front of the school and walk your child into the classroom. Make sure one of the staff members of CHS acknowledges your child's arrival before leaving.

AGES: Our program is for boys and girls, ages 4 -11

HOURS: Sunday mornings, 10:00-12:30

LOCATION: Chabad Jewish Community Center 302 South Lexington Dr. #B Folsom, CA 95630

REGISTRATION: To register, fill out an application form 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 \$45.00 registration and 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 by submitting 10 checks of \$60.00 each, dated September through June. All checks must be submitted before the first day of Hebrew School.

SCHOLARSHIPS: No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Limited scholarships are available for needy families. A scholarship committee will evaluate requests. Please call our office for scholarship requests.

Supplies



Needed

CHS BACKPACKS!

Students at CHS will be presented with specially inscribed CHS backpacks. These will serve as a convenient way for them to store all CHS relevant supplies and snacks etc.

The first backpack is included in tuition,
replacement bags are \$10.00 each.

Students are required to bring a pencil and an eraser. CHS will supply students with folders to be filled with workbooks and stencils throughout each semester.

TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks are provided to your child by our school "on loan". This means that the books are made available to your child to use in school and take home (when necessary) throughout the school year, but must be returned at year's end.

Replacement textbooks are \$10.00 each.

TZEDAKAH

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 send some coins to school each Sunday to help encourage your child to perform this mitzvah.

Chai Club



Discount

OUR FUNDING

As you may know, we are not funded by any outside organization – all of our funds are raised locally and spent locally in service of the community. And while many other Jewish organizations rely on membership to cover their expenses, we have not established a membership requirement. ***This is in keeping with our deeply held belief that Jewish involvement and participation should be kept as accessible as possible.***

CHAI CLUB V2.0

However, the numbers don't lie. Our Financial Oversight Committee concluded that we can't continue to sustain the Chabad Jewish Community Center while depending on unreliable and irregular donations. To this end, last year we created the Chai Club in which community members donate monthly via credit card; this enables us to have a regular and reliable financial base. This was a good start but far from enough. Therefore we have recently restructured the Chai Club to reflect a more traditional membership model. ***We remain committed to providing Jewish opportunities to any and every Jew regardless of means and regardless of membership status*** but we will begin requesting regular participants to contribute via the new Chai Club Membership.

The new Chai Club Membership structure is as follows (all monthly):

Family:	\$144
Single and Couple:	\$90
Senior:	\$54
Associate*:	\$36

These are the requested set amounts. Any individual or family that feels they cannot afford these amounts can simply indicate the amount they can afford and will be considered full members.

OUR APPRECIATION

We recognize that you have may donated in the past or participated as a Chai Club supporter and we genuinely appreciate it! As our way of expressing thanks for those who make the commitment to support our efforts we now offer Chai Club Members reduced rates for Hebrew School, events, classes and programs. Please understand that these special discounts will be extended to those who join as Chai Club Members under the new v2.0 plan.

Members of the new Chai Club will receive **free** seats for the whole family at High Holiday Services, \$100 off of Hebrew School tuition and at least 20% off all classes, programs and events. For more details or to join the Chai Club please visit www.jewishfolsom.org/chaiclub or call Rabbi Yossi at 916 608 9811 x 101.

*Member at another Synagogue/Temple who supports our cause.