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HEBREW SCHOOL of the ARTS

INSPIRING JUDAISM THROUGH THE UNIVERSAL
LANGUAGE OF THE ARTS!

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ART



MAD SCIENCE



COOKING



THEATER



MUSIC



WOODWORKING



INTERNATIONAL
ALEPH CHAMP PROGRAM

PARENTS HANDBOOK

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another incredible year!

The **Venice Hebrew School of the Arts** is a place where kids never want to miss a day! Through singing, doing, touching, dancing, playing, and creating they will be too busy to notice that they are learning!

Our Hebrew School has a particular focus on educating children through art, music, and drama enabling them to experience the ideas and ideals which are taught in a relevant and artistic manner. Additionally, we offer the Aleph Champ program -- a detailed curriculum geared towards learning the Hebrew language.

As a trend setter in creative Jewish education, our innovative program will inspire a love for our rich ancient heritage with the creativity and beauty of modern-day art. Children will be able to elect three of the arts throughout the year offering a hands-on experience to truly understand its depth, meaning, and connection to Judaism. We will be joined by visiting artists and specialists to share their journey, and bring out the potential and talent in each of our students.

Our incredible staff caters their individual attention to each and every student, ages four through fourteen, each of whom come from various affiliations and backgrounds.

Enclosed is a registration form and parent's handbook with full details of the program. *Please fill out and send back to us so that we can reserve a spot for your child--**Deadline September 7th***

Scholarships are available through the Jewish Federation. Please visit: chabadofvenice.com/school and submit before the August 31 deadline.

Hebrew School 2016-17 starts Wednesday, September 14, 2016

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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Hebrew School Facts

Ages	Our program is for boys and girls ages 4-13
Dates	Hebrew School begins on Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Hours	Classes are held on Wednesdays Ages 4-6 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Ages 7-13 4:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Location	The Chabad Jewish Center 2169 S Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34293
Tuition	\$600+ \$50 (Registration, T-shirt, & book fee). No Child will be turned away due to lack of funds. Visit our website: www.chabadofvenice.com for link to a scholarship **Scholarship deadline is August 31**

Information

Attendance/Arrival Time:

If your child is not able to attend class for any reason, please notify us in advance. Classes starts promptly at 3:30/4:30 pm. To maximize our learning time and to avoid distractions to the class, your cooperation is appreciated.

Supplies:

All workbooks and art materials for all grades are provided by the school. The students will get a list of supplies that are needed for their class. All boys will receive a brand new CHS Kipah in the beginning of the year. Additional Kipahs can be purchased for \$5.00.

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 try to send some coins to school each day to help encourage your child to perform this Mitzvah.*

Arrival and Dismissal:

Arrival: All parents are required to drop off their children INSIDE the Chabad Hebrew School Building.

Dismissal: A staff member will bring your child out to your car. Please remain in your car so we don't run into any safety issues. If you need to speak with one of the teachers or Director, please park your car and come inside.

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Programming

Holiday Programs

Chabad hosts a multitude of exciting programs throughout the year whether it's Chanukah, Purim, or Lag Ba'Omer. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to these programs where the lessons they have learned in school are reinforced and where they are provided with an added Jewish social opportunity.

Birthday Program

Hebrew birthdays and Jewish names are a big deal at CHS! Each child will learn the root of their Hebrew name and specialty of the Jewish month they were born into. Birthdays are celebrated as an important part of our CHS community, in school, and at Junior Congregation! In addition, every time a child celebrates their Jewish Birthday, they will be sent home with a **brand new MYSTERY BIRTHDAY BOX**– STAY TUNED!

New for this Year: Family Shabbat Dinner

On January 20th we will be having a special Shabbat Dinner for all the Hebrew School Families! This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to join together as the "Chabad Hebrew School Family." Children will perform as well as spend a few weeks prior preparing for this special occasion!

Mitzvah R US

All children love Toys R Us! Our amazing Mitzvah Money System will keep our students motivated and excited during our fun lessons. Students will be able to earn incredible prizes - appropriate for each individual age! **NEW FOR THIS YEAR**– DAILY RAFFLE with a buildup of colored tickets!

New For This Year: Adopt a Bubby-Zaidy Program!

Living in one of the oldest cities in America, our students will have the opportunity to put a smile on the faces of lonely seniors. The "Adopt a Bubby or Zaidy" program will include creating special holiday packages, inviting them to Hebrew School parties and developing a relationship with them through visits and more. Stay tuned for details of this special program!

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Programming Continued

Shabbat Service Club (Junior Congregation)

An interactive monthly Shabbat service for Hebrew School students enrich your child's involvement in their heritage by participating as much as you can. Shabbat Club takes place on the first Shabbat of every month starting in January.

Bar & Bat Mitzvah Training

As your child nears Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, private lessons and individual training with a skilled educator will assist him/her in preparation for this occasion.

Communications

Parent/School Communication

Effective communication between parents and school is very important to ensure that Hebrew School be a meaningful and pleasant experience for your child. You should feel free to contact the school with any matter that requires clarification.

- **Weekly Email:** Every Thursday an email will be sent out with an update on your child's day in Hebrew School. The email will include progress, special events, and important information.
- **WhatsApp Messaging:** Please download the App called "WhatsApp." Pictures and updates will be posted in the "CHS of the Arts WhatsApp Group."
- **Nachas Reports – NEW FOR THIS YEAR:** Every month, during the last ten minutes of school, we will celebrate the children's successes— parents are welcome to attend!
- **Bulletin Board:** An exciting and tasteful "Hebrew School of the Arts" bulletin board will be in place for the sixth year! Make sure to check it out for updates, pictures, and more!

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Language of the Arts Program

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THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts program will foster confidence and develop strategies to help your child get up in front of an audience. The group will work as a team while also encouraging and developing individual talent.



Theatre: An exciting theatrical play will be performed by the Hebrew School. There will be a total of 3 performances through out the school year.

New for this year: Costume and scenery making!



Song: The children will be exposed to famous Jewish melodies along with enhancing instruments and will put on a performance at the end of this program. Instructors will include drumming from the Rhythm Inlet and a professional violinist.



Movie Making: In this exciting elective, students will learn the basic steps of putting together a production. These workshops will teach them the art of creating a script, the techniques of shooting a movie, and the skills of editing and creating sound effects. Students will take Jewish themes that they learn throughout the year and create sensational movie presentations for their families!

THE CULINARY ARTS



Cooking and Baking: Cooking is fascinating to children! They love the process of adding, stirring, and blending ingredients together in order to see something unique develop into something special they have created. In this program students will have the opportunity to experience hands-on cooking and baking, all with a Jewish flavor!

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THE VISUAL ARTS



Face Painting: New for this year!

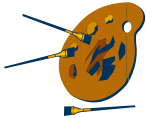
Children will have the opportunity to bring out their creativity while learning the art of face painting. Instructor, Diane Schmidt, will assist the children in learning how to paint a live canvas and use it as a way of adventuring through different Jewish themes.



Woodworking: This unique program will teach students the basics in woodworking and carpentry, as well as offer great lessons in self-reliance, imagination and resourcefulness.



Mad Science: Our Junior scientists will have the opportunity to learn about science through our interactive and hands-on science activities. Each experiment will connect to a different Mitzvah- bridging nature with our Torah. Get ready to embark on a series of science adventures!



Painting: This program will develop the children's skills in all areas of art. Unique candle making, Holiday art designs and glazed ceramic Jewish magnets are some of the ways that their creativity will be expressed. **New for this year: Mosaic Tile Art with Vickey Lucas!**

Hebrew Reading and Vocabulary

Ages 7 and up - Aleph Champ: Our Hebrew reading curriculum - **Aleph Champion** - is the latest educational breakthrough around. Modeled after the Karate/Martial Arts motivational philosophy of color coded levels and testing, it provides excitement and inspiration, leading the student into a winning cycle of learning. Learning is on an individual basis and each child is encouraged at his/her level.

www.alephchampkids.com **New H.W. website! Stay tuned for your private password!**

Hebrew Language Club: New for this Year! In this course, over 100 Hebrew words will be mastered in 12 units. Each unit completed will be celebrated by a special activity!

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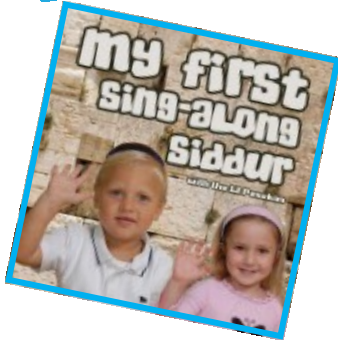
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First Taste Program (Ages 4-6)

In addition to many of the exciting programs that the First Tasters will take part of, here are some exclusive programs just for them!



Adventure with Alef is an Alef Bet program teaching English speaking children the Hebrew letters. It uses the best proven learning method – mnemonics, along with presenting each Hebrew letter with the most beautiful and simulating designs that children will instantly remember and love! It's been tested in the classrooms and the results have spoken for themselves!



My First Sing-Along Siddur The beautifully designed Sing-Along Siddur gives your children the opportunity to start the day in a more meaningful way. The Siddur will revolutionize the way your children view Prayer! It will be an activity that is fun, exciting, and much anticipated. The stunning pictures will provide your children with a clear understanding of the words they are reciting as they clap and sing along with the accompanying CD!



Mitzvot I Can Do is a curriculum geared toward young children. Interactive and hands-on-lessons will allow children to understand the value of a Mitzvah (a good deed.) The beauty of Jewish values will be instilled in the children in a meaningful and practical way. A beautiful scrapbook will accompany all the lessons!

CARPOOL

Are you finding the timing difficult? For a nominal fee we offer Door to Door Hebrew School service! Have your child picked up from school, home, aftercare or anywhere else they may be! There will be separate carpools available for different schools and routes. Make sure to check the "carpool box" on the registration form!

