

# CURRICULUM

At the Breitman Family Hebrew School, each child is encouraged to develop his/her own personal relationship with Judaism. Our programs are designed to generate positive associations with Judaism while providing the knowledge, skills and values that comprise Jewish identity. It is our dream that our children identify with Judaism's unique value system and see themselves as part of a community. To make these goals a reality our curricular program is designed around five courses, each exploring Judaism from a different perspective.

## Tefillah: Prayer

In the 'busy-ness' of everyday life, prayer gives us the opportunity for introspection. Our goal is for our students to attain a familiarity with both the mechanics and deeper messages of the prayers.

## Kriah: Hebrew Reading

Attaining the skill of Hebrew reading allows our students to connect to their Jewish identity through the Torah's original language. In Kindergarten, the children are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet through games, crafts, songs, and stories. Grades 1 & 2 focus on integrating letters and vowels. Grade 3 and onwards, enter the ALEPHchamp system, a self-motivated reading program that allows children to study at their own pace and achieve their own set goals.

## Yom Tov: Holidays

Each holiday celebrates a unique story, a distinct message, along with special practices and rituals that bring the holiday alive. Our holiday curriculum synthesizes these three elements (story, deeper message, rituals/practices), bringing a relevance and joy to the Holiday.

## Our Story: History

The history of the Jewish nation is really the story of every individual Jew. Beginning from the Six Days of Creation and moving through time, the children explore the incredible journey of the Jewish people, and in effect, of themselves. Lessons are interactive, fascinating and relevant; children meet biblical and historical personalities and learn their stories – their challenges, their triumphs and their contributions. Children are inspired to add their link to the chain of Jewish history.

## Mitzvot: Jewish Practice

The Torah is full of rituals and values to help guide us in living meaningful and productive lives – even (or perhaps, especially) in contemporary times. Each year, 8 mitzvot are selected for study on a school-wide scale, explored in an informal, spirited and creative fashion.



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[WWW.CHABADCENTRAL.ORG](http://WWW.CHABADCENTRAL.ORG)  
And fill out the forms on line.



Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that the Breitman Hebrew School is open for registration for the scholastic year 2012-13. Registration forms for the new year are now conveniently found on our website [www.ChabadCentral.org/HebrewSchool](http://www.ChabadCentral.org/HebrewSchool) please fill out one family information and enrollment agreement per family, and one child information sheet per child being enrolled.

Our school has been on the cutting edge of Jewish education (indeed, we have published 5 courses of study that are used by Chabad worldwide) and we are in the process of developing a replicable model that reflects our seamless approach to both education and Judaism. Our educational philosophy, entitled "Echad! – Whole Judaism for the Whole Child" is premised on the following principles:

We recognize that a child learns best in an atmosphere of respect and joy.

Our curriculum is interconnected and builds upon itself.

Each lesson synthesizes three components: Torah *knowledge*, Torah *relevance* and a commitment to fostering a *positive disposition* towards the subject matter.

Our teachers 'live Judaism' with passion and their joy is imparted naturally to our students.

Our program recognizes that parents are the active ingredient to a successful Jewish educational experience.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy summer,

*The Breitman Family Hebrew School*

The new school year begins Sunday, September 9, 9:00am -11:30am

Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Wednesday program begins September 12, 4:30pm -6:00pm

# PARALLEL PARENT PROGRAMS

A child's enrollment in Hebrew School reflects a family's commitment to Jewish education.

However, despite the best efforts of any Jewish institution, educator, or program - it is the *parents* who play the most crucial role in the child's Jewish identity and future.

As such, we offer parallel adult education in a variety of formats and time frames. We offer a host of family activities such as services, holiday parties and community events.

We encourage participation in these venues, as they provide opportunities for the whole family to participate, as full partners, in the very same process of discovery.

**W**e believe that for Judaic learning to be an effective and meaningful experience, three components must be present at all times:

TORAH LITERACY - stories, practices, values and skills of our 3300 year heritage and journey.

TORAH RELEVANCE - applying concepts to real life, by personalizing the lessons learned.

POSITIVE ASSOCIATIONS - a warm and upbeat atmosphere as a setting for our Jewish growth, creates an openness to Jewish identity and a warm foundation for a lifetime.

