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Parent — Student Handbook

2009 –2010 School Year



Pudong Hebrew School

A project of
Chabad Jewish Center of Pudong

Welcome

Dear Parents,

Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a new Hebrew song. Imagine a child who feels the warmth and spirit of Judaism and then imagine the pride of his parents.

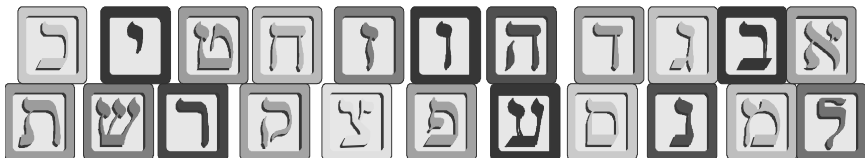
Welcome to our fourth year at Pudong Hebrew School!

We look forward to offering your child a Jewish atmosphere of warmth, acceptance, and self-esteem and to nurture your child to be self-motivated in the Judaic learning experience.

Learn it, Love it, Live it...

Our goal is to offer all Jewish children an education and memories that will last them for a lifetime. We instill Jewish pride, a sense of history, and a meaningful understanding of Judaism, all through a fun, interactive and hands-on approach.

Shalom,
Nechamie Greenberg



Information

Location :

Grade 1—Grade 5

Room 102, Building 3, Lane 86,
Bi Yun Road, (close to Hei Song Road)

上海市碧云路86弄3号楼102室

Terrific Toddler Class:

Chabad Jewish Center of Pudong
Apt. 301, building No.39, Alley 333, Jinxiu Rd.
Pudong, Shanghai, 200135 China

Parental Involvement - Parents are welcome to observe at the school or sit in any class at any time with prior permission.

We can often use volunteers, whether it is helping improve our Hebrew reading skills or doing a special project in the classroom, and it is especially beneficial for your child to see how involved you are in his/her Jewish studies. If you would like to be a volunteer, let us know, and we will try to accommodate your schedule.

Tzedakah—Please have your child bring a coin in for Tzedakah each Sunday. We instill in our students the importance of Charity in our Jewish tradition, and Tzedakah will be collected each week before Tefilla (prayer).

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Conduct - We expect responsible behavior from all students. In building a student community, we ask that children take responsibility for their actions and for insuring the safety of others. If improper or irresponsible behavior occurs, parents will be notified.

Homework -We do not have official “homework”, but we will be sending home weekly review sheets for your child to review (earning him/her stickers or points).

The fact is that the students who review their work at home, progress much faster than other students. Encourage your child to “teach you” what he/she learned in other subjects, and stop in 5 minutes before class ends to see the folders and booklets. (They will often work on a topic and only bring home papers after the whole unit is complete.)

Snack -A snack is provided. We request that you do not send any additional snacks or drinks due to Kashrut and health reasons. If your child is allergic to any food or beverages, please be sure that it is written on his/her registration form.

Emergencies & Other Policies - In the event of an emergency or accident, we will administer first-aid and contact the parents or Emergency Care as necessary. It is imperative that your child’s forms are filled out completely.

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Supplies - Your child does not need to bring any pens, papers, books, or folders; we provide all necessary items. We suggest that children bring a designated bag or backpack to carry Hebrew School papers and projects.

We provide each boy with a Kippa (Yarmulka) when they come into class, but I highly recommend that your child should have a Kippa of his own to bring each week. The connection to this tradition is so much more meaningful when they are wearing something they helped pick out in the store.

Goals for our Supplementary School - Firstly, we strive to instill in our students a strong pride in their Jewish identity. In order to foster this pride one must have knowledge of our history and the role we will play in the future as the Jewish People.

Secondly, our children must be educated Jews. They must also know the laws and customs of Jewish life so that they may in turn pass it on to their children, thereby keeping the chain of Jewish tradition alive. This includes the traditions of all the Jewish holidays as well as Hebrew reading, writing, and being comfortable using the siddur (prayer book) in a synagogue.

Most importantly, we are proud of the warm atmosphere, with innovative and creative ways of teaching that cause the students to look forward to coming each week!

Curriculum

Our curriculum has been designed to meet the changing developmental need of each child in a caring and positive atmosphere. Activities are planned which emphasize the process rather than the product, fostering a sense of accomplishment and pride. Based on the theory that children learn best in a hands-on way, we encourage active involvement, discovery, and meaningful experimentation.

2009/2010 Hebrew School Curriculum

All classes learn the Jewish Holidays and learn prayer songs, adding on throughout the year, allowing them to feel comfortable in a synagogue setting.

First Taste — Ages 3-4

Torah Stories

Children will get excited about their heritage as they learn all the Jewish holidays through creative hands on activities. They will hear Torah stories, combining arts and songs.

Aleph Bet Train

Children learn thoroughly the first 10 letters of the aleph bet. they bring home another letter each week to add to their Alef Bet train.

Curriculum

1st–2nd Grade

Jewish History

Students learn the book of Exodus, via dynamic hands on activities that bring the story to life. They have fun re-living the story of the Exodus from Egypt.

Theme: The Jewish Home

Students are making a book each focusing on a different room in the house and its appropriate mitzvah: Front Door - Mezuzah Dining room – Shabbat Kitchen – reciting blessings over food. Playroom - Sharing etc.

3rd - 5th Grade

Book of Genesis

Students learn the first book of the Torah in depth and have a clearer understanding of our ancestors .

Life cycles – The Life Cycles curriculum begins with each student giving birth to a set of twins - a male and a female. Over the course of the year, the student guides his/her children through various life-cycle events (birth, bris/baby-naming, bar/bat mitzvah, etc).

Aleph Champion

Aleph Champ is one of those simple ideas that causes people to ask themselves, "why didn't I think of that myself".

Simply, in order to motivate children in Hebrew Schools to learn to read Hebrew, Aleph Champ copied the karate system of motivational colored levels.

Students start out on the White Champ Level, with a white champ book, white flashcards and a *burning desire to pass to the next level*.

Aleph Champ Levels

- White Aleph Champion - Master the first 18 letters of the Aleph Bet.
- Red Aleph Champion - Master all 32 letters of the Aleph Bet.
- Orange Aleph Champion - Master the first 3 vowels with letter combinations.
- Yellow Aleph Champion - Master the first 6 vowels with letter combinations.
- Green Aleph Champion - Master the first 9 vowels with letter combinations.
- Blue Aleph Champion - Master all the vowels and exceptions to the rules.
- Purple Aleph Champion - Master reading familiar Prayers and Brachot.

Hours & Fees

Hours:

Kindergarten- Grade 5—classes meet once a week.
Sundays, 9:45 am. - 12:00 p.m.

First Taste, 3– 4 year olds -Classes meet once a week , Wednesdays, 4:15—5:30

Registration

To register, fill out an application on our website at:
www.jewishpudong.com/hebrewschool
or fax it to .5879.3689 .

Tuition -

Cost for the 2009 –2010 School year is as follows:

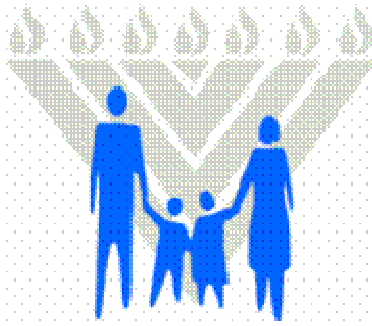
Kindergarten— Grade 5: 3500 RMB.

Book Fee 150 RMB

Payment should be given in, at the time of registration.

First Taste, 3-4 year olds: 3000 RMB

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