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Parent Handbook

2017-18



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hebrew School of the Arts!

Imagine a place where kids never want to miss a day? Imagine a place where children are too busy singing, doing, dancing, playing and creating, to realize they're even learning!

You've just imagined the **Olney Hebrew School of the Arts!** A place where Judaism is inspired through the Universal language of the Arts.

Our Hebrew School has a particular focus on educating children through art, music, culinary arts and Science 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.

Each week we are offering a highlight hands-on art 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, each of who come from various affiliations and backgrounds.

I am looking forward to seeing your child grow this year!

Sincerely,

Devorah Stolik

Director

Hebrew School of the Arts

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Hebrew School Facts

Ages:	Our program is for boys and girls Grades K-7th
Dates:	Hebrew School begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Hours:	Classes are held on Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Location:	Brookeville Academy 5 High Street, Brookeville, MD 20833
Tuition:	<p>\$950 (Registration & book fee).</p> <p>\$325 Single Session (Fall, Winter, Spring)</p> <p>No Child will be turned away due to lack of funds.</p>

Information

Attendance/Arrival Time:

If your child is not able to attend class for any reason, please notify us in advance. Classes start promptly at 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 Kippah in the beginning of the year.

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: Parents that are driving their children, should wait in line at the academy, a staff will greet your child and usher them into the building. If you choose to walk your child into the building, please park across the street near the church.

Dismissal: Students will be lined up in the hallway or outside weather permitting, parents please wait on the carpool lane as a staff member brings your child to the car.

Transportation: If your child is in need of a ride from their school please be in touch with us so we can work out logistics.



Programing

Holiday Programs

Chabad hosts a multitude of exciting programs throughout the year, whether it's Chanukah, Purim, or Shavout. 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.

New for this year! Kids Lead Shabbat during First Fridays

Your child will help Rabbi Bentzy lead Shabbat services on their grade's designated Friday night. The children put in a lot of effort preparing for this special experience. We look forward to seeing you and your child! (Refer to magnet for specific dates)

Mitzvahs R US

All children love Toys R Us! Our 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! Family Meet'n'Greet - Sukkot Dinner under the Stars

Give your child a truly uplifting and genuine Sukkot Holiday experience by joining Rabbi Bentzy and Devorah's Sukkah table with the rest of their classmates. Enjoy delicious food, Jewish songs, and that special Holiday atmosphere which cannot be matched in a Hebrew School classroom. All parents and siblings are encouraged to attend! Save the Date, Wednesday, October 4th.

New for this year! Menorah's with Dad & Chanukah Toy Drive

Students will enjoy a hands on menorah workshop together with their Dads. Followed by the workshop children will wrap toys to be delivered to children in the Hospital. Parents encouraged to help wrap with your child. (see calendar for details)



Programming continued

Dinner

A delicious pizza dinner will be served each week to our students. If your child has any allergies, please notify us.

Shabbat Service Club

An interactive, Bi -weekly 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 second and fourth Shabbat of every month.

Bar & Bat Mitzvah Prep

As your child nears Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, please set up a meeting with Rabbi Bentzy 18 months prior to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. (Boys/13 years old, Girls/12 years old)

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 morning, an email will be sent out with an update on your child's day in Hebrew School. The email will include progress, special events, pictures as well as important information.

Hebrew Reading and Vocabulary

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.



Language of the Arts Program

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Some of our arts include Science, theatre, mosaics, music, culinary and much more!

Each week a different art is featured! Get ready for an awesome year ahead where children can truly develop their artistic and creative side!

New for this Year! Tu B'shvat Jscience

Through a series of captivating experiments, this workshop encourages students to be aware of the resources we have been given, and more careful about how we use them. Experience how we can transform our relationship to the natural world, sanctify our daily actions and take better care of the planet G-d created. This exciting program is brought to our school by Rabbi Levi of JCRAFTS.

