



ALEPH BET
Hebrew School

LUBAVITCH OF BUCKS COUNTY

Parent's Handbook

www.funhebrewschool.com

215 497 9925 ext.3

 youth programs @ LBC



Welcome

Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a Hebrew song. Walking through the halls, you can hear the sounds of lively discussion, of singing, laughter and prayer. Imagine a child who feels the warmth and spirit of Judaism and then imagine the pride of his/her parents.



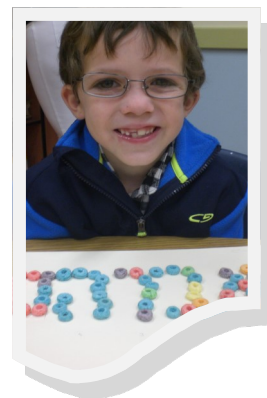
Welcome to **Aleph Bet Hebrew School**.

Aleph Bet Hebrew School has acquired a reputation of making every Jewish child feel welcome, regardless of knowledge or affiliation, in a warm and friendly environment. Classes this year will take place in our beautiful building, in the heart of Bucks County. Our Center provides spacious classrooms to accompany its state of the art curriculum.

Our school's most underlying approach is for the children to enjoy the time spent at Hebrew School, so that they are left with positive feelings and fond memories of their Jewish education. Our program is carefully blended with songs, games, incentives, arts & crafts, dramatics, field trips, festival celebrations and other exciting hands on activities.

Our vibrant staff is hand-picked for their teaching experience, and ability to convey Jewish knowledge and skills in an individualized, multi-sensory program.

Our updated curriculum is intended to provide our students with exposure to Jewish knowledge, Hebrew reading skills, as well as to foster within them a sense of belonging and closeness to G-d and the Jewish People.



School Supplies

Workbooks/ Study materials:

All workbooks and textbooks for all grades are provided by Aleph Bet Hebrew School.



Plastic supply box with child's name on it

2 Pencils

Sharpener

Box of crayons

3 glue sticks

Scissors

Book bag or bag (optional)

Attendance:

If your child/ren are unable to attend class, please email or call to let us know.

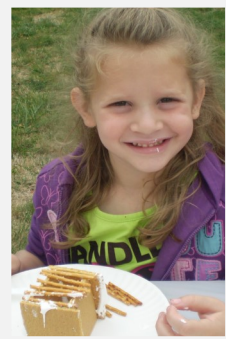
Perfect attendance is encouraged and rewarded with a prize at the end of the year. Perfect attendance is defined as attending each class of Hebrew School, as well as at least two Holiday programs and a Hebrew School Shabbat Dinner.



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 Hebrew school to help encourage your child to perform this Mitzvah.



Snacks:

Kosher snacks are provided, therefore we request that you do not send in 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 form.

Dress Code:

All boys are required to wear a kipa for all classes.

Communication

We strongly encourage close communication between teacher and parents. Please call **Rabbi Mendy Lezell 215 497 9925 ext.3** for any questions you may have concerning the program. Or call **Jill** at **267 751 4160**.



Our school is blessed with a staff of professional and dedicated individuals. Each of them spends hours planning their lessons, and designing creative methods of injecting fun and excitement into the program. They 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. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should any issue or question arise.

Encouragement:

The greatest gift that you as a parent can give your child is constant encouragement! Too much is never enough!

Newsletter:

Keep informed with our weekly newsletter. You will find weekly reviews for each grade, about what they have learnt that week in Hebrew School, as well as keeping you updated with all upcoming events.



Curriculum

The Aleph Bet Hebrew School offers a warm and lively Jewish atmosphere where children can attain a unique and exciting awareness of their Jewish identity.



The Aleph Champ Reading Program

Beginning with letter recognition for our youngest children, this program leads them through phonetic decoding, reading, comprehension and writing. Age appropriate workbooks, games, and flashcard exercises will be completed throughout the year.

The Aleph Champ Program is developed after the karate motivational system of levels and colored belts. The entire Kriah (Hebrew Reading) system is divided into levels of different colors. This arrangement ensures that students learn to read Hebrew in an efficient, well-organized method.

In the Aleph Champion Program, reading groups are divided by color instead of age group, thereby allowing conscientious students to advance in reading on their own.



This program ensures that students do not go on to a new level until they have truly mastered all that their current level expects them to know. This avoids the common problem of children learning to read without fully mastering a letter, vowel or concept in reading.



Jewish Values and Ethics

Using textbooks and class discussion, the students will read and analyze stories and case scenarios that have practical application to our daily life. They will understand that our religion is based on G-d given set of values and morals, to teach us how to lead our lives, in a positive way.



Holidays

Hands-on lessons on each Jewish holiday will fill the calendar, as we proceed from Rosh Hashanah through to the holiday of Shavuot. The students will gain a deeper understanding of each holiday, traditions and customs. Aleph Bet Hebrew School will also host holiday celebrations for our students and their families.

Torah (Bible) and Jewish History

The children are introduced to the characters and stories of the Torah. According to each grade the students will work through an overview of Jewish history starting with our Patriarchs and Matriarchs to the giving of the Torah to modern-day Israel.



The Meaning behind Mitzvot

Why do women light Shabbat candles? What makes food “Kosher?” Why do we have a Mezuzah on our doors? At Aleph Bet Hebrew School we teach basic Mitzvot to the younger grades, and provide insightful meaning of more complex Mitzvot to the older grades.

Extra Curricular

Aleph Bet Hebrew School offers a variety of extra curricular activities such as Shabbat dinners, competitions and Holiday programs at key points in the year. Please look out for emails and flyers for upcoming events. More details will follow.



Fees and information

Ages: Our program is for boys and girls Grades K-7

Level 1: Grades K-2

Level 2: Grades 3-6

Jew Crew Teen Program: 7th Grade

Location:

All classes are held at:
Glazier Jewish Center
25 North State Street, Newtown, PA

Dates:

Level 1: Sundays or Wednesdays

Level 2: Sundays or Wednesdays

Jew Crew Teen Program: Wednesdays only

See magnet for dates

Times on Sundays:

Level 1: 10:15 am – 12:00 pm

Level 2: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Times on Wednesdays:

Level 1: 4:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Level 2: 4:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Jew Crew: 5:05 pm - 5:50 pm

Tuition:

Level 1: \$550

Level 2: \$675

Jew Crew: \$300

Building maintenance: \$100 per family

Tuition:

The tuition fees will be billed, and should be paid in a timely manner. Prompt attention to tuition fees is necessary since we are a non-profit organization, and we depend on these funds for operation.

PTO - Parent Involvement Form

Parents are welcome and encouraged to volunteer.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

___ Homeroom Parent

Calling the class for special program

Collecting money for teacher gifts

___ Help on Sunday or Wednesday (rotation)

___ Rosh Hashanah Family Program

Set up and clean up

___ Sukkot Celebration

Help prepare food

Help with craft

___ Chanukah Program

Help with food

Help set up and clean up

___ Purim Carnival

Setting up the carnival

Sell tickets

___ Passover Model Seder

Set up and clean up

___ Shabbaton

Prepare food

Help set up and clean up

___ End of year celebration

Help set up

And serve food

