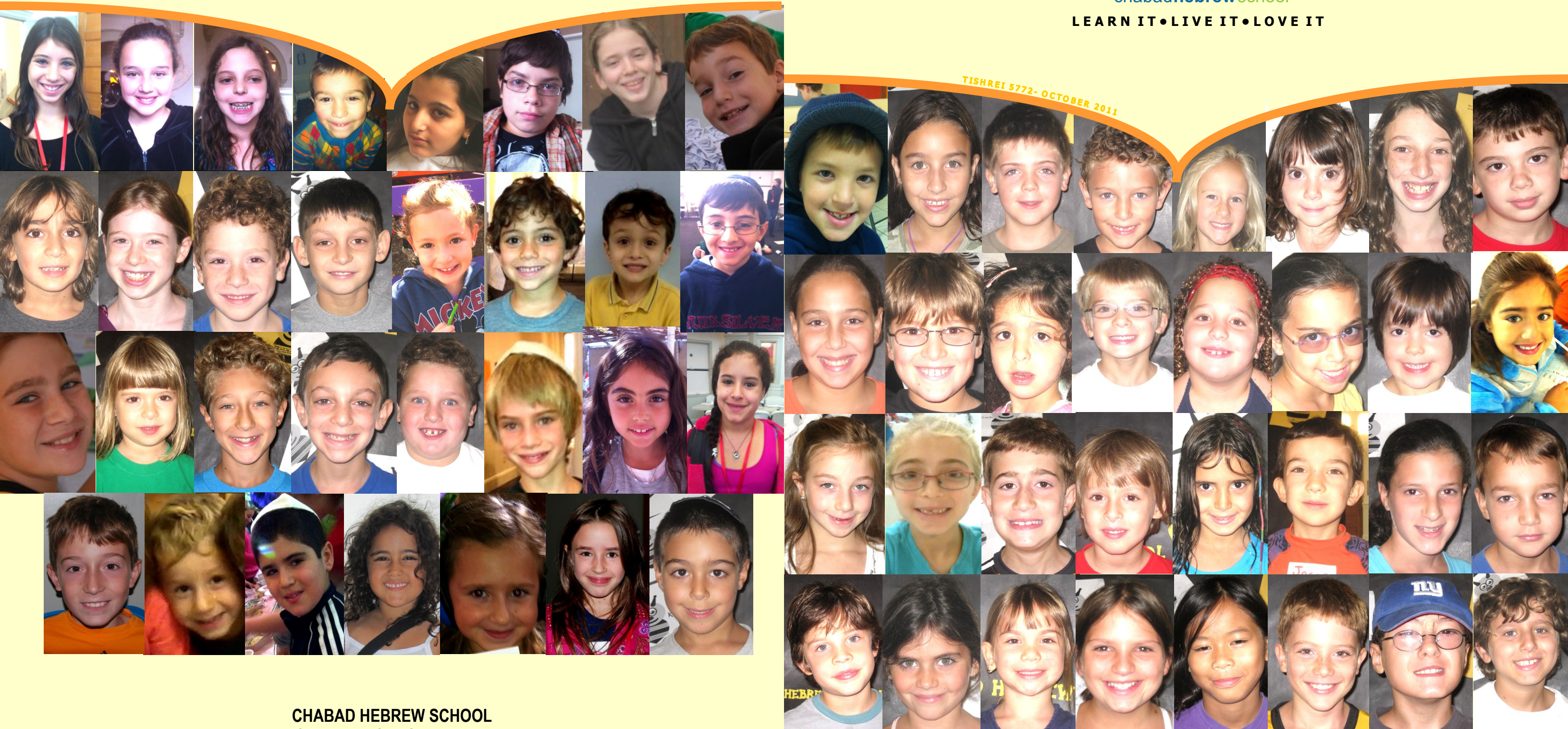




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EDUCATING A JEWISH TOMORROW

# From the Director...



Dear Friends,  
At Chabad Hebrew School our goal is to give our students a full out of school Jewish experience. In the past month, thanks to our team of dedicated staff, our students were enriched with the richness of our heritage and given the tools to live as a Jew in 2011.

Through our thorough curriculums, Jewish Holiday celebrations, Hebrew Language program and our commitment to excellence, we have fostered a love of learning and a love of Judaism within each of our students.

In the months ahead we pledge to continue to give your children the ultimate Hebrew School experience, demonstrating that Judaism is warm, vibrant and very much alive.

Hinda Silverman  
Hebrew School Director

## Our Dedicated Staff

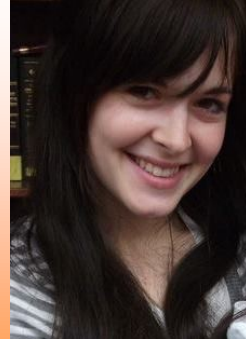
Our teachers are hand-picked for their warmth, devotion and depth of knowledge. In the time they have been teaching your children they have shown extraordinary dedication. We thank them for their love, hard work and care that they have shown to every one of our students.



Rochel Freedman  
Kindergarten



Sarah Abrahamson  
First Grade



Chana Zeldi Weiss  
Second/Third Grade



Esther Rimler  
Fourth Grade



Rabbi Benjy Silverman  
Fifth/Sixth Grade



Devora Raitman  
Seventh/Eight Grade

## OUR CHILDREN SPEAK!



### I love Chabad Hebrew School...

- ...because we have lots of raffles. *Gabriel Barnett*
- ...because we get to learn Hebrew. *Sarah Hymowitz*
- ...because we do lots of cooking. *Maya Singer*
- ...because we have Aleph Champ. *Adam Kurland*
- ...because we get to read Hebrew books. *Arielle Lvovsky*



### I love being Jewish because...

- ...because we get to celebrate Chanukah. *Hayley Goldberg*
- ...because we get better Holidays. *Jordan Wels*
- ...because on Rosh Hashana I like to eat Challah. *Dylan Wels*
- ...because I can learn Hebrew. *Ben Hymowitz*



### Chabad Hebrew School gives back!

Chabad Hebrew School will be holding it's 4th Annual TOY DRIVE & GIFT WRAP benefiting hospitalized children in Westchester hospitals. We will begin collecting toys on November 6th. The Gift wrap will take place on December 11th at 11:45am. Parents are welcome to join!

## SHOUT OUT TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are most grateful to our volunteers who come each Sunday to assist with different classes at Chabad Hebrew School.

They are always enthusiastic to lend a helping hand whether it be with our Aleph Champ Program, Chabad Hebrew School carnivals or just ensuring that all our students are settled each week.

We are blessed to have each and every one of you!

- Gabby Friedman
- Rebekkah Harris
- Andrew Hutnik
- Bobby Hutnik
- Lauren Hutnik
- Alexa Singer
- Sophie Strauss
- Ross Wolowsky
- Sam Wolowsky

# Celebrating Jewish Life

At Chabad Hebrew School we provide students with the full spectrum of Jewish Life. We don't just learn about Holidays, we experience and celebrate them exuberantly.



## EXCITING & INNOVATIVE

A peek into your child's Judaica classroom



Kindergarten

Fourth Grade

### Mitzvot are for Action!

This program is designed to open the soul of a young child and inspire a lifelong love of Judaism. By introducing the Hebrew alphabet early and using a fully integrated curriculum of songs, stories and art, our students leave the classroom recognizing and identifying the letters and sounds of the Aleph Bet in addition to having discovered many fundamental Mitzvot in Judasim.

### Torah-Pedia

TORAHpedia is a cleverly constructed curriculum, focusing on one mitzvah for each letter of the aleph-bet. Using a bright and engaging activity book, the students have fun as they learn 22 fundamental Jewish lessons. TORAHpedia's activity book places special emphasis on Mitzvot Are For Action! TORAHpedia brings real-life relevance to key Jewish concepts, demonstrating how Torah's lessons are applicable to the students' actual lives.

First Grade

Fifth & Sixth Grade

### Breishit: Genesis

Beginning with the six days of creation, students discover the stories of how Hashem created the world to how Yoseph (Joseph) became viceroy to Egypt hundreds of years later. Students were spellbound as they learned about our forefathers and mothers and will continue to discover wondrous aspects about our history and living as a Jew today. Students learn through experiments, role-playing, stories and live games

### L'chaim to life: Life Cycle

The lifecycle curriculum takes children on a journey through the life of a Jewish girl or boy. The curriculum begins with birth and spans the entire cycle, including Bar/Bat Mitzvah, marriage, adulthood, and a final unit on the after-life. Full of hands-on activities, each lesson has been carefully designed by Rabbi Benji to interest and inspire children with the beauty of a Jewish Lifestyle.

Second & Third Grade

Seventh & Eighth Grade

### Build a Jewish Home

Through the course of the year, students tour each room of the home and discover the Jewish items and lifestyle that enhances a Jewish home. From cleanliness in the bathroom, to Kosher in the kitchen; Jewish books in the living room and a Mezuzah on each door, students learn inspiring lessons of how to infuse Jewish life and tradition in their homes and their everyday lives.

### The Story of our People

Students will gain an appreciation for the relevance and insight that Judaism provides by following the history of the Jewish people from the beginning of time until today. Through active discussion, debates and various trips—students will chronologically record the 'ups & downs' of a people that have been through so much.

# ALEPH CHAMPION- HEBREW PROGRAM

**\*\* Check out the 'Aleph Champ Wall' at Chabad Hebrew School to see a picture of your child and which level they're currently on. \*\***

The Aleph Champion Reading Program is based on an internationally acclaimed motivational Hebrew reading and writing system.

Aleph Champ, modeled after the Karate Martial Arts system of motivational colored levels, breaks up the Hebrew reading process into bite sized motivational levels which makes it more kid friendly and exciting.

Students start as a white Aleph learning half of the Aleph Bet. They work their way through the different "belts" until they become a black Aleph Champ with the ability to read fluently from the siddur (prayerbook).

Each Aleph Champ level has a color coded book, flashcards, workbooks and a medallion which is awarded once a level is passed. All of these work together to create the motivation needed to progress in their own way.

Reading groups are divided by color instead of age group, thereby allowing conscientious students to surpass the pace of their class and 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.

Aleph Champ influences the child to motivate themselves to advance in their Hebrew Reading.



## ADOPT A BOBBY / ZAIDY



Our Zaidy has brought smiles to all of our faces. He is gentle, kind, very welcoming when he sees us, and has adopted his Zaidy role almost instantly. Like any seasoned grandfather, he has offered the kids words of wisdom, to study hard, stay strong and healthy and has begun to tell us bits about his life. He has mentioned his own strengths as an arm wrestler and may have been a fiddler, and it seems he came from Poland. We are all curious to hear more about his life. When the kids ask him questions, he beams from ear to ear and is eager to share with us.

Our first visit was a brief meeting, not too personal, but he certainly made us all laugh and smile. Despite the impairments to his senses that have come with living more than 100 years (so he told us), he smiles, laughs and wants to learn about the kids and their activities. When we mentioned Dani's saxophone playing and Jeremy's cello, he responded that they should take up the fiddle, it's the best way to get around and make a living, by playing the fiddle! Visions of Fiddler on the Roof came to mind, wondering if he was one such fiddler.

When we left on our first visit, we gave him the gift bag that the kids brought home to bring to him. He told us he welcomes food, any kind of food! We returned to see him on Rosh Hashanah, he was sitting in a crowded room with lights dimmed, TV blasting, and we spotted Mr. Grossman with his classy hat and the gift bag, still in the basket of the walker. It stood out as if it was the only shining star in the room and drew our attention immediately to him. We went to his room where he sat, delighted to be eating the homemade cookies we brought him, excitedly sharing more of his life's adventures. We look forward to getting to know him and visiting with him again soon!

- Hillary Raynes Goldfinger  
Mother of Dani (5th Grade) & Jeremy (3rd Grade)

My kids visited Haskel Holland at Andrus twice. Angelina is 7 and Anthony is 5. They brought him an apple pie for the holiday and made him a card.

They kept the visits short and fun and tried to ask him a lot of questions about his family and his love of dogs. They really liked visiting him. They are excited to go back again and we will later this month.

- Felicia Palumbo  
Mother of Angelina (2nd Grade) & Anthon (Kindergarten)

