CHEDER CHABAD OF MONSEY PRESCHOOL





PARENT HANDBOOK

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2019-2020

Procedures

Preschool hours

Nursery / Kindergarten:

Monday- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pre-1A:

Monday- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival School begins at 9:00 a.m. Prompt arrival provides a positive beginning for your child's school day. For parents driving children to school-please drop off children at school between 8:55 and 9:10 a.m. During these fifteen minutes, an assistant will be waiting outside the door facing South Monsey Road, to greet your child and to accompany/guide him/her to his/her classroom. Parents or carpools that arrive late to school (past 9:10 a.m.), must park their cars in the parking lot and walk their child to the classroom.

Cheder Chabad Preschool cannot take responsibility for students before 8:55 a.m.

Breakfast (Nursery and UPK) Breakfast will only be served until 9:15, after 9:15 breakfast will no longer be available in the classroom. If your child will be coming after 9:15 please make sure he/she has eaten breakfast at home.

Dismissal Dismissal begins at 2:45 p.m. daily for Nursery and UPK, and runs until 3:00 p.m. Please drive all the way around the building to the entrance facing South Monsey Road. Your child will be escorted to your car. Parents arriving before or after these times for dismissal must park in the parking lot and walk into the school. Please pick up your child promptly to help us have a smooth dismissal. Cheder Chabad Preschool cannot take responsibility for Nursery/UPK students after 3:00 p.m. At that time, any students remaining will be sent to the main office. *Please ensure you are on time to pick up your preschool child/children. Parents will be charged a \$10 fee for late pickup per occurrence.*

Aftercare For out of town Nursery and UPK students who carpool with older siblings at 4:00, Cheder will accommodate them and provide aftercare from 3:00-4:00 p.m., with a minimal fee of \$5 per day.

Please contact Mrs. Light at clight@chedermonsey.org to sign up.

Please complete the carpool information form that is included in this mailing. If your regular arrangements change, please let us know so that we can get your child home safely.

When calling during the day to leave change of dismissal information please do <u>not</u> leave a message on the school office machine. To ensure that we get the information promptly, please email <u>girls@chedermonsey.org</u>.

Pre-1A dismissal begins at 3:55. The boys are escorted to their bus line. If you are choosing to pick up your child, please park in the lot and walk into the building to get your child. CARS MAY NOT PULL UP INTO THE CARPOOL LANE AT THIS DISMISSAL TIME AS IT BLOCKS THE BUSSES.

Snack/Lunch

Our preschool encourages healthy eating habits. We allow only healthy snacks to be brought to school. A list of some healthy snack ideas follows. This list is not exhaustive- it is meant to give you some ideas.

<u>All preschool classes</u> should bring a Ha'etz of Ha'adoma snack for the morning and a healthy snack for the afternoon. Any unhealthy snack will be sent back home with a note, and replaced with a healthy snack.

Following are some ideas for healthy snacks.

- Yogurt
- Cheese- American cheese, string cheese, cottage cheese
- Fresh fruit- apple, banana, clementine, grapes, nectarine, pear
- Dried fruit- apricots, apples, mango, raisins
- Applesauce
- Cut fresh vegetables- carrots, celery, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes
- Crackers- graham crackers, thin wheats
- Rice cakes, corn cakes, soy crisps
- Pretzels
- Breadsticks
- Dry cereal
- Popcorn

Allergies

If your child has any allergies (food or other) or other medical needs, it is imperative to let us know before school starts. The more information we have about your child, the better able we will be to meet their needs.

Please note that Cheder Chabad is a **NUT FREE FACILITY**, please do not send any food or snacks that can put another child in danger.

Birthday Celebrations

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school you may do so. Please adhere to the following preschool birthday party guidelines.

- 1- Please reserve the date with the classroom teacher at least one week in advance.
- 2- The celebration takes place for about twenty minutes, during a time arranged with the classroom teacher.
- 3- Please bring one "Mezonos" snack per child such as mini cupcakes or baked goods from a local bakery, such as Glaubers, Shloimys or Zishes. If you wish to bring a drink, please bring grape juice for L'chaim. For everyone's *kashrus* comfort, we ask that home baked goods not be brought in. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the preschool director Mrs. Light.
- **4-** "Peklach" are not distributed in our preschool at birthday celebrations. In lieu of "peklach" and excessive snack foods, you may donate a book or educational game/toy to the class in honor of your child's birthday.

We hope that this booklet has proven informative. If you have any further questions, please call the cheder office. Once again, we look forward to a wonderful year together!

Chaya Light-Preschool Director

Please note: These pages are a preschool addition to the Cheder Chabad parents' handbook. Most of the information in the main handbook applies to the preschool as well. There are a few instances where preschool procedures differ from those of the upper grades. Where there is a difference, it will be noted in these pages.

Our Staff:

Preschool Director

Mrs. Chaya Light MS SPED/ED SBL Mrs. Chanie Muntner- Assistant Director

Nursery

Mrs. Yocheved Marmulszteyn- Morah Mrs. Esty Green- full day assistant Mrs. Nechama Eliyahu- full day assistant

UPK '8

Mrs. Chaya Groner- morning Morah Mrs. Nechama Lapidus- UPK afternoon Morah Mrs. Tovah Hott- morning assistant Miss Mushky Backman- afternoon assistant Mrs. Mussy Wolowik- full day assistant

UPK '>

Mrs. Nechama Lapidus- UPK morning Morah Miss Chaya Rochel Shkedi- afternoon Morah Miss Shaindy Shkedi- full day assistant

Pre1A Girls

Mrs. Simmy Sears- morning Morah Mrs. Michal Korer- English teacher Miss Aidy Sputz- full day assistant Miss Michal Heller- full day assistant

Pre1A Boys

Rabbi Stefansky- Rebbi Rabbi Rosenberg- Assistant Rebbi Mrs. Perella Goldenberg- English teacher Mrs. Sari Backman- English Co-teacher

Pre1A Boys

Mrs. Chaya Dubinsky- Morning Morah Bracha Greenfield- English teacher Rivky Weiser- assistant

Curriculum

Following, is a list of our curricular goals and curriculum academic content areas. At "Back-to-School Night" your child's teacher will give you more detailed information.

ACADEMIC CONTENT AREAS:

Nursery

- Aleph Bais א-י (exposure to all letters)
- Parsha
- Yomim Tovim
- Chassidishe Yomim Tovim
- Niggunim
- Tefilla
- Middos
- Brochos
- Feelings
- Shapes/colors

UPK

- Aleph Bais
- Parsha
- Yomim Tovim
- Chassidishe Yomim Tovim
- Niggunim
- Tefilla
- Middos
- Complete UPK curriculum- Creative Curriculum

Pre1A

- Kriah
- Parsha
- Yomim Tovim
- Chassidishe Yomim Tovim
- Niggunim
- Tefilla
- Middos Mentch program
- Alphabet/Handwriting, based on the ReadRight curriculum
- Math, based on the <u>Go Math</u> curriculum
- Journal writing using inventive spelling



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST PRESCHOOL - 2019/20 - ラ''ぬれ



NURSERY

- 1 Long sleeved smock
- 1 Shirt and pants/skirt for all seasons, in a labeled shoe box with each item labeled separately.
- 2 pairs of underwear and tights or socks (for boys only)- labeled
- 1 baggie with pennies for tzedakah
- 1 large backpack for projects to send home
- 2 Jumbo glue sticks
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 Box of wipes

A \$30 school supply fee will be collected by the teachers at orientation. Special events, such as the Chanuka Mommy & Me, will be charged for separately as they arise.

UPK

- 1 Backpack/briefcase large enough to hold a binder
- 1 Long sleeved smock
- 1 Shirt and pants/skirt for all seasons, in a labeled shoe box with each item labeled separately.
- 2 pairs of underwear and tights or socks (for boys only)- labeled
- 1 Box of tissues and wipes
- 2 white 1 inch binder- with clear pocket insert + 1 package sheet protectors (25)
- 2 Jumbo glue sticks
- 2 Large glue bottle 7.5/8 oz
- 1 box of challah bags

A \$40 school supply will be collected by the teachers at orientation. This amount will cover all regular supplies, folders, and materials for projects. Special events, such as the Chanukah Mommy & Me, and Alef Bais Party will be charged for separately as they arise.

PRE 1A

- 1 Backpack/briefcase big enough to hold a large binder
- 2 pairs of underwear and tights for girls- labeled
- 2 Pairs of underwear and pants for boys-labeled
- 1 box of tissues and wipes
- 1 white 1 inch binder with clear pocket insert- **for girls** + 25 sheet protectors
- 2 white 1 inch binder with clear pocket insert- **for boys** + 25 sheet protectors
- 1 box of sandwich sized Ziploc bags
- 2 Jumbo glue sticks
- 2 Large glue bottle 7.5/8 oz
- 1 box of challah bags
- 4 Two pocket paper folders with 3 prongs (red, yellow, green, blue)

A \$45 school supply will be collected by the teachers at orientation. This amount will cover all regular supplies, materials for projects and the Kriah workbooks. Special events, such as the Chanukah Mommy & Me, Siddur Party, and field trips will be charged for separately as they arise.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHEDER!

Uniform

PRE 1A GIRLS	PRE 1A BOYS
Navy jumper	Tallis katan and yarmulka
White or hunter green button down blouse or long sleeved polo shirt with collar	White or light blue button down shirt or polo shirt
School uniform sweater with logo *	White button down shirt for rosh chodesh
White button down blouse for rosh chodesh	Navy blue or black pants (no large pockets)
Solid colored tights	Solid colored shoes or sneakers (no lights, crocs or sandals)
Solid colored shoes (no crocs or sandals)	

NURSERY & UPK

Nursery and UPK do not have an official school uniform. Please ensure your daughter's clothing reflects the cheder chabad tznius standards. Tights and shoes (no crocs or sandals) need to be worn at all times. Knees and elbows need to be covered.

Biting Policy

In small children biting is a developmentally appropriate behavior. However, by the time a child is in Pre-1A this is no longer appropriate. <u>Any child who bites another child will have his parent called and he will have to be picked up for the remainder of the day.</u>

Toilet Training

All children coming in to Nursery must be completely toilet trained before the start of the school year. If your child is not trained, we will hold his/her spot until after Yom Tov.

^{*} THERE ARE 3 CHEDER CHABAD SCHOOL SWEATERS OPTIONS YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM, THEY CAN BE ORDERED FROM LANDS END WITH OUR SCHOOL LOGO. CLICK HERE FOR THE WEBSITE. OUR PREFERRED SCHOOL NUMBER IS **900120700**.