

Educate the child according to his way; even when he gets old, he will not depart from it.

(Proverbs 22:6)



SUNDAY HEBREW SCHOOL

Parent Handbook

5772

2011 - 2012

School Address:	70 Amboy Road, Morganville
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To Contact Us

The administration can be reached at the Torah Links office at 732-377-9551 or by calling Mrs. Schreiber at 908-770-9349, Rabbi Oratz at 908-770-9200, or Rabbi Liebes at 908-770-9262.

Attendance

To fully benefit from our rich and exciting program, consistent attendance is crucial. Attendance will be taken weekly and encouraged by the teachers.

Arrival and Dismissal

Students must be ready to begin class at 10:00 AM. To prevent the disruption of late arrivals please ensure that your child arrives a few minutes *before* school begins. Dismissal is at 12:30 PM and parents are invited to join the announcements and *shmoozing* that accompany our pizza lunch at 12:15.

To pick up your child early you are required to fill out an 'early pick up' pass from the office, which your child will hand to the teacher at the beginning of the day. He/she will then be allowed out of the classroom at the appropriate time, to be picked up.

NOTE:

The teacher does not have the authority to allow your child to leave the classroom early without a pass.

No student will be allowed to wait outside unattended.

We do not take responsibility for any child who is left waiting in the lobby for a parent to come. For your child's safety we strongly advise you to come in and pick up your child from the classroom.

Please note: This year our Hebrew School office will be located in the room next door to the Day School office.

Inclement Weather

If you suspect that school may be closed, please call Mrs. Schreiber at 908-770-9349 or Rabbi Oratz at 908-770-9200.

Snacks

Please do not send any food or drink with your child. The school will provide a light snack, as well as a pizza lunch.

Kippot (yarmulkes)

Every new boy who joins the school will receive a beautiful suede school *Kippa/Yarmulka*. He will be responsible to ensure that it does not get lost or damaged. A cost of \$5.00 will be required towards purchasing a new one, if needed.

Note: Any student continuing at the school, who has lost his yarmulka, is required to purchase a new one at the start of the year. Just bring \$5 to the office and ask for a new school yarmulka.

Homework

Most of the classes will receive Hebrew reading homework requiring five minutes of reading practice per night. This ongoing review is vital for acquiring Hebrew reading skills and will be encouraged by the teachers. Please assist your child in making this minimal assignment part of their daily schedule. You will receive more information about our original Aleph-Belt Hebrew Reading Program further into the school year.

Parent Committee and Volunteers

At Monmouth Torah Links Hebrew School, we encourage parents to get involved in their child's Hebrew education and to bond with fellow parents. Come join our parent committee for its fourth successful year, and see why other parents are so enthusiastic! For details please speak to Mrs. Schreiber.

Calendar Highlights

Our school calendar includes many events, both inside and outside of school time that will greatly enrich your experience for the entire family. Please ensure that you consistently check your weekly Email for calendar updates. We strongly encourage our parents and children to attend as many of these exciting programs as possible, as they are an integral part of your child's experience. In addition, we are confident that parents will enjoy and gain from them as well.

Shabbaton (Friday night Shabbat Dinners)

One such very important program is our class family Shabbaton/Friday night dinners. Beginning in December, we will be scheduling class and school-wide "Shabbatons." You will be notified several weeks before your child's class' date. A Shabbaton is an opportunity for you and your family to experience the beauty of a traditional Friday night Shabbat Dinner along with your child's teacher's family. You will enjoy delicious food and uplifting song and spirit, together with other members of the *Monmouth Torah Links* community. We are confident that this experience will be enjoyed by all and we strongly encourage you to attend.

For any questions please call Rabbi Oratz at 908-770-9200 or Rabbi Liebes at 908-770-9262.

Lecture Series

As in previous years, we will be hosting several internationally renowned guest speakers. Watch your weekly email for details.

Safety

At Monmouth Torah Links Hebrew School your child's safety is of paramount importance. Our staff includes several teachers who are trained in CPR and we have a fully stocked First-Aid kit on premises. In event of any suspected injury the appropriate first-aid will be administered and the parents contacted.

Respect for School Property

Please see the attached letter and form and ensure that the form is brought in on the first day of school and given to your child's teacher.

Standards of Behavior

Monmouth Torah Links Hebrew School students are expected to maintain a high standard of behavior. It goes without saying that any violence or foul language will not be tolerated.

High Holiday PEP Services

Join Monmouth Torah Links for an inspirational High Holiday Beginners Service. Get a real high from the *High Holidays*!

See attached flyer for details.

Parent-Child Interactive Session

During the past few Hebrew School years we initiated a highly successful program in which our classes invited their parents to experience a morning with them at Hebrew School. Both parents & students enjoyed it thoroughly! Make sure to keep up with announcements on your weekly Shabbos Hebrew School email!

NEW! Informative session with Mrs. Schreiber for all Hebrew School parents:

Please take note of the following twenty minute parent-principal conferences:

Third grade: Sun, Sep 18, 10:15-10:35am

Fourth grade: Sun, Sep. 25. 10:15-10:35am

Fifth grade: Sun, Oct. 2, 10:35-10:35am

Sixth and seventh grade: Sun, Oct 9, 10:15-10:35am

At this meeting you will hear about your child's curriculum, meet other parents, and review our multi-faceted Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. Conferences will take place in the Teachers' Lounge on the right side of the building.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program

We offer full Bar/Bat training and ceremony, with many different options to suit your family's needs. Please make sure to attend your class parent-principal conference for details, and to make an individual appointment with Rabbi Liebes one to two years prior to the celebration.

Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program is an individualized course that allows you to choose a service and/or ceremony that is best for your child and your family's needs. The course consists of approximately eight private sessions with your child's teacher, outside of school time, at a cost of \$500. In addition there is a building rental fee in the amount of \$250 (which is obviously waived if you use your own location). We request that parents attend the first session, to meet the teacher and to discuss what your child will be learning.

Details of the available venues, dates, and the service/ceremony will be discussed when you meet with Rabbi Liebes.

A Bar/Bat Mitzvah brochure is available at the office.

Our goal is to provide you with a meaningful and educational experience on your special day!

Teen Programs

The teen years are crucial on forming a healthy strong Jewish identity. As your child approaches Bar/Bat Mitzvah, make sure to check out our dynamic teen programs: Hebrew High, BATYA, and LTI.

MTL summer Trip to Israel for women

After the rave reports from our first MTL Trip to Israel this summer, we would like to invite you to think of joining us the coming summer. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to connect to Israel and the Jewish people, at an incredibly discounted price. The TENTATIVE dates for next year's tour are July 9-19, 2012. On this tour, you will get the opportunity to see the country, eat in great restaurants, stay in nice hotels for a price you will not believe! For details, call Rabbi Oratz at 908-770-9200.

Monmouth Torah Links and your support

As a Not for Profit organization, Monmouth Torah Links depends on its generous and dedicated donors for its continued success.

In light of the fact that we do not ask for building or other 'hidden costs', we respectfully request your support by attending the **Monmouth Torah Links Annual Dinner and Hebrew School Graduation Ceremony**, tentatively scheduled to take place Sunday evening June 3, 2012.

Parents who have come in previous years have always left entertained & inspire. We hope you can join us this year!

Looking forward to another fabulous year!