

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**

**5770**

**2009 - 2010**

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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 please send a note with your child and come inside the building. Due to safety considerations, we cannot allow any child to wait outside for pickup.

### **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-Bais Champ 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 third successful year, and see why other parents are so enthusiastic! For details please speak to Mrs. Schreiber.

### **Calendar Highlights**

The enclosed school calendar and flyers include many events, both inside and outside of school time that will greatly enrich your experience for the entire family. 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 November, we will be scheduling individual class "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.

### **Parents Hebrew Reading Crash Course**

Due to popular request, we will be running a *Hebrew reading crash course*. Rabbi Oratz will lead the classes on five Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 11:15 AM. This will allow parents to keep up with the Hebrew Reading that their children are learning in Hebrew School!

See enclosed flyer for dates and details.

### **Lecture Series**

As in previous years, we will be hosting several internationally renowned guest speakers, courtesy of the Gateways Organization. These speakers are entertaining, inspirational, and educational, and in previous years many parents attended lectures on topics ranging from Positive Parenting to the Jewish Holidays. 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 enclosed letter and form and ensure that the form is brought in on the first day of school.

### **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 enclosed flyer for details.

### **Drama Club**

Come join our fabulous extra curricular Hebrew School Drama Club!  
Watch your weekly email for details.

### **Parent-Child Interactive Session**

During the past Hebrew School year 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! Watch your email for details.

### **Gateways Presidents Day Weekend**

Come join other Monmouth Torah Links Hebrew School families for an enjoyable & inspiring weekend retreat! Presidents Day weekend, February 12 – 14, 2010. Details to follow.

### **Bar and Bas Mitzvah Program**

Any parent with a child approaching his/her Bar/Bas Mitzvah should approach Rabbi Liebes one to two years prior, in order to set up a date and discuss the relevant details.

Our Bar/Bas 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 the Rabbi and your child's teacher.

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

### **BATYA and TEEN LINKS**

As your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah approaches, make sure to check out our exciting new TEEN programs. See enclosed flyer & check your mail & email for further information!

**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.

The two annual events below are the primary vehicles through which our organization showcases to its donors and to the community at large. A large turnout will show our supporters how many people have been touched by MTL, and will encourage their continued support.

In light of the fact that we do not ask for building or other 'hidden costs', we respectfully request your support by attending these enjoyable and inspiring evenings.

- **JUL – Jewish Unity Live Benefit Concert – an elegant evening of entertainment.**

*This event, run by the central Torah Links organization, usually takes place in the month of March. Watch your weekly email for details.*

- **Monmouth Torah Links Annual Dinner and Hebrew School Graduation Ceremony.**

*This event will take place June 13, 2010 at the Excelsior in Manalapan. All Hebrew School parents are entitled to one free ticket, and half price on journal ads!*

**Looking forward to another fabulous year!**