



Parent Handbook

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

(Proverbs 22:6)



Contact Information

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The administration can be reached at the Monmouth Torah Links office at 732-377-9551. Please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned within 48 hours.

If you need an immediate response you can contact Mrs. Schreiber at 908-770-9349, Rabbi Gewirtz at 973-955-9295.

School Announcements

All school announcements and special events will be sent to you via email and will be posted on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TorahLinksHS/, prior to that Sunday. We kindly ask you to check our Facebook page each week to ensure that you don't miss any relevant information. Please also check your child's backpack for flyers/classroom information. Please make sure to like us on Facebook to get all of the updates and to see pictures of your child at school.

Attendance

To fully benefit from our rich and exciting program, consistent attendance is crucial. Attendance will be taken weekly and is encouraged by the teachers. Teachers are instructed to follow up with a phone call to any student who is absent for more than two consecutive weeks.

Arrival and Dismissal

Doors open at 9:45 AM. Students are expected to 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 schmoozing that accompany lunch at 12:15.

Early pick-up

To pick up your child early, you are required to go to the classroom and sign your child out on the sign-out sheet. Please be aware that the teachers are instructed not to allow any student to leave early without adult permission.

Inclement Weather

Our Facebook page will be the first place where any unexpected school closings will be posted. Please be sure to check our Facebook if you have any doubt of closure. You can also contact Mrs. Schreiber at 908-770-9349 or Rabbi Gewirtz at 973-955-9295 or check your email for a message.

Snacks

Please do not send any food or drink with your child. The school will provide a light snack, as well as a tasty lunch. Please note, if your child does bring any snacks we will not allow him/her to eat it.

Lunch

On a regular basis, we order pizza from Capri Kosher Pizza. Approximately once a month our dedicated volunteers will cook delicious lunches. We will try to include what the lunch will be in our weekly newsletter.

Kippot (Yarmulkas) & Tzitzes

Every new boy who joins the school will receive a beautiful school *Kippa/Yarmulke* and *Tzitzes*. He will be responsible to ensure that it does not get lost or damaged. Please ensure that your son comes in wearing his Kippa and Tzitzes every week.

Note: Any student continuing at the school, who has lost his yarmulke or Tzitzes, is required to purchase a new one at the start of the year. Please bring payment to the office and we will order the missing item for you. Additionally, there is a link to an order form on the welcome email.

Siddur

Every child will receive their own *siddur* personalized with his/her name on it in middle of the fourth grade. Replacement siddurim can be purchased through the office for \$20.

Homework



Hebrew reading is an essential focus of our Hebrew school. In order to help your child to succeed, your input as a parent is crucial. Please encourage your child to make Hebrew reading homework part of his/her weekly routine, so that (s)he can maintain consistent progress.

- We have included a Hebrew reading 'cheat sheet' for those of you who do not read Hebrew.
- As per parental request we will be opening a Hebrew Reading Crash Course for adults, after the High Holidays. We strongly encourage you to join so that you can learn along with your child and help further his/her progress.

Safety

At Monmouth Torah Links Hebrew School your child's safety is of paramount importance. Our staff includes trained CPR staff members 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.

Medical Conditions

If your child(ren) has any medical conditions which require medication in school (i.e., Epi-Pen, inhaler, etc.), PLEASE provide the necessary medication, along with a doctor's note, allergy-action plan, etc., so we are properly notified and prepared.

Respect for School Property

Please see the attached letter and form, which needs to be filled out, brought in on the first day of school and handed 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.

Cell Phone Policies

Cell-phones must be OFF during class – not on vibrate or anything similar. Please inform your children that if their cell-phone is found to be on during class, it will be held by the teacher until the end of class. Please relay any and all messages to your child before school. In the event that you need to contact your child during school, please call the office 732-377-9551 and we will relay the message to your child

“Meet-the-Principal”

Please mark the following meetings on your calendar:

October 7, 2018	3rd and 4th Grade, 10:20 AM
October 14, 2018	5th, 6th, & 7th Grade, 11:45 AM

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

Parent/Teacher Phone Conferences

Date and Time will be announced. You will be notified prior to your evening phone-conference, as to the date and time.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program

We have a Bar-Bat-Mitzvah informational packet in the office. If you would like, please ask the office for a copy.

Teen Programs

At MTL Hebrew School we LOVE teenagers! The more energy and wackiness the better! For more information on how to give your post Bar/Bar mitzvah child a weekly dose of Jewish volunteering, learning and genuine fun, contact Mrs. Schreiber.

Parent Committee and Volunteers

Here’s a great opportunity to make a difference in your child’s Jewish education. To join our dedicated group of Hebrew School Parents, please contact Mrs. Gewirtz.

Parent-Child Interactive Session

Each class will invite their parents to join them in a once-a-year interactive learning activity. Watch your email for the invitation!

Calendar Highlights

Our school calendar includes many events, both inside and outside of school time, that will greatly enrich this 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 the children'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 student's family Friday night dinner. Each family will have the opportunity to experience a beautiful Shabbos at the home of MTL staff. Please respond in a timely fashion to set up a date. You will enjoy delicious food and uplifting song and spirit. We are confident that this experience will be enjoyed by all and we very much hope you will attend.

For any questions, please call Rabbi Gewirtz.

Adult Education

Yes, even YOU can learn to read Hebrew! Whether you are a complete beginner, or are looking to improve your skills, you will be amazed at what you can master with our weekly Adult Hebrew reading. Please contact Rabbi or Mrs. Gewirtz

High Holiday Services

Every year we run an immensely popular "Family Friendly High Holidays Prayer Experience". This concise but very meaningful experience is a very beautiful way to learn about the essence of the day and to pray in a very relevant, meaningful, and upbeat way. Seating is limited, and we will take reservations on a first come first serve basis. This Prayer Experience is intended for families with children ages 13 and under. Details are in the welcome email.



MTL Women's and Men' Trip to Israel

We would therefore like to invite our Hebrew School Parents to join us this coming summer on a once in a lifetime opportunity to connect to Israel and the Jewish people, at an incredibly discounted price. On this tour, you will get the opportunity to see the country, eat in great restaurants, stay in beautiful hotels – and of course – enjoy being Jewish as you never did before! All for a price you will not believe!

For details, call Rabbi or Mrs. Gewirtz.

MTL Gala Dinner Celebration

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 Gala Dinner**, held in early May- June (date t/b/a). It's an exciting evening, with highlights of our Hebrew School year included, inspirational speakers, Hebrew School Parents-of-the-Year honored, and great food! Our Hebrew School parents and families who have come in the past have always had a great evening, and we look forward to your attendance this year!

Looking forward to another fabulous year!

Rabbi Yitzchok Oratz

Rabbi & Director of Monmouth Torah Links

Mrs. Shulamis Schreiber

School Principal

Rabbi Moshe Gewirtz

School Director & School Rabbi

Mrs. Malki Gewirtz

Women's Programming Director

Miss Huvi Hoberman

Office Manager