

NEW!!

Chabad Hebrew School Curriculum!

For school year תשס"ט

A new curriculum for Chabad Hebrew Schools

- Provides you with interesting content and activities to make the lessons resonate with the children.
- Saves you much preparation time.

A project by Shluchim, for Shluchim

- This curriculum has been developed based on hundreds of discussions with dozens of Shluchim/os and educators over several years.
- Developed in collaboration with **Mendy & Malkie Herson** (NJ), with feedback from **Itty Shemtov** (MI), **Michla Schanowitz** (IL), **Rivkie Block** (TX), **Chanie Katz** (IL) and others

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- The developers of the program are available for discussions and interaction with the users – to discuss details and modifications.
- This curriculum is a ‘living project’ in that each new unit will be modified based on feedback from the users.

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- This package includes an online forum for all users to share ideas, ask questions and develop the curriculum together.
- The possibilities from this forum are infinite: schools can create inter-school programs, teachers can collaborate on big projects, and much more.

About the curriculum program

- Designed for students in grades 3-6/7
- can be adapted for younger ages
- Covers 'Practical Jewish Living'/ Yahadus subjects
- Entire Upper Division (grades 3-6/7) learn same topic – on different levels with different activities
(separate lesson plans for 3 levels. Teachers who want to adapt for younger students can discuss ideas on the online forum)

About the curriculum program

- The pedagogy is based on strong educational principles – such as high level thinking, collaborative work, authentic tasks, and more.
- Lessons are designed to be inspirational, authentic, and to approach the depth of Judaism so that it has the power to provide a gravitational pull toward the essence of Torah and Judaism.

Whole Division, Same topic

Advantages

- Great for mixed age groups (smaller schools)
- Creates school spirit
- Easier for siblings/ family friends to talk about what they learned in Hebrew School
- Easier for parents to be able to learn what all their children are learning
- Can be cost effective – whole school can benefit from major projects/ events
- Teachers can learn and prepare together

Overall objective of this year's program

- The children (and their families) should appreciate that Torah is much more than a series of Do's and Don'ts.
- Torah is a way of life – about making the world a better place starting with themselves, and spreading that goodness outward to the world around them and beyond.

Learning units covered in this program

- **The Shul as a center of Jewish experience:** The function of a synagogue, brief overview of Tefillah and Torah Reading (3 lessons)
- **Jewish way of Eating:** Kashrut. Turning the mundane into holy (3 lessons)
- **Shabbat/ Havdallah:** Re-energizing and bringing that energy into the next week (3 lessons)
- *sprinkled throughout are stories and Jewish values.*

Learning units covered in this program

- **Brachot:** Stop, focus and appreciate what you are about to do (3 lessons)
- **Bein Adom l'Chavaro/ Tzedakah:** Our Torah obligation to treat others with respect and help them (3 lessons)
- **Torah Study:** What is Torah? Why follow the Torah? (3 lessons)

What is included in the package

- **Teacher's guide**

Background information on the topic

Sample lesson plans & activities (from all group levels)

----First copy included in the membership price. (Additional materials sold separately)

--- Available as bound printed book. (a separate book for each unit)

Teacher's Guide: Lesson Plans

DAY 1:

Torah is the instruction guide for a purposeful world

Objective: The children should appreciate the Torah as a guide for meaningful and purposeful living.

A1 Making the world a better place

A1.1 PREPARE: Make poster (see below). Place in frame. Put on easel. Cover the poster with cloth.



A1.2 SETTING THE TONE: Create a "tourist" atmosphere. When kids come in on the first day, give them a box of snacks, water bottle, name tag, etc.

A1.3 Unveil the Poster. Explain that through this year we will learn about how we can make the world a better place, and we will come up with the slogans and other PR pieces — maybe ads, bumper stickers, and other things that will get the message out. We will be competing against other schools to come up with the best PR campaign. But first we have to learn about what a better world is and how we can make the world a better place.

— We'll describe a PR campaign later when we get to start working on it.

(Rationale: The objective of this activity is to help the children realize the role and responsibility of a Jew — to bring Torah values to the world. Thus we bring in the concept of PR. But more importantly, their work should be used in a real way in some literature from your Chabad Center.)

Materials Needed

- Poster
- Easel
- Fabric

A1.4 Discuss: We are always trying to make the world better and better. "This world would be a better place if..." Let children fill it in.
"How can we make that happen?"

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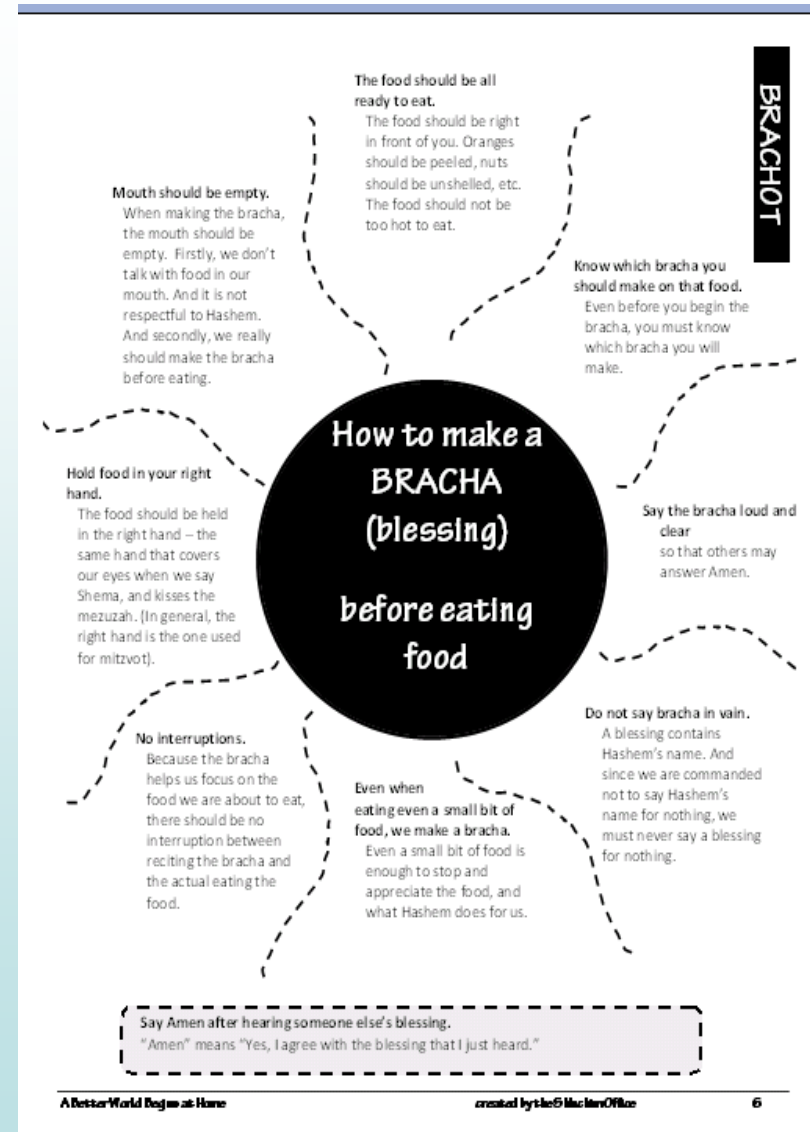
- **Student papers for Student Portfolio**

We have chosen not to provide workbooks, but rather we provide student papers so that each school can create a student portfolio of the student's work and photographs of the children learning. (The idea is that the children should want to look through it and reflect on their learning.)

---Included in the membership price.

---Available as a CD as Publisher files so they can be adapted to best suit your school's needs. (a separate CD for each unit)

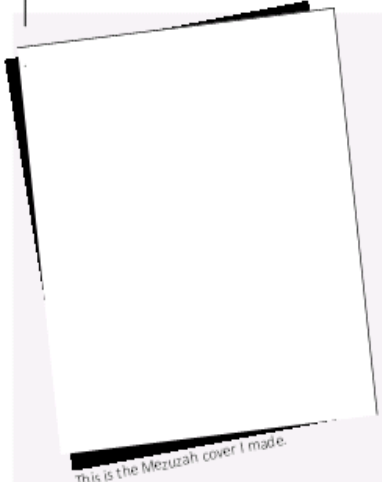
Student Papers: for the Student Portfolio



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A MEZUZAH NEEDS A COVER

MEZUZAH




This is the Mezuzah cover I made.

The Purpose of the Mezuzah Cover

- Jewish Law requires that the mezuzah scroll be protected with a double covering.
- A beautiful case helps us notice the mezuzah, it helps us make the mezuzah beautiful, but a mezuzah case must have a kosher mezuzah (the scroll) inside.
- The Mezuzah case protects the Mezuzah from the weather—rain, wind, extreme heat, etc. And also from the oil on our fingers as we kiss the Mezuzah so often.

The Mezuzah is the scroll on which the Shema is written; the cover protects the scroll.

I made this design because:



Working on the Mezuzah case

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What is included in the package

- **Membership to Curriculum Forum**

All schools that have purchased the curriculum can participate in this Forum – where we will share ideas, concerns, resources and updates.


---Included in the membership price.

---Available as an online forum.

What is included in the package

- **Supplemental Classroom Materials**
 - Materials with which to do the suggested activities (one per group) – ex: cards, game boards, pictures, etc.
 - Available for purchase from the Shluchim Office.*
 - One set of materials per group per unit*

Class Supplemental Materials: Cards for a game

<p>Drank MILK SHAKE</p>  <p>Made a Bracha before eating Made a Bracha after eating</p>	<p>Ate ICE CREAM</p>  <p>Made a Bracha before eating Made a Bracha after eating</p>
<p>Ate POTATO CHIPS</p>  <p>Made a Bracha before eating Made a Bracha after eating</p>	<p>Ate SOME CANDY</p>  <p>Made a Bracha before eating Made a Bracha after eating</p>
<p>Ate COOKIES & MILK</p>  <p>Made a Bracha before eating Made a Bracha after eating</p>	<p>Ate STRAWBERRIES</p>  <p>Made a Bracha before eating Made a Bracha after eating</p>

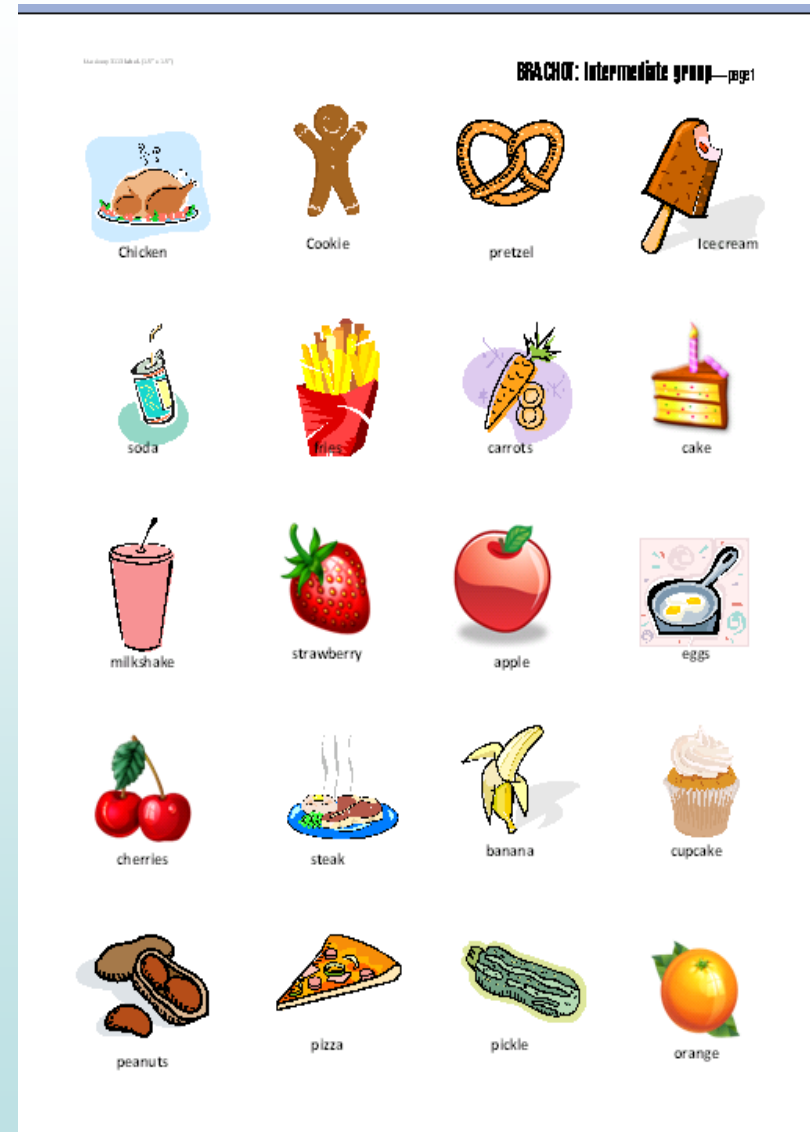
BRACHOT

What is included in the package

- Student Materials

- Materials for the students to do the suggested activities (one per student) – ex: stickers, etc.
---*Available for purchase from the Shluchim Office.*

Student Supplemental Materials: Stickers



When will this be available?

- The first topic (Shul) should be available in August.
- Other units will be rolled out through the year – with enough time for you to prepare

Costs for this complete package

- **INTRODUCTORY PRICE** for charter members!!!!

Membership <i>Includes:</i> Access to the Network 1 Teacher's Guide per unit 1 Student Papers CD per unit	\$360/ year (\$60/ unit 6 installments)
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Costs for this complete package

- **INTRODUCTORY PRICE** for charter members!!!!
- We have tried to come up with the best pricing breakdown for the Shluchim/os who have small schools and do not need/ cannot afford all the components. Therefore, we have broken down the costs for the different components.

Costs for this complete package

- **INTRODUCTORY PRICE** for charter members!!!!

Class Supplemental Materials <i>Includes:</i> Materials to enhance the learning	~\$30/ unit/ class
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Costs for this complete package

- **INTRODUCTORY PRICE** for charter members!!!!

Student Supplemental Materials <i>Includes:</i> Materials to enhance the learning	~\$3/ unit/ student
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Costs for this complete package

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Additional Teacher's Guide	\$15/ unit
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FAQs about this program

I already taught some of these topics, won't it seem redundant?

- Perhaps. It depends how you taught them. This program comes from the angle of how the Mitzvot make us better people, so it may be from a different angle than was taught in the past.

In addition, the children can build on their previous knowledges and fully appreciate the new nuances of this lesson.

(And besides, honestly, how much do the children remember from year to year?)

---But do contact me so we can determine together if indeed you did cover most of this program already.

If I understood correctly, this program will have a 4 year cycle?

- Yes. The intention is that the program will be taught in a 4 year cycle. That is the topics covered this year will be reintroduced in 4 years. At that point, the school will have a new set of children.
- In 4 years, when this program is used again, there will be some upgrades, based on the feedback we learn through the years.

Will there be Holiday units?

- Not this year. There are some interesting materials on the Hebrew School Website.
- And members of the network can share ideas.

Can this program be used with only one grade?

- Of course! It may not be cost effective – that's up to your individual budget.
- Why are you thinking of using it with only one grade – because you only have a few children? Or because you have another program that you'd like to use for the other grades? If so, understand for yourself why you are choosing to use it for only one grade. This program is designed to be taught to several different age groups.

Can this program be used for younger children?

- We are not developing ideas for the younger set. However, the Teacher's Guides will include background information that can be used as you create your own lessons for the younger students.
- In addition, directors can brainstorm and share ideas on the Network Forum.

Can I be assured that I will receive all units in timely manner?

- IY”H. Many of the units are in various levels of completion. We do anticipate that they will be finished with enough time for you to prepare properly.

Will I need to spend any more money beyond this curriculum package?

- Probably. Firstly, you will need to print the Student Papers, and bind them as you see fit.
- You will also need standard classroom materials, and supplies for craft projects.

How can this work with the other curricula I have used in the past?

- If you are referring to the idea that each grade learns a different curriculum, this is very different. With this program, the entire Upper Division will be learning the same topic (albeit on different levels). It is a new mindset. (See the benefits of a program such as this one of a previous slide) You will have to determine if this type of program will work for you and your school.

How much time will my teachers need to prepare a lesson?

- This program provides the background information on the subject and some sample activities to help the children learn the topic. In addition, many of the supplemental materials necessary for the lesson will be available for purchase. Teachers will not need to photocopy, print, or cut much.
- Our goal is to save your teachers from tedious preparation time.

Important Information

- It is expected that the purchaser buy the entire package and use it only during the school year 2008-09.
- It is expected that the purchaser does not share the purchased materials with any other schools.

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- To purchase or for further questions,
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 - or contact us via email:
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Purchasing the Curriculum

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 1. Fill out the [Application Form](#)
 2. Print, fill out, and fax in the [Membership Agreement](#)
 3. Complete the [Purchase Membership](#) process