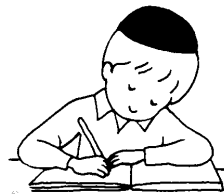


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# CHEDER CHABAD OF MONSEY PRESCHOOL



## PARENT HANDBOOK

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## **CHEDER CHABAD STANDARDS**

Cheder Chabad strives to educate Chassidishe children with proper middos, dedicated to Torah and Mitzvos. This obviously requires a strong partnership between home and school. It is therefore our goal to uphold a respectful and cooperative relationship between both. It is imperative that our children receive a clear and unified message. We trust that the standards and expectations in the home reflect that of a Chabad mosad.

### **PARENT DRESS CODE**

All parents are expected to adhere to the following Halachic standards at all times.

- **Necklines need to cover the collarbone.**
- Sleeves need to be **covering the elbow.**
- Skirts need to **cover the knees at all times.**
- **Stockings or tights need to be worn.** Leggings and socks are not acceptable.
- Married women must have their hair **completely** covered.
- Men must wear *yarmulkas*, a shirt and pants (*No shorts*).

All parents participating in any school function, including carpool, whether on or off Cheder premises, **must be properly dressed according to *Halacha*. Please do not enter Cheder if you do not adhere to the standards outlined above.**

### **VISITOR DRESS CODE**

Friends or relatives who wish to participate in school functions should respectfully comply with our school dress code.

### **KASHRUS**

All food sent to school must have a chassidishe hechsher or an **Ⓚ**. Snacks need to be Pas Yisroel, Bishul Yisroel, and Cholov Yisroel. All drinks, with natural or artificial flavoring must have kosher supervision. Home baked goods may never be shared with classmates.

### **WHATSAPP GROUPS**

Whatsapp groups can be an accessible means for parents to stay updated on happenings and events in your child's classroom. Beyond that, a public WhatsApp group is not the forum to resolve a personal issue or air a grievance. It causes unnecessary loshon hora and damage that could have otherwise been dealt with in an appropriate manner.

## School Contact Information

### Pre-1A Location

Cheder Chabad of Monsey  
25 South Monsey Road  
Airmont, NY 10952

Office Tel: 845-356-1213  
Office Fax: 845-503-2322  
[girls@chedermonsey.org](mailto:girls@chedermonsey.org)

### Early Learning Center Location Pre-Nursery-UPK

Pomona, NY

Office Tel: 845-356-1213

Preschool Director	Mrs. C. Light	1103	<a href="mailto:clight@chedermonsey.org">clight@chedermonsey.org</a>
Secretary	Miss Fischer		<a href="mailto:preschool@chedermonsey.org">preschool@chedermonsey.org</a>
Executive Assistant	Mrs. Roth	2104	<a href="mailto:sroth@chedermonsey.org">sroth@chedermonsey.org</a>
Registrar	Mrs. Mendelowitz	2121	<a href="mailto:tmendlowitz@chedermonsey.org">tmendlowitz@chedermonsey.org</a>

# Procedures

## Preschool hours

Pre-Nursery:

Monday- Thursday: 9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Friday: 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nursery and UPK:

Monday- Thursday: 9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pre-1A:

Monday- Thursday: 9:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Pre-1A Arrival and Dismissal

### **Arrival for Carpool**

School begins at 9:15 a.m. Prompt arrival provides a positive beginning for your child's school day. For parents driving children to school- please drop your children off at school between 9:00 and 9:15 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 9:15 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 9:00 a.m.**

### **Arrival for Bus Riders**

At the beginning of the year an assistant will be waiting outside at the bus arrival location to bring children to their classrooms.

### **Dismissal**

Dismissal for all students begins at 3:45 p.m. The children are escorted to their bus line. If you are picking up your child, please wait in the carpool lane and your child will be waiting at the South Monsey door and will be called out when your car pulls up.

### **Pre1A Dismissal changes**

For any dismissal changes, i.e. your child will be picked up instead of going on the bus, it is imperative you send a clear note with your child for the teacher. Please don't give a verbal message to your child without sending a note to the teacher as that causes a lot of confusion.

The school cannot take responsibility for any last minute carpool changes by phone. **If you have an emergency dismissal change only**, make sure that you call the office as early on in the day as possible.

## **Early Learning Center Arrival and Dismissal**

### **Arrival**

School begins at 9:15 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 by 9:15 a.m. Starting at 9:00 an assistant will be waiting outside the door, to greet your child and to accompany him/her to his/her classroom. **Parents or carpools that arrive late to school (past 9:15 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 9:00 a.m. unless it is prearranged with our early care teacher.**

### **Dismissal**

Dismissal begins at 2:30 for Prenursery and at 2:45 p.m. for Nursery and UPK, and runs until 2:45 p.m. for Prenursery and 3:00 p.m. for Nursery and UPK. Your child will be escorted to your car once you arrive and circle around the building. 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. *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.*

### **Extended Day Option**

We will be providing an extended day option for those who need. It will run from 2:45-4:00 for prenursery and 3:00-4:00 for nursery and UPK. There will be an additional half hour from 4:00-4:30 for those who need for an additional \$3 per day. To participate in the extended day option, ten head checks of \$70 for each month of school will be required in advance. If you will be using the 4:00-4:30 option, the additional fee is \$420 for the year. **The fee for a one time use of the extended day option 3:00-4:00 is \$10 per day.**

Please contact the Assistant Director at [preschool@chedermonsey.org](mailto:preschool@chedermonsey.org) with any questions and to sign up.

### **Dismissal changes**

**When calling during the day to leave change of dismissal information, please do not leave a message on the school office machine. If there is no answer, please email [preschool@chedermonsey.org](mailto:preschool@chedermonsey.org), to ensure that we get the information promptly.**

### **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.

All preschool classes should bring a Ha'etz or 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

**Tuesday is Fleishig lunch. Please do not send in a Milchig snack on Tuesdays.**

### **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 a child with a food allergy 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 send in mini cupcakes. If you wish to bring a drink, please bring grape juice for L'chaim. For everyone's kashrus comfort, home baked goods should 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. Please reach out to your child's teacher to inquire about the classroom wish list.

## 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:

#### Pre-Nursery

- Aleph Bais א-א
- Parsha
- Yomim Tovim
- Chassidische Yomim Tovim
- Niggunim
- Tefilla
- Middos
- Shapes/colors

#### Nursery

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

#### UPK

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

#### Pre1A

- Kriah
- Parsha
- Yomim Tovim
- Chassidische Yomim Tovim
- Niggunim
- Tefilla
- Middos Mentch program
- Alphabet/Handwriting, based on the ReadRight curriculum
- Math, based on the Spots for Math curriculum
- Journal writing using inventive spelling
- Nonfiction text with Graphic Organizers



## Preschool Supply List

### PRE-NURSERY

1	Small backpack
1	pacifier, security item(s) (if needed)
2	spill proof sippy cups
1	blanket
1	crib sheet
2	Packs of wipes (For communal use. We will notify you when we need more.)
1	box of diapers
1	change of clothing (complete weather-appropriate set, labeled)
1	Long sleeve smock-labeled

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

### NURSERY

1	Long sleeved smock-labeled
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	large backpack for projects to send home
2	Jumbo glue sticks
1	Two pocket plastic folder
1	Box of sandwich sized Ziploc bags
1	Box of challah bags
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.

## Preschool Supply List

### UPK

1	Backpack/briefcase large enough to hold a binder
1	Long sleeved smock- labeled
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	Two pocket plastic folders (red, blue)
1	Composition notebook
2	white 1 inch binder- with clear pocket insert
1	Package sheet protectors (25)
3	Jumbo glue sticks
2	Large glue bottles
1	Box of sandwich bags
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	Long sleeved smock- labeled
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
2	boxes of sandwich sized Ziploc bags
4	Jumbo glue sticks
4	Large glue bottles
2	boxes of challah bags
2	Two pocket plastic folders (red, 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.

## Uniform

At Cheder Chabad Preschool, we use a hands on and multi-sensory approach to learning, and therefore messes do occur in the process. Please send easily washable clothing so that your child can fully enjoy his/her day in school.

We enjoy spending time outdoors on a daily basis with the exception of rain/below 30 degree weather. Please make sure to send your child dressed accordingly. Please label all winter gear.

<b>PRE 1A GIRLS</b>	<b>PRE 1A BOYS</b>
Navy jumper	Tallis katan and yarmulka
White or hunter green button down blouse or long sleeved polo shirt with collar (no t-shirts)	White or light blue button down shirt or polo shirt (no t-shirts)
School uniform sweater with logo *	White button down shirt for Rosh Chodesh and Chassidische Yamim Tovim
White button down blouse/polo for Rosh Chodesh and Chassidische Yamim Tovim	Navy blue or black pants (no large pockets)
Solid colored tights	Solid colored shoes or sneakers (no lights, crocs or sandals)
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<b>PRE NURSERY, NURSERY &amp; UPK</b>	
<p><b>Pre-Nursery, Nursery and UPK</b> do not have an official school uniform. Please ensure your child's clothing reflects the Cheder Chabad tznius standards.</p> <p><b>For Nursery and UPK – All girls must wear tights and have covered elbows and knees at all times.</b> All students must wear closed toes shoes (no crocs or sandals).</p>	

### **Pre1a uniform sweater:**

\*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. To find our school enter in **900120700** in the preferred school number box.

## 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. Any Pre-1A child who bites another child will have his parent called and he will have to be picked up for the remainder of the day.

## **Toilet Training**

### **Pre-Nursery:**

In the Pre-Nursery classes, teachers can help facilitate a child's toilet training. However, if a child has continuous accidents, it may result in the use of a diaper or pull up.

### **Nursery:**

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.

**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.**