



Dear Ohr Chadash Families,

August 2017

This past year has been another outstanding year for the Ohr Chadash Religious School! The dedicated Ohr Chadash Teaching staff, School Board and Rabbis now includes our new Director of Education and Engagement, Jeffrey Kelman. Everyone has worked tirelessly over the summer to re-create a stimulating and enriching Jewish education program. Ohr Chadash is a Sunday morning Jewish school with supplemental holiday, Shabbat and experiential programming that is dedicated to providing a warm, enjoyable and nurturing atmosphere.

All classes and grades will meet on Sundays from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Each grade level will be divided into four major areas of study with age appropriate materials to include History, Holidays, Tanach (Bible), and Hebrew. In addition to the Sunday classes we now offer a new and exciting component to your child's Jewish Education; Experiential Synagogue Programming. Throughout the year, a Mashpiah (Leader) in coordination with each partner Synagogue and Rabbi will be complementing your student's total Jewish education with activities to enhance knowledge of Shabbat, holidays, customs and traditions. This will be a vital supplement, individualized and unique, to the traditional religious school education. It will also be fun!

Please note that we are very proud of the many accomplishments of our students during this past year and look forward to building on these achievements in the coming year. We continue to be recognized as a United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism **Framework for Excellence School**.

From its inception, Ohr Chadash has significantly expanded its enrichment programming, adding educational activities, holiday celebrations, Hebrew reading programs, formalized Mitzvah projects, and coordinated field trips. All of these extras have been well received by the students and their families as they help assist in augmenting a comprehensive Jewish education.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to be a part of the Ohr Chadash family. Our Parent Handbook, Calendar and Registration Form is attached with complete instructions on how to enroll. Handbooks, curriculum and detailed school information may also be found on our web site [www.ohrchadashqueens.org](http://www.ohrchadashqueens.org), or you may contact any of the three synagogues or our Education Director for further information. **PLEASE NOTE THAT CLASSES WILL BEGIN FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 AT ICCJ (ISRAEL CENTER FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM). IN JANUARY 2018 WE WILL MOVE TO HJC (HILLCREST JEWISH CENTER) FOR OUR SECOND SEMESTER.**

Finally, there will be an Open House on August 24<sup>th</sup> at ICCJ where you will be able to visit with our new Education Director, Rabbis and staff. Please join us and hear firsthand about our exciting new vision for Ohr Chadash. Refreshments will be served. We will also be available to assist you in registering for the upcoming school year. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our school, this is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the new vision for Ohr Chadash.

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Hollis Hills Jewish Center 718-776-3500  
Israel Center of Conservative Judaism 718-591-5353  
Education Director 914-714-1257

We hope all of our Ohr Chadash Families enjoyed their summer and we look forward to seeing you in August & September!

Shalom,

*Limor Brantz,*

Chair, Ohr Chadash School Board