

# RECEPTION - YEAR 2

## HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS

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## Introduction

Our objective for Cheder education for our youngest years is to introduce students to the basics of Jewish life - learning about the Jewish Festivals, exploring Jewish home and synagogue practices, engaging with popular biblical stories and picking up some Hebrew terminology. The children will enjoy age-appropriate children's books and expressing their creativity through arts and crafts.

## Term Overview

Classes will be held on Saturday morning during term time. In general, the morning will start with a short cheder assembly at 10am in the Osorio Hall - parents are warmly invited to attend alongside their children. To accommodate our youngest children, we break up the morning into shorter segments, interspersing Jewish studies & Hebrew learning. We ask that parents stay in or around the synagogue during class time until we can confirm that the children have fully settled in.

## Term Dates

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Sat 13 Sep '25	Sat 10 Jan '26	Sat 18 Apr '26
Sat 20 Sep '25	Sat 17 Jan '26	Sat 25 Apr '26
Sat 27 Sep '25	Sat 24 Jan '26	Sat 02 May '26
Sat 04 Oct '25	Sat 31 Jan '26	Sat 09 May '26
Sat 11 Oct '25	Sat 07 Feb '26	Sat 16 May '26
Sat 08 Nov '25	Sat 28 Feb '26	Sat 06 Jun '26
Sat 15 Nov '25	Sat 07 Mar '26	Sat 13 Jun '26
Sat 22 Nov '25	Sat 14 Mar '26	Sat 20 Jun '26
Sat 29 Nov '25	Sat 21 Mar '26	Sat 27 Jun '26
Sat 06 Dec '25		Sat 04 Jul '26
Sat 13 Dec '25		

## Jewish Studies Curriculum

We supply our teachers with a detailed curriculum for each lesson - parents are welcome to contact Rabbi Lea to receive a copy of the lesson plans. In this handbook, we are just sharing the topic of each lesson to allow parents to engage with their children about what they have learnt. You will also see what books the children will be reading in class.

## Autumn Term

Sat 13 Sep '25	Welcome to Cheder (Book: Sammy Spider's First Day of School, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 20 Sep '25	Let's Discover Fall Holidays: Rosh Hashana
Sat 27 Sep '25	Let's Discover Fall Holidays: Yom Kippur
Sat 04 Oct '25	Let's Discover Fall Holidays: Sukkot
Sat 11 Oct '25	Let's Discover Fall Holidays: Simchat Torah
Sat 08 Nov '25	Let's Discover Fall Holidays: The story of Shabbat
Sat 15 Nov '25	Let's Discover Kindness: Kindness
Sat 22 Nov '25	Let's Discover Kindness: Empathy
Sat 29 Nov '25	Let's Discover Kindness: Kindness to Yourself
Sat 06 Dec '25	Let's Discover Fall Holidays: The Story of Hanukkah
Sat 13 Dec '25	Let's Discover Fall Holidays: Celebrating Hanukkah

## Spring Term

Sat 10 Jan '26	Let's Discover Spring Holidays: Celebrating Shabbat
Sat 17 Jan '26	Let's Discover Kindness: Gratitude
Sat 24 Jan '26	Let's Discover Fall Holidays: The Jewish Holidays
Sat 31 Jan '26	Let's Discover Spring Holidays: Tu BiShevat
Sat 07 Feb '26	Let's Discover Spring Holidays: The Story of Purim
Sat 28 Feb '26	Let's Discover Spring Holidays: Celebrating Purim
Sat 07 Mar '26	Let's Discover Kindness: Respect
Sat 14 Mar '26	Let's Discover Spring Holidays: The Story of Passover
Sat 21 Mar '26	Let's Discover Spring Holidays: Celebrating Passover

## Summer Term

Sat 18 Apr '26	Let's Discover Spring Holidays: Yom Ha'atzma'ut
Sat 25 Apr '26	Let's Discover Kindness: Acceptance
Sat 02 May '26	Let's Discover Kindness: Forgiveness
Sat 09 May '26	Let's Discover Kindness: A Kinder World
Sat 16 May '26	Let's Discover Spring Holidays: Shavuot, Shavuot celebration
Sat 06 Jun '26	Let's Discover Shabbat: Welcoming Shabbat
Sat 13 Jun '26	Let's Discover Shabbat: A Holy Day
Sat 20 Jun '26	Let's Discover Shabbat: Saying Thank You
Sat 27 Jun '26	Let's Discover Shabbat: Saying Good-bye
Sat 04 Jul '26	Fun Day