



CJL ARLINGTON-
BELMONT

Parent Handbook

Dear Parents,

Our aim is to provide your children with more than just a place to spend their afternoons – we want to create an enriching, safe, and memorable Jewish experience for them.

At SPARKS, we recognize that each child is unique, and our program reflects this by focusing on individualized care. Our dedicated staff is eager to build meaningful connections with your child and provide them with opportunities for social, emotional, and cultural growth.

What sets our program apart is our commitment to infusing everyday activities with elements of Jewish identity. Through engaging projects, arts and crafts, songs, and stories, we aim to make Judaism come alive in a fun and interactive way.

Safety is our top priority, and every decision is made with this in mind. We've carefully designed our procedures and policies to ensure the well-being of every child in our care.

Please review our handbook to familiarize yourself with our program details. Should you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We're excited to embark on this journey with your family, and we look forward to creating lasting memories with your child at the SPARKS !

**Sincerely,
Rabbi Avi and Luna**

POLICIES

SAFETY & SECURITY

At SPARKS, your child's safety is our first priority. Our campus will be enclosed with a fence and the doors to the building will remain locked with limited access. Attendance will be taken and every child will be accounted for. Please contact us in advance if you anticipate your child being late. Children will be under the staffs' supervision at all times.

Our staff are briefed by our security team here at Chabad, whom are in constant contact with us as well as the local police department to be aware of the latest necessary measures and updates.

If your child is not feeling well, we ask that you refrain from bringing them until they are feeling better.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO SPARKS

1. Cell phones & Electronics

Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted to be used during SPARKS hours. We ask that you please do not send your child with a cell phone. Cell phones tend to distract from group activities and damper the spirit. If your child needs access to a phone or other device during After School hours, please talk to them about leaving it in their bag during the lessons.

2. Valuables

SPARKS cannot take responsibility for toys, jewelry, sports equipment, or other valuables that are lost or broken during our hours.

3. Dangerous items

Dangerous items, including (but not limited to) glass and sharp or hazardous objects are not permitted on campus and will be confiscated.

4. Food & Snacks

Ckids Afterschool is a strictly kosher facility. We ask you not to bring your own food and snacks. Snacks will be provided during the classes.

POLICIES

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against any form of it.

Our SPARKS philosophy is based on our mission statement which ensures that every child has the opportunity to experience an after school program in a safe and fun environment. We work together as a team to ensure that children gain self-confidence, make new friends, and go home with great memories.

Our leadership addresses all incidents of bullying seriously and our staff are trained to promote communication so both staff and children will be comfortable alerting us of any problems during their after school experience. Every child has the right to expect to have the best possible experience, and by working together as a team to identify and manage bullying, we can help ensure that all children and staff have a great year at SPARKS.

LOST & FOUND

We encourage you to mark items your child brings with his/her name. Shirts, backpacks, etc. can seem identical and individual items are difficult to identify without a label. Please contact us regarding specific items and we'll do our best to help you locate them.

GENERAL ITINERARY

SPARKS aims to ensure every child receives a Jewish education in a meaningful and engaging way. The schedule is packed with fun games, group activities, and learning. We offer different classes. Classes include, Hebrew High, Hebrew School, Conversational Hebrew Language, and Art classes.

SPARKS is catered towards children ages 5-18 years old.

Hebrew Masters

MONDAY

Conversational Hebrew with Morah Angela

3:30pm - 4:45pm

3:30 - 3:35: Students Arrive/snack

3:35 - 4:15 Conversational Hebrew

4:15 - 4:20: Break

4:20- 4:45: Conversational Hebrew or Hebrew reading/writing practice

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SPARKS HEBREW SCHOOL: THURSDAY

SPARKS Hebrew runs for two hours each Thursday.

3:30pm - 5:30pm

3:30: Welcome & Prayers

3:50: Snack

4:00: Jewish Curriculum

4:40: Recess Break

4:50: Hebrew Reading/writing Instruction

5:25: Clean up/Dismissal

SPARKS Hebrew High: SUNDAY

SPARKS Hebrew High runs for two hours each Sunday. The Students will engage in monthly outings or a fun activity.

6:00pm - 7:30pm

6:00: Students Arrive

6:05: Prayer/Curriculum

6:15: Hebrew option

6:30: Snack Break & Recess

6:50: Jewish Curriculum

7:30: Dismissal