



September 20, 2016  
17 Elul 5776

Dear Hillel Choir parents,

First of all, thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to work with your child. It is an exciting time to be part of the Hillel Choir! We are so excited to showcase your child’s talent, and we trust that he or she will have some wonderful experiences as part of the choir that will always be remembered. Included in this letter is some important information that will help you prepare for future choir events.

**ATTIRE FOR PERFORMANCES:** Students are required to wear the white Hillel uniform shirt with the Hillel logo for all performances. Students also need to wear plain blue pants or skirts, black socks or tights, and black shoes. A white long-sleeved shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt. We appreciate your help in making sure your child has the proper clothing for choir.

**REQUIRED SUPPLIES:** Students are required to bring a 1-inch plain black binder to every rehearsal and performance. This will be used to hold their sheet music during rehearsals and performances. Names must be labeled on the inside of the binders to maintain uniformity on stage. The binders will be taken home so that the students can practice their music during the week, but they must bring them to school on Fridays and to all performances.

**ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOR:** Rehearsals are every Friday from 10:15-11:00am. Students are expected to attend every rehearsal and performance. Our choir represents Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy. To maintain the high standards and exemplary reputation of the Hillel Choir, all choristers must show proper respect and *midot tovot* at all times. If students come to the scheduled rehearsal every Friday, has a positive attitude, and attends each performance, they are going to be wonderful assets to the Hillel Choir. We do not expect the students to come into class knowing how to sing perfectly; we will learn together. Each student is an individual with his or her own level of skill. We do our best to meet students at their level, and help them improve and meet their potential. Our philosophy is that music should be fun and will motivate them to want to work hard and do well. It is also our hope that they will be able to take the skills they have learned in the Hillel Choir and apply those skills to other areas of their life. Learning to work as part of the “team,” having a great attitude, working hard, setting goals and accomplishing those goals are just some of the important skills that we hope your child will take away from the Hillel Choir.

**PERFORMANCES AND TRANSPORTATION:** The Hillel website will be updated with the performance schedule as often as possible. Most performances will occur in school during scheduled assemblies. For performances outside of school, we ask that parents use their volunteer hours to carpool students to and from performances, as well as help with supervision.

Once again, we appreciate the opportunity to work with your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Please sign the attached form and return to Morah Simon on Friday, September 23.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Simon  
Choir Director  
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**I have read the Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy Choir guidelines and expectations, and I agree to the guidelines and expectations set forth in this letter.**

**I understand that violation of these guidelines and expectations may result in removal from choir.**

**Chorister Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chorister signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:**

**Parent Name:** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:**