

Kol Sasson Babysitting Policy and Programs

OUR PROGRAMS

We offer 3 child care programs in 3 separate rooms. Snacks are provided in each classroom. The age guidelines are suggestions only. Parents, after consultation with the sitters and the VP children's programming, may place their children where they think most appropriate.

- For **Tot Shabbat**, available to children ages infant to pre K from 10-11:30, children are supervised by experienced teens, and parent volunteers lead a program from 10:45 – 11:30.
- **Yeladim** is designed for children from Kindergarten through 3rd grade, and it features songs, games, tefillah and parsha study led by experienced high school students from 10- 11:30 a.m.
- **Junior Congregation**, or **No'ar**, is designed for children ages 8 until bnei mitzvah age. The program runs from 10:15-11:15, and includes tefillah, a d'var torah, and fun.

We are gratified by your warm response to our children's programs. In order to continue our high quality programming, we ask that all parents work together with our sitters to create a safe environment. As more children are joining us, it is important to develop some general policies that will help us continue to provide fun, caring, and educational programs for our children.

Our programs exist so that parents can daven without interruption or worry. Also, our caretakers will occasionally require a parent's assistance. Accordingly, we require that a parent be in the building at all times.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

We have developed the following rules to enable our sitters and junior educators to safely provide care for all of the children joining us:

- A parent must be in the building during the time his/her child is in a program.
- If a child is disrupting a classroom, the teacher will talk directly with the child (if above age 6) or with the parent (if age 5 or under) and explain that the behavior cannot continue.
- If the child continues to be disruptive, the parent can either stay with the child in the class until its end, or bring the child with them to the adult service.
- If children are not in a program, they should be with their parents in the service.
- Babysitters cannot let children under 6 years old leave a program unattended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Our goal is to create a fun, meaningful, and memorable atmosphere for your children. Please help us - if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Rochelle Katz (ruchelaya@yahoo.com) or Jessica Kaz Hoffman (kazhoffman@gmail.com).
- We welcome volunteers to help purchase snacks.

- We welcome volunteers to help run the Tot Shabbat program.