

GENERAL INFORMATION



SCHOOL HOURS

Early care begins at 7:15 am

The school day begins at 9:15 am

The morning program ends at noon

Lunch care from noon until 1 pm

Afternoon Enrichment classes are from 1:00 pm until 3:15 pm

Late care ends at 6 pm Monday through Thursday and 5 pm on Friday

We cater to the needs of all families with year-round programming and both full and part time hours available. Please ask for a price list and schedule for more information.

SYNAGOGUE INFORMATION

For **membership** information, please call Fred Poritsky, Executive Director 215-322-9595 or fporitsky@ohev.org

For **Religious School** (Grades K-12) information, please call Rabbi Daniel Aronson, Director of Congregational Learning at 215-322-9597 or daronson@ohev.org

What makes us unique?

- * Hebrew Language instruction beginning at age 3
- * Shabbat with Cantor Paul Frimark and Rabbi Elliott Perlstein on Fridays
- * Friday evening Mishpacha Shabbat services and dinner for young families
- * "Wonderful Wednesdays" monthly programs (magicians, puppet shows, animal shows etc.)
- * Mad Science workshops offered monthly
- * "Mommy and Me" and "Tot Shabbat" Programs
- * Music with Cantor Paul Frimark every Wednesday as well as additional weekly music programs
- * Regularly scheduled story time and book borrowing at the Bennett Zion Feld Memorial Library (here at Ohev)
- * After-school clubs that cater to the interests of the children including Power Fit Kids gym class, art and drama
- * Modern playground and large outdoor play space
- * Active P.T.O. and Parent Committee
- * Strong family involvement
- * Our teachers are: educated, nurturing, supportive, loving, and creative.



Rabbi Elliott N. Perlstein

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OHEV SHALOM OF BUCKS COUNTY

Early Education Center



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Our School Philosophy

Ohev Shalom Early Education Center is more than just a synagogue pre-school program. Our program emphasizes the development of the whole child from birth to school age. Children learn through exploration and we guide them in discovering and investigating the world around them. With developmentally appropriate hands-on activities, we cater to the five senses and nurture a child's expressive, communicative and cognitive growth.

Our curriculum centers on Jewish holidays, ethics and values through the teaching of *brachot* (blessings), *t'fillot* (prayers), Judaic customs, music and Shabbat. We have a unique Shabbat unit for every age level that culminates in a Shabbat *mishpacha* (family) service and dinner. Complementing our curriculum, the Ohev Shalom Synagogue community also provides specific programming geared toward young families and children.

In addition to our Judaic curriculum, each age level focuses on topics of study that are relevant to the lives of our children. Our teaching staff incorporates literacy, science, social studies, mathematics and the arts into the everyday culture of the school. All of our levels teach to the Pennsylvania State Standards in unique and creative ways.

Our staff at Ohev Shalom is extraordinary. With a dedicated and experienced faculty and small class sizes, our teachers and families identify themselves as a community. Our teachers encourage socialization and emotional development as lifelong friendships are formed.



Our Programs

Infant Center

Our state-of-the-art infant center is open to babies from 3 months until 18 months old. Our loving attentive staff (1 adult to 3 babies) will nurture your children in a safe and secure environment. The 2-room facility accommodates individual routines so babies can nap, eat and play on their own schedule.



Young Toddlers (18 months)

Our young toddler class offers a warm nurturing center where your toddlers can begin to develop a sense of independence, creativity and age-appropriate social skills. They are introduced to art, music and movement that will help them as they move through the school years.

Toddlers (2-3 years old)

In the older toddler classes, the children begin to gain more independence through activities and group projects. They focus on self-help skills, including bathroom skills, cleaning up, and caring for their own belongings. The emergence of their social skills in relation to their peers prepares the children for their future school years. The children begin to explore the world around them through the colors of the rainbow.

Pre-School (3-4 years old)

Our pre-school classes follow an egocentric curriculum. The children begin to learn 'All About Me,' families, friends and their local world. The children continue to learn about books, with author studies and books of the week, and learn to develop a love of reading that will sustain them for the future. The emergence of improved social and emotional skills helps the children as they learn cooperation and empathy for their peers and others.

Pre-K (4-5 years old)

In our Pre-K program we prepare children for the transition to kindergarten by providing a language-rich literacy-based classroom experience. With the use of hands-on math experiences, science and social studies, the children engage in an approach to learning that will prepare them for their future school experiences.

Kindergarten

Our kindergarten program is a state-certified alternative to public school for those families looking for improved student/teacher ratios, more creativity and a strong Judaic curriculum. The curriculum meets or exceeds all state standards. Children must be 5 years old prior to September 1. Our program is 5 full days from 9:15-3:15 and transportation is available.

Kindergarten Enrichment

The kindergarten enrichment program is for those students attending a half day public school kindergarten program. This class integrates Jewish studies with hands-on secular activities emphasizing the arts. Our program is available 3, 4 or 5 half days a week, mornings or afternoons.

Machaneh Ohev Shalom Summer Program

Our summer program is open to all children up to age 5. The summer session includes water play, sports, arts & crafts, music and more. Each week will have a unique theme and its own special event. Camp is available full or part time, full or half summer.

