

Good Beginnings

Last A Lifetime



SHIR AMI
Many voices. One song.

**Early
Learning
Center**

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Early Learning Center Administration

Barbara Cohen	Director
Judy Friedman	Assistant Director
Lisa Tenenbaum	Administrative Assistant
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Sue Morris	Office Assistant

Office Information

Preschool Office located off of the Education Lobby
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Professional Leadership

Elliot Strom	Rabbi
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Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a fun and safe environment that promotes the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of each child. Our nurturing and experienced staff convey to each child a strong feeling of self-worth, a love of learning and an appreciation of our Jewish heritage.

Children who are feeling happy and comfortable and safe and secure are able to feel curious and interested and focused. *Dr. Megan Gunnar*

Our Goals

- To encourage and guide the growth of social skills with peers and adults.
- To help the child develop at his/her own pace.
- To help the child develop a positive self-image by communicating our respect for each child's uniqueness and importance to us and his peers in the pre school setting and community.
- To provide an environment which will serve as a foundation of concrete Jewish experience.
- To teach responsibility and respect for the world around us.



Skills

The most important skills our children will need to thrive in the future are:

- Knowing how to learn—the ability to absorb new information, teach oneself new skills, and learn new ways of doing old things
- Passion and curiosity—always an advantage, these characteristics will be more so in a world where there's so much information and opportunity to learn
- People skills— empathy, interacting, being part of a team, building strong positive relationships with others
- Creativity—tackling new challenges, solving interesting problems, synthesizing the big picture

These skills emerge and develop in the early years of life.

Anne Mitchell—National Association of the Education of Young Children President

School readiness and school success are dependent on intellectual competence and emotional and social health. They are not separate in any given child. *Dr. Jack P. Shonkoff*

Staff

Each class is staffed by a teacher and an assistant teacher. Our low child/staff ratio allows us to individualize the program to meet the needs of all the children. Continuing education courses and workshops keep the staff apprised of relevant changes in the field of early childhood education. As a result, the staff is always expanding their base of knowledge and passing it on to the children they teach. Our clergy and our activity specialists complete our team.

Family Involvement

Family involvement is a vital part of the early childhood experience. We believe that the needs of the children are best served when the school and the family work together. We encourage you to become involved in your child's life at Shir Ami. One way is to involve yourself in our active parent committee. Whether it is helping out with a fundraising event, attending committee meetings, serving as classroom parent, or worshipping with your children at our Tot Shabbatot, your participation is always welcome.

Communication is key to success for your child. Our teachers encourage you to contact them if you have a question or concern. The Administrative Staff is also available and welcome your input.

Facility

Classrooms at Shir Ami are bright, comfortable and well equipped with the latest in educational materials. The Auditorium is used for our creative gym and our worship spaces are used for Shabbat programs and other special performances. We are very proud of our large, very well equipped playground. All of the equipment was as a result of the outstanding fundraising efforts of the parent committee.

Security

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, the doors to our synagogue building are kept locked. We have a buzzer/ audio system that allows us to speak to people at the doors without opening them, and video access that allows us to constantly monitor the school hallways and the preschool and administrative entrances. In addition, each family receives a key fob which serves as a source of identification and allows entry into the building.

Licensing

Shir Ami Early Learning Center is licensed by the Dept. of Public Welfare, as well as the Dept. of Private Academic Schools, Dept. of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for our full day Kindergarten Program.

Shir Ami Early Learning Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, or gender.

Insurance

Shir Ami Early Learning Center carries accident insurance on all students. For more information contact Hilary Leboff, Temple Administrator at 215-968-3400.



Shir Ami Early Learning Center
is governed by the Board of Directors of
Shir Ami-Bucks County Jewish Congregation.

Schedule + Tuition 2011-12

Toddler Time

Fall/Winter semester	15 Tues. or Thurs.
Winter/Spring semester	15 Tues. or Thurs.
Member Tuition \$100	Non Member \$200

Bright Beginnings (ages 12 months through 23 months) 12 months by September 1st, 2011

2 days.	9:30 - 12:00
Member Tuition \$2060	Non Member Tuition \$2440

(additional hour same class)	9:30 - 1:00
Member Tuition \$2550	Non Member Tuition \$3030

3 days	9:30 - 12:00
Member Tuition \$2710	Non Member Tuition \$3230

(additional hour same class)	9:30 - 1:00
Member Tuition \$3440	Non Member Tuition \$4140

4 days	9:30 - 12:00
Member Tuition \$3030	Non Member Tuition \$3640

(additional hour same class)	9:30 - 1:00
Member Tuition \$3970	Non Member Tuition \$4810

5 days	9:30 - 12:00
Member Tuition \$3310	Non Member Tuition \$3990

(additional hour same class)	9:30 - 1:00
Member Tuition \$4460	Non Member Tuition \$5310



2 Year Olds

2 days

9:30 - 12:00

Member Tuition \$1980

Non Member Tuition \$2350

(additional hour same class)

9:30 - 1:00

Member Tuition \$2450

Non Member Tuition \$2920

3 days Mon., Wed., Fri.

9:30 - 12:00

Member Tuition \$2620

Non Member Tuition \$3120

(additional hour same class)

9:30 - 1:00

Member Tuition \$3320

Non Member Tuition \$3990

4 days

9:30 - 12:00

Member Tuition \$2910

Non Member Tuition \$3530

(additional hour same class)

9:30 - 1:00

Member Tuition \$3830

Non Member Tuition \$4640

5 days

9:30 - 12:00

Member Tuition \$3190

Non Member Tuition \$3850

(additional hour same class)

9:30 - 1:00

Member Tuition \$4290

Non Member Tuition \$5110

* Alternate 3 days may be available if the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule does not meet your needs.

3 Year Olds

3 days Mon., Wed. and Fri. 9:15 - 12:15
Member Tuition \$2620 Non Member Tuition \$3210

3 days Mon., Wed. and Fri. 9:15 - 2:15
Member Tuition \$3660 Non Member Tuition \$4530

4 days 9:15 - 2:15
Member Tuition \$4565 Non Member Tuition \$5570

5 days Mon., Wed. and Fri. 9:15 - 2:15
Tues. and Thurs. 9:15 - 12:15
Member Tuition \$4580 Non Member Tuition \$5610

5 days 9:15 - 2:15
Member Tuition \$5030 Non Member Tuition \$6170

Pre-K

5 days 9:15 - 12:15
Member Tuition \$3660 Non Member Tuition \$4530

5 days Mon., Wed. and Fri. 9:15 - 2:15
Tues. and Thurs. 9:15 - 12:15
Member Tuition \$4580 Non Member Tuition \$5610

5 days 9:15 - 2:15
Member Tuition \$5030 Non Member Tuition \$6170

Kindergarten: What A Difference Full Day Kindergarten At Shir Ami Makes!

5 days 9:00-3:00
Member Tuition \$6050 Non Member Tuition \$7100



Registration Information

Shir Ami Members

For congregants (parent(s)/guardian), there is a discounted non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee of \$75 per child.

Shir Ami Non-Members

Each application must be accompanied by a non-refundable, non-transferable \$175 registration fee.

- All applications must be accompanied by the appropriate registration fee in order to begin the enrollment process.
- For each additional sibling enrolled in the Early Learning Center a \$100 discount will be credited to your total tuition. (Toddler Time not included)

After School Activities

Art

In our developmental art program, the children develop the self esteem that comes with accomplishments, the imagination that comes with experimentation, and the motor control that comes with practice.

2 Sessions: 14 weeks each session

Days: Monday and Wednesdays

Time: 2:15 to 3:15

Age Groups: 3's and Pre K

*2 classes each day -a separate class for children in the 3's and a separate class for Pre K children

Soccer

This age appropriate program is designed to develop soccer skills, teamwork, sharing, communication, and character.

2 Sessions: 14 weeks each session

Day: Tuesday

Time: 2:15—3:00

Age group: 3's and Pre K

Cooking

The class is designed to enhance small motor development, pre-reading, pre-math skills, and healthy food choices.

There's lots of fun too!!

2 Sessions: 14 weeks each session

Day: Thursday

Time: 2:15-3:15

Age group: Pre K

Kids' Music Round—Sing, Stretch and Shake

The class is designed to encourage your child's musical and intellectual growth in a lively, yet relaxed environment.

2 sessions: 10 weeks each session

Day: Friday

Time: 2:15-3:15

Age groups: 3's and Pre K

Playcare

Tailor Playcare to meet your individual schedule!!

Hours 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

3 OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Option 1 Full Child Care Fee

- Fee includes class tuition, before and after class hours and days when school is closed and Playcare is open.

Option 2 Before And After Class Extended Care Fee

- Follows class calendar only
- Design your own child care with this mix and match option. Choosing as many days as you need in any one or more of the time slots will give you the customization that fits your lifestyle.
- You can make a yearly reservation for any day or days you would like during the week. You can also use Playcare for just morning hours, afternoon hours or both. (Days must remain consistent)
- For your convenience, you can choose to extend the calendar by adding days when school is closed and Playcare is open for an additional fee.
- Your child must be enrolled in a class on the day or days you intend to use any of Playcare services (with the exception of days when school is closed and Playcare is open)

Fee Information For Option 2

- Fee will be greatly reduced from the drop-in fee.
- Fee is for the block of time you reserved regardless of the actual time used in any one given day or your child's attendance.

Option 3 Drop-In Reservation

- Follows class calendar only
- Fee: \$8.00 per hour -A drop—in reservation is on an as need basis if there is availability. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Option 3 will be billed after each use.
- For your convenience, you can choose to extend the calendar by adding days when school is closed and Playcare is open for an additional fee.

Option 1

Bright Beginnings 12 months through 23

Days	Member	Non-member
5 Days	\$995/month	\$1100/month
4 Days	\$925/month	\$1000/month
3 Days	\$825/month	\$910/month
2 Days	\$625/month	\$690/month

2's

Days	Member	Non-member
5 Days	\$950/month	\$1055/month
4 Days	\$890/month	\$965/month
3 Days	\$795/month	\$880/month
2 Days	\$600/month	\$665/month

3's

Days	Member	Non-member
5 Days	\$880/month	\$1010/month
4 Days	\$800/month	\$910/month
3 Days for 3's only enrolled in Mon. Wed. Fri	\$740/month	\$840/month

Pre K and Kindergarten

Days	Member	Non-member
5 Days	\$880/month	\$1010/month

- 10 mos. Calendar - to be determined early Spring.
- 10 monthly payments beginning July 1st, 2011

Option 2

The fees below represent the total \$ amount for the school's calendar year

A.M. Only	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Bright Beginnings	\$495	\$945	\$1290	\$1660	\$1970
2's	\$465	\$900	\$1230	\$1585	\$1880
3's & Pre K	\$385	\$745	\$1010	\$1170	\$1370
Kindergarten	\$305	\$565	\$765	\$970	\$1210
Until 4:30 P.M.	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Bright Beginnings	\$685	\$1320	\$1810	\$2340	\$2760
2's	\$655	\$1255	\$1720	\$2235	\$2635
3's & Pre K	\$535	\$1025	\$1390	\$1610	\$2005
Kindergarten	\$230	\$430	\$575	\$730	\$905
Until 6 P.M.	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Bright Beginnings	\$985	\$1890	\$2575	\$3320	\$3945
2's	\$940	\$1800	\$2460	\$3170	\$3765
3's & Pre K	\$645	\$1235	\$1680	\$1935	\$2270
Kindergarten	\$450	\$850	\$1145	\$1460	\$1820

You may add any of the days that Playcare is open and school is closed for an additional fee of \$30 for any time from 7:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. or \$50 for any time from 7:00 A.M. until 6:00 P. M.

Calculation Tool For Option 2
Example

Class Tuition	A.M.	4:30 P.M.	6:00 P.M.	Additional days
Class selected <u>3 day 3's 2:15</u>	# of days <u>3</u>	# of days <u>2</u>	# of days	# of days <u>0</u>
\$3660 member tuition	\$1010	\$1025	\$	\$

Total yearly fee = \$5695

Your Calculation tool

Class Tuition	A.M.	4:30 P.M.	6:00 P.M.	Additional days
Class selected _____	# of days ____	# of days ____	# of days ____	# of days ____
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

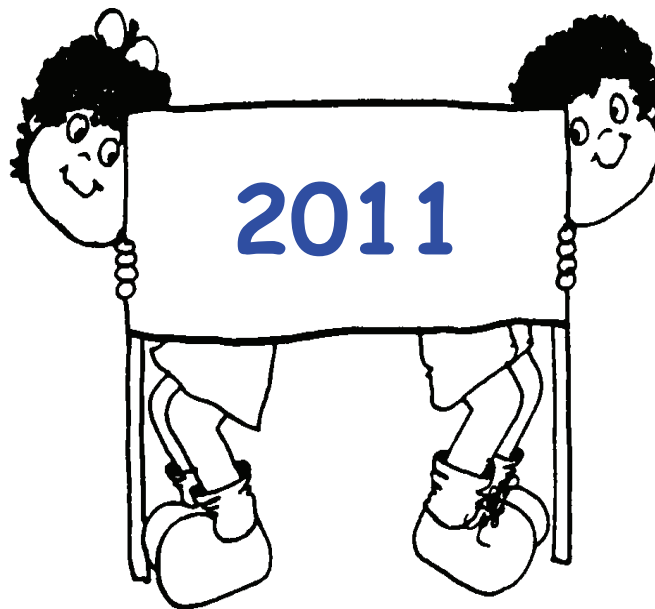
Total yearly fee = \$_____



Camp Katan

Where Young Children
Is Our Name


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Camp Philosophy

Camp Katan promises a summer of exciting activities for young campers through age 5. Children have the opportunity to explore and interact in a positive and safe environment. Age appropriate activities that promote self esteem, independence, and competency are goals of the summer camp experience.

Staff

Shir Ami and Camp Katan take pride in our camp staff. Our counselors are adults who have training and experience working with young children. There is one head counselor and one assistant counselor assigned to each group. This keeps our staff-child ratio small.

Activities

Water Play

Sprinklers and water activities are designed to maximize safety and fun.

Arts And Crafts

Campers will create a variety of age appropriate craft projects that encourage small motor coordination and imagination. Art media will include paint, playdough, markers, glue, crayons, collage and other free-form art materials.

Science and Judaic

Science projects and a variety of Jewish experiences are included in our activities.

Additional Activities

Snack time	Creative movement
Cooking	Science
Outdoor play	Drama
Jewish programs	Music
Entertainment	Games

Camp Sessions and Times

Camp Katan is happy to offer a wide selection of choices
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 week sessions are available.

Days: 2, 3 or 5 days

Age Groups:

SEEDLINGS

(Young Tots)

Time: 9:15-12:00 or 1:00 p.m.

BLOOMERS

(3, 4, AND 5 year old camp)

Age 3 by this coming August 31st

Time: 9:00—2:00 p.m.

Bunks are divided by age

Registration

A \$125 NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE registration fee is required to reserve a place for your child. \$100 of this is a processing fee. The remaining \$25 is applied toward the Camp Katan fee. For Shir Ami congregants the entire \$125 is applied towards the camp fee. There is a \$25 second child discount that will be deducted from your bill if the children attend 4 or more weeks .

Payments

Payment in full is due by May 31st. Camp enrollments received after May 31st must be paid in full. Once camp has started, no refunds will be made for early withdrawal or any interruptions such as illness or family vacations nor can additional days be substituted for days missed. Camp Katan reserves the right to dismiss a child if it becomes necessary after consulting with the counselor and the parent (in which case the unused portion of the fee will be returned).



Camp Katan is under the auspices of Shir Ami Early Learning Center and is governed by the Board of Directors of Shir Ami - Bucks County Jewish Congregation.

Camp Weeks and Fees

Camp Dates

Full 7 weeks June 27th-August 12th

Seedlings 9:15 a.m.—12:00 or 1:00 p.m.

Weeks	2 days		3 days		5 days	
2	12:00	\$145	12:00	\$210	12:00	\$305
	1:00	\$195	1:00	\$290	1:00	\$415
3	12:00	\$220	12:00	\$315	12:00	\$460
4	12:00	\$290	12:00	\$420	12:00	\$610
5	12:00	\$365	12:00	\$525	12:00	\$765
6	12:00	\$435	12:00	\$630	12:00	\$915
7	12:00	\$485	12:00	\$700	12:00	\$1000
	1:00	\$660	1:00	\$955	1:00	\$1360

Week	2 days	3 days	5 days
2	\$230	\$325	\$510
3	\$345	\$485	\$765
4	\$460	\$645	\$1020
5	\$575	\$805	\$1275
6	\$685	\$965	\$1535
7	\$765	\$1060	\$1650