

CONGREGATION SHAAREI SHAMAYIM

CHILD CARE POLICY ON THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Over the years we have found that parents at Shaarei Shamayim have different expectations for the level of supervision for child care, and we have thought carefully about how to structure it to accommodate our community's diverse needs. We hope that even if it is not exactly as you wish that you will still abide by our rules. Our goals are to keep our children safe, respect the policies of the First Unitarian Society, and provide meaningful activities for children over the holidays. Please read these policies carefully.

Our child care program spans ages 2-12. Child care will be held in classrooms A-E in the First Unitarian Society. Parents of younger children are welcome to bring them to the child care space, but we cannot accept responsibility for their care. A pre-teen lounge will be organized for children ages 9-12. Please contact the office regarding teen programming.

Pre-registration for child care is **REQUIRED**. It is impossible to properly organize child care if we do not know how many children will be with us. If parents do not pre-register, and there are spots still open after the conclusion of the children's service, they can sign up and be billed later. Please note: Parents who have not registered their children are welcome to stay with them in the child care space and be responsible for their own supervision.

No children – regardless of their age – are permitted to roam the building unsupervised. This is the First Unitarian Society's policy, and it is non-negotiable. Children who are not enrolled in child care but who would like to talk quietly outside of services are welcome to sit in the lobby outside of the Landmark Auditorium. Parents who would like to take their children out of childcare during the service, even for a short time, must sign them out. We will have babysitters who can walk children up to services if they would like to find their parents.

Children under the age of seven must be accompanied by a parent to children's services; parents should pick them up in child care and walk with them there.

Snacks will be provided, but children will need to bring a dairy/vegetarian sack lunch.

We are not allowed to use the playground on Rosh Hashanah during the day because the Meeting House pre-school is in session. We are welcome to use it at all other times.



Please return this with the reservations form for High Holy Days.

I give my child(ren) permission to participate in the childcare program provided by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim during High Holy Day services 2010. I have read the child care policies and I agree to abide by them. I understand that participation is voluntary in this program and that Congregation Shaarei Shamayim staff and volunteers do not assume liability in the case of accident or injury. I will be on site at all times when my child(ren) is (are) in childcare. I understand that every attempt will be made to locate me in case of emergency or accident, but I hereby authorize the child care staff to provide or arrange for any appropriate medical aid.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____