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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Ahavas Torah Shabbos and Yom Tov Children's Program! We have spent lots of time planning an awesome, fun, learning experience for your child/ren.

For the coming year, we will be having new games and activities along with tefilla and story time. We have invested in a new Shabbos program curriculum and plan to incorporate new learning activities as well as fun edible parsha projects. We will continue to highlight our weekly tefilla and parsha champs, a source of pride for our entire community!

We are privileged to have a dedicated, capable staff ready to engage your child/ren in many hours of fun and exploration. We could not be successful without them.

Our program is divided into four groups to allow maximum supervision and age-appropriate activities:

- Infant to toddler
- Three to Six year olds
- Older girls (7-11)
- Older boys (7-11)

In order to have a smoothly-run program, we ask for your assistance with a number of guidelines, which we've detailed on the next page. Please discuss with your child the importance of following the suggestions and guidelines of the group leaders. Proper respect toward the leaders and their peers will result in everyone having a wonderful time.

We look forward to welcoming all our precious children starting this Shabbos, Parshas Devarim. On behalf of myself and all the group leaders, we wish you a K'siva V'chasima Tova, a happy healthy sweet new year.

Chanie Lapin-Honig
Shabbos Youth Coordinator



Shabbos Morning Youth Program Guidelines

- The Ahavas Torah Shabbos morning youth program takes place every Shabbos morning from 9:30 am until 11 am (or end of davening). Early care, when available, takes place from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Please refer to the weekly shul newsletter to confirm hours.
- All members and guests are welcome to join the Shabbos morning program.
- Children will be directed into appropriate age groups to ensure proper instruction and age-appropriate activities, including tefilla, learning, story time and free play. Children must remain in the group to which they have been assigned.
- Children will be directed into a youth group or to their parents if left unattended.
- In order to preserve the decorum of the shul, children may not wander unsupervised. Children must either sit in the shul under the parent's direct supervision or be in the capable hands of a group leader.
- Leaving a child in a new environment can be stressful for the parent, as well as the child. We suggest that after a warm goodbye, you allow our capable leaders to pacify and engage your child in a fun activity. Repeated entry will lengthen the settling-in process.
- If you are leaving an infant or a toddler in our program, please leave instructions regarding nap time, eating, and changing. We know each child has specific needs and we will do our best to accommodate. Please label any bottles, etc. with the child's name.
- We will bring all of the children (aside from the small babies) into the shul for Shofar blowing and Birchas Kohanim to enrich their Yom Tov experience and to take part in the Mitzvah.
- We will provide weekly snacks. When davening is longer, there will be snacks throughout the day, along with some yummy Yom Tov crafts that we will create together. In order to maintain a safe environment for our shul members who have allergies, we ask that you do not bring any snacks with peanuts or tree nuts into the shul.
- The older girls and boys are responsible for cleaning up their rooms following Kiddush.