

## Shaare Torah Early Childhood Center

1409 Main Street  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-869-9842  
www.shaaretorah.org



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Shaare Torah Early Childhood Center (STECC) for the 2025-2026 school year and the STECC 2025 Summer Program. We are looking forward to a year of curiosity, thinking, and exploration for each child.

For both the school year and the summer program, STECC offers an exciting, experiential program with a variety of schedule options to meet an individual family's needs.

Enrollment opens on Friday, November 1, 2024 for currently-enrolled families. Enrollment expands on Monday, December 2, 2024 to Shaare Torah synagogue members. Enrollment opens to the public on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

### Bundled Enrollment Options

- Complete-Day Program: includes access to care from 7:30am-6pm Monday-Friday. There is a significant discount when choosing this package.
- 12-Month Program: includes Summer 2025 followed by the 10-month school year. There is a significant discount when choosing the 12-month program.

### Summer Program Dates

- The summer program will begin on **June 23, 2025**.
- There is a 12-month enrollment option that includes gap care for returning 2s/3s/4s/K students June 16, 17, 18, and 20, on a space-available basis (first-come, first-served). **Note:** This isn't available to new students or toddlers.

### School Year Dates

- Our first day of school will be **TBD** pending MCPS calendar. Assuming the first day of MCPS is Monday, August 25th, that would also be the first day of STECC. In that scenario, the last day of summer program would be Friday, August 8th, and Teacher Pre-Service Week would be August 18-22.
- There is a 12-month enrollment option that includes gap care for returning 2s/3s/4s/K students the week between summer program and teacher pre-service week, on a space-available basis (first-come, first-served). **Note:** This isn't available to new students or toddlers.
- **There will not be gap care during teacher pre-service week.**

### Toddler Class Admission

- STECC has one mixed-age infant/toddler class with 9 spaces.
  - We have 7 spaces for toddlers who are at least 18 months old on their first day of school.
  - We have 2 spaces for toddlers or infants who are at least 12 months old on their first day of school.
  - All spaces are enrolled on a first come, first served basis.
- If space permits, we accept rolling admissions throughout the year and throughout the summer.

### 2s Class Admission

- Children must turn 2 by September 1, 2025.
- Children who enroll for the 12-month 2s class, but turn 2 between June 23-August 8, will be in the toddler class for the summer and move up to the 2s class in the fall (will pay the 12-month 2s tuition).
- Children who turn 3 between August 25-June 12 will remain in the 2s class until June 22, 2026.

### 3s Class Admission

- Children must turn 3 by September 1, 2025.
- Children who enroll for the 12-month 3s class, but turn 3 between June 23-August 8, will be in the 3s class for the summer.
- Children who turn 4 between August 25-June 12 will remain in the 3s class until June 22, 2026.

### Pre-K (4s) Class Admission

- Children must turn 4 by September 1, 2025.
- Children who enroll for the 12-month Pre-K class, but turn 4 between June 23-August 8, will be in the Pre-K class for the summer.
- Children who turn 5 between August 25-June 12 will remain in the Pre-K class until June 22, 2026.

Please complete all pages of the attached application and send them along with a \$250 registration/activity fee. This fee can be paid by ACH or a check made payable to 'Shaare Torah'. This fee is ***non-refundable***.

There will be an annual \$200 Security Fee assessed to each family through your school/synagogue account. This will be applicable to members and non-members of Shaare Torah.

Please send application forms, and ACH authorization or check, to:

Shaare Torah Early Childhood Center  
c/o Beth Ann Katz  
1409 Main Street  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Colker, Director of Early Childhood Education and Engagement, at [acolker@shaaretorah.org](mailto:acolker@shaaretorah.org) or 301-869-9842 ext 117, or Beth Ann Katz, Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education, at [bakatz@shaaretorah.org](mailto:bakatz@shaaretorah.org) or 301-869-9842 ext 106.

Sincerely,

Allison Colker & Beth Ann Katz

**SHAARE TORAH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER  
2025-2026 PROGRAM OPTIONS AND TUITION SCHEDULE**

## Toddler Tuition

**Tuition rates are pending approval by Shaare Torah Board of Trustees and membership at the annual meeting in June 2025.**

Program	Ages	Days and Times	Member Annual Rate	Non-Member Annual Rate
<b>10-Month Half-Day</b>	12-24 months	M-F 9:15am-1pm	\$11,000	\$12,000
<b>12-Month Half-Day</b>	12-24 months	M-F 9:15am-1pm	\$13,000	\$14,250
<b>10-Month Full Day</b>	12-24 months	M-F 8:30am-4pm	\$21,500	\$23,250
<b>12-Month Full Day</b>	12-24 months	M-F 8:30am-4pm	\$25,750	\$28,000
<b>10-Month Complete Day</b>	12-24 months	M-F 7:30am-6pm	\$22,750	\$24,500
<b>12-Month Complete Day</b>	12-24 months	M-F 7:30am-6pm	\$26,750	\$29,000

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## 2025-2026 PROGRAM OPTIONS AND TUITION SCHEDULE

### 2s Tuition

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Program	Ages	Days and Times	Member Annual Rate	Non-Member Annual Rate
10-Month Half Day	2s	M-F 9:15am-1pm	\$10,500	\$11,500
12-Month Half Day	2s	M-F 9:15am-1pm	\$11,500	\$12,750
12-Month Half Day Including Gap Weeks in June and August	2s	M-F 9:15am-1pm Gap Weeks 8:30am-4:30pm	\$12,000	\$13,250
10-Month Full Day	2s	M-F 8:30am-4pm	\$20,500	\$22,250
12-Month Full Day	2s	M-F 8:30am-4pm	\$22,250	\$24,500
12-Month Full Day Including Gap Weeks in June and August	2s	M-F 8:30am-4pm Gap Weeks 8:30am-4:30pm	\$23,250	\$25,500
10-Month Complete Day	2s	M-F 7:30am-6pm	\$21,500	\$23,250
12-Month Complete Day	2s	M-F 7:30am-6pm	\$23,250	\$25,750
12-Month Complete Day Including Gap Weeks in June and August	2s	M-F 7:30am-6pm Gap Weeks 8:30am-4:30pm	\$24,250	\$26,750

## SHAARE TORAH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 2025-2026 PROGRAM OPTIONS AND TUITION SCHEDULE

### 3s/4s Tuition

Tuition rates are pending approval by Shaare Torah Board of Trustees and membership at the annual meeting in June 2025.

Program	Ages	Days and Times	Member Annual Rate	Non-Member Annual Rate
10-Month Half Day	3s/4s	M-F 9:15am-1pm	\$10,000	\$10,750
12-Month Half Day	3s/4s	M-F 9:15am-1pm	\$10,250	\$11,500
12-Month Half Day Including Gap Weeks in June and August	3s/4s	M-F 9:15am-1pm Gap Weeks 8:30am-4:30pm	\$10,750	\$12,000
10-Month Full Day	3s/4s	M-F 8:30am-4pm	\$19,250	\$21,000
12-Month Full Day	3s/4s	M-F 8:30am-4pm	\$20,000	\$22,250
12-Month Full Day Including Gap Weeks in June and August	3s/4s	M-F 8:30am-4pm Gap Weeks 8:30am-4:30pm	\$21,000	\$23,250
10-Month Complete Day	3s/4s	M-F 7:30am-6pm	\$20,250	\$22,000
12-Month Complete Day	3s/4s	M-F 7:30am-6pm	\$21,000	\$23,250
12-Month Complete Day Including Gap Weeks in June and August	3s/4s	M-F 7:30am-6pm Gap Weeks 8:30am-4:30pm	\$22,000	\$24,250

## SHAARE TORAH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER APPLICATION 2025-2026

**Child's Name:**

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Hebrew name (use English letters) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

For children new to Shaare Torah, please answer the following questions so that we can plan properly for your child:

Are there any special circumstances concerning your child of which we should be aware? Has it ever been suggested or has your child ever received a diagnostic evaluation? If so, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies your child has: \_\_\_\_\_

Please name one friend whom you would like your child to be with in class: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Shaare Torah member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If no, other Synagogue affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in receiving information about Shaare Torah? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**All families must be in good financial standing in order for their children  
to be accepted for the 2025-2026 school year.**

Parent Name (please print) : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit pages 5, 6, and 7 along with \$250 registration/activity fee by ACH or check to:**

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**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE PAYMENT INFORMATION  
REQUESTED ON STECC PAYMENT FORM (p. 7).**

Postmark Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_

## SHAARE TORAH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 2025-2026 PROGRAM OPTIONS AND TUITION WORKSHEET

Tuition rates are pending approval by Shaare Torah Board of Trustees and membership at the annual meeting in June 2025.

Child's Name:

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PROGRAM AND A LA CARTE SELECTIONS BELOW:**

Please Check	Program	Member Annual Rate	Non-Member Annual Rate
	Toddler 10-Month Half Day	\$11,000	\$12,000
	2s 10-Month Half Day	\$10,500	\$11,500
	3s/4s 10-Month Half Day	\$10,000	\$10,750
	Toddler 12-Month Half Day	\$13,000	\$14,250
	2s 12-Month Half Day	\$11,500	\$12,750
	2s 12-Month Half Day Including Gap Weeks	\$12,000	\$13,250
	3s/4s 12-Month Half Day	\$10,250	\$11,500
	3s/4s 12-Month Half Day Including Gap Weeks	\$10,750	\$12,000

	Toddler 10-Month Full Day	\$21,500	\$23,250
	2s 10-Month Full Day	\$20,500	\$22,250
	3s/4s 10-Month Full Day	\$19,250	\$21,000
	Toddler 12-Month Full Day	\$25,750	\$28,000
	2s 12-Month Full Day	\$22,250	\$24,500
	2s 12-Month Full Day Including Gap Weeks	\$23,250	\$25,500
	3s/4s 12-Month Full Day	\$20,000	\$22,250
	3s/4s 12-Month Full Day Including Gap Weeks	\$21,000	\$23,250

	Toddler 10-Month Complete Day	\$22,750	\$24,500
	2s 10-Month Complete Day	\$21,500	\$23,250
	3s/4s 10-Month Complete Day	\$20,250	\$22,000
	Toddler 12-Month Complete Day	\$26,750	\$29,000
	2s 12-Month Complete Day	\$23,250	\$25,750
	2s 12-Month Complete Day Including Gap Weeks	\$24,250	\$26,750
	3s/4s 12-Month Complete Day	\$21,000	\$23,250
	3s/4s 12-Month Complete Day Including Gap Weeks	\$22,000	\$24,250

**TOTAL ANNUAL COST FOR THIS CHILD**

\$

## SHAARE TORAH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PAYMENT FORM

All Early Childhood Center parents must have a valid checking account on file. Completion of the payment form is required to be accepted into the Shaare Torah Early Childhood Center.

**All payments are due by the 15th of the month.**

Please indicate the type of payment (Please check one option)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check: Payment in full on or before May 15, 2025 for the 12-month program or by July 15, 2025 for the 10-month program

\_\_\_\_\_ ACH (direct bank account withdrawal): One half of the tuition on or before May 15, 2025 and the remainder of the tuition will be charged on November 15, 2025 for 12-month program, or one half by July 15, 2025 and remainder by January 15, 2026 for the 10-month program

\_\_\_\_\_ ACH (direct bank account withdrawal): equal monthly payments (May 15, 2025 – April 15, 2026) for 12-month program or (July 15, 2025 – April 15, 2026) for 10-month program

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you already have ACH set up with Shaare Torah and would like us to charge your payments to it

If you do not have an ACH set up, please be in touch with Beth Ann Katz ([bakatz@shaaretorah.org](mailto:bakatz@shaaretorah.org)) for assistance.

Your application is only complete once your enrollment agreement is submitted.

You will need to review and accept the 2025-2026 parent handbook before the start of the 2025-2026 school year in August 2025.