



Kehilat Pardes

The Rock Creek Synagogue



Shabbat Morning Schedule Spring 2018

Groups meet on Shabbat and include snacks. Yom Tov schedule varies.

Babies – PreSchoolers: Tot Shabbat

Children ages 3+ may be dropped off for Tot Shabbat but need to be with a parent if they are younger than that. If a parent attends the group with a child, the parent should be actively engaged in helping the class rather than speaking to other adults.

9am – 10:15am Supervised play, with parents, in Band Room 1. Limited child care is provided. Check with attendant before leaving your children there.

10:15am – 11:00am Tot Shabbat, with parents in Band Room 1 and Torah Parade in Shul.

11:00am – apx 11:35am Free play accompanied by an adult in Kindergym or Playground.

Grades Pre K – K

10:15am – 11:00am Tefilot and Parsha Program in Band Room 2.

11:00am – apx 11:35am Free play in Big Gym (or outside, weather dependent).

Grades 1-4

10:15am – 11:00am Tefilot and Parsha Program in Auditorium Lobby (between Band Rooms).

11:00am – apx 11:35am Free play in Big Gym (or outside, weather dependent).

Apx 11:35am Lead T'filot at end of Musaf.

Grade 5+

9 am – 10:15am Daven in Shul Sanctuary or in Shul Office.

10:15 – 11am Parsha Discussion in Shul Office.

11am – apx 11:35am Free play in Big Gym (or outside, weather dependent).

At the close of Tefilah ALL children are encouraged to be in the sanctuary.

All children ages 9 and under **who wish to attend groups** must attend from the time they enter the group. Going in and out of groups disrupts the program.

Children 9 and under **who do not wish to attend groups** are to be overseen by their parents. If mature enough, the child can spend quiet time **in the cafeteria** (reading, playing quiet games, doing puzzles, etc.) but is ultimately to be supervised by their parents.

Children ages 10+ who are not in a group may be in the following allowed spaces without supervision: Lounge, cafeteria and sanctuary. Children age 10 and over may only be in the gym when there is supervision.

Kindergym and gym scooters, bikes, balls and other toys may not be taken out of their respective rooms. Physical rough-housing, profanity, graffiti, vandalism and theft of any kind are NOT permissible and will be reported to the parents, Youth Director and the Rabbi.

Rules by Location

Children **may not** be in the auditorium, school wings, or upstairs.

Children must be supervised at all times in the Band Room areas, Kindergym, Big Gym, Playgrounds and any other areas of the building other than those listed in the "Shabbat Morning Schedule." If you are leaving them, make sure another parent is aware and agreeable to supervising your children.

Big Gym:

Normally open from 10:20-apx 11:35 while there is a gym leader to supervise. Unsupervised gym time is not allowed.

Band Room 1:

Toys are to be put back by the children and supervising adult who has watched the kids use them, in the marked bins. If a child brings a toy from home, make sure they are willing to share that toy with other children. If not, please do not bring the toy to Shul as it is confusing for the other children.

Cafeteria:

During Tefilah, the cafeteria is only for quiet play (such as reading or Legos). No running or active play is permitted with or without supervision.

Nursing/Diapering Room:

The nursing/diapering room is only available during Shabbat and Yom Tov mornings. All other times it will remain locked. It is strictly for nursing and diapering, and not a play area for children.

Intervening when you see a child (not your own) behaving in a way that appears inappropriate:

1. Let them know that there are posted rules.
2. Remind them that children are only allowed in the areas noted above and nowhere else, without supervision.
3. Remind them where they should be. Ask who knows they are there and escort them to where they should be if possible (if you do not know which groups meet where, take the child to the main sanctuary). If the child is younger than kindergarten, let the parent know.
4. If children are engaged in negative/destructive behavior alert their parents to the issue. Remind/reinforce the rules to diffuse the behavior if possible, but **do not discipline others' children.**
5. If the issue is not clear cut, say "Tell me what is going on. This is what it looked like to me..." If the issue does not cease, involve the child(ren)'s parents. If it is a recurring issue, notify Rabbi Uri and Youth Director.

Note: These rules were created by the Youth Advisory Board and the Youth Director, and approved by the Board of Kehilat Pardes.