

# jcaTOTS

*Jewish Community of Amherst Programming  
for Families with Young Children*

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The Jewish Community of Amherst (JCA) welcomes families raising Jewish children of all ages to be part of our community and attend services and other events. Below is information about JCA sponsored activities specific for children up to 6 years old.

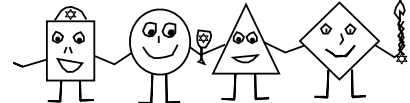
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**Tot Shabbat** is held the first Friday of every month at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us for this tot-oriented service. A child-oriented intergenerational service is held concurrently and all come together for a vegetarian/no-nut/sesame seed potluck dinner. For more information about Tot Shabbat and other JCA services, please visit <http://j-c-a.org/services.html>.

We always welcome new families to our *Havurah K'tana* (Little Friends Circle). Our Havurah meets in families' homes and is open to anyone with children through 6 years old (older siblings welcome too!) and meets once a month on a Saturday from 4-6pm. We socialize, enjoy some Jewish merry making and rituals, and eat of course! **A NEW HAVURAH IS NOW FORMING-** email [tots@j-c-a.org](mailto:tots@j-c-a.org) for more information.

**Havurah K'tana**



חבורה קטנה

**Shalom  
Sunday**

One Sunday morning a month, children ages 4-6 come together for a Learn & Play group that provides an introduction to Shabbat and the holidays. Parents also meet for concurrent learning every other month. Advance registration required. In addition, every Sunday we offer a Learner's Minyan (11:45am-12:15pm), a brief service with songs, presentations by students, and announcements about upcoming events, that is open to the community and a great way to see what is happening at the JCA School, learn about the parts of a prayer service, and participate in the community. For more information, email [eddir@j-c-a.org](mailto:eddir@j-c-a.org).

*The jcaTOTS Advisory Committee coordinates programming for Families with Young Children. We work on a number of tot-related programs and initiatives, including: Shalom Baby Baskets, Shabbat B'yachad Tot Programming, Holiday events, and the above mentioned programs. The committee meets every other month and is currently looking for new members. Email [tots@j-c-a.org](mailto:tots@j-c-a.org) for more information.*