

Information Regarding the Shames JCC Almost School Program



Tuesday, September 22 at 8:00 PM: Info Session for Almost School, a Remote/Hybrid Learning Childcare program from the Shames JCC on the Hudson

Please join the Shames JCC for a brief presentation, followed by Q & A, to learn more about their remote/hybrid learning childcare program, Almost School.

About this Event

After spending several months working in partnership with local school districts and hearing from families, the mix of remote and in-school learning planned for this year presents several challenges for families, especially with regard to childcare on remote learning days. Almost School will be an on-site childcare program for children in grades K-5 during their remote learning days.

Agenda

8:00 - 8:15: Program Overview

8:15 - 8:45 PM: Q&A

Drawing on best practices from the JCC's licensed childcare programs and COVID procedures and protocols, Almost School will provide a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment for children to participate in remote learning. Developed with the help of professional educators, program directors, and in partnership with Tarrytown and Irvington school superintendents, Almost School will coordinate with full-day school schedules and remote learning plans.

Led by former early childhood Assistant Director Stacey Merchant, Almost School will run at two different JCC locations, offering distinct hours of operation, fees, and opportunities for engagement. In the health and wellness building on the JCC's main campus, Almost School will provide supervision for remote learners. At Temple Beth Abraham, one mile from the Shames JCC's main campus, "Almost School & More" will offer supervision for remote learners as well as a series of movement-based and creative enrichment activities including STEAM with Challenge Island.

For more specifics bring any questions you have to the information session or <u>visit</u> <u>their website</u>. Enrollment is open. Please reach out to the JCC's <u>Director Stacey</u> <u>Merchant</u> if you cannot attend the session and would like more information.

Presenter: Director Stacey Merchant

Stacey is the former Assistant Director of the JCC's Children's Garden Center and Director of Early Learning at Hastings Day Camp. She has been an educator for over 15 years and holds a Masters Degree in Education as well as NY State Certification for education in nursery school through 6th grade. Stacey is a lifelong resident of the Rivertowns and a member of the Shames JCC community. She has two young children and understands the needs of families first



hand. Stacey is looking forward to leading Almost School so she can provide service for families during difficult times, care for and advocate for children, ensure children have the tools they need to meet their educational and developmental goals, and elevate community life. Stacey can be reached at smerchant@shamesicc.org

Join us for the Info Session



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