

Kindergarten Assistant/Aftercare Teacher (9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

The Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford is seeking an outstanding Kindergarten Assistant and Aftercare teacher to join our faculty for the 2025-2026 school year. This position involves working with kindergarteners and supporting the teacher from 9:30 a.m. until the end of the school day—typically 3:30 p.m.—and then running an Aftercare room until 5:30 p.m.

Our Aftercare program, which we call “Tzaharon”, welcomes approximately 12 Early Childhood students (2-4 year olds) and 6 Elementary students (K through 4th grade) each day, in two separate rooms. We are seeking someone who can play with them, plan an activity for them, and communicate professionally with their parents.

Kindergarten responsibilities include:

- Assist lead teacher with activities and instruction
- Help prepare for lessons by assembling materials and equipment.
- Provide an inviting, inclusive learning atmosphere for our students
- Support children with special or individual needs
- Assist with record keeping, such as attendance records, student documentation and progress notes.

Aftercare responsibilities include:

- Helping students get organized: setting them up with a snack, setting out games and activities, taking them to a playground or the gym
- Redirecting students when necessary
- Communicating with parents at pick-up.
- Note on hours: Aftercare begins at 3:15 p.m. each day (2:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and most Fridays), and ends when the last child is picked up, no later than 5:30 p.m. (3:30 p.m. on Fridays during the late fall, winter, and early spring).

Qualifications:

- Experience working with young children in an educational or large-group setting
- A passion for early childhood education and helping children grow in positive ways
- Preferred: Bachelor’s or Associate’s degree in Education/Early Childhood Education

Essential Professional and Personal Qualities:

- Exceptional listening skills and sensitivity to the needs of others
- A willing communicator and collaborator; an enthusiastic team player
- A deep belief that people are able to grow and change
- Comfortable working within a fast paced, dynamic, school environment
- Unquestionable personal integrity, excellent judgment, sound instincts, diplomacy, patience, and strong work ethic
- A desire to participate fully in the life of a vibrant school community.

Status and Compensation

Full-time; \$16,300 salary for Dec. 15-Jun 15; opportunity for employment to continue for future years.

Schechter uses a progressive multi-age model approach to education, and our school is guided by Schechter's mission and core values of *Chochmah* (Wisdom), *Lev Tov* (Good Heartedness), *Kehillah* (Community), *Mitzvot* (Jewish Practice), and *K'lal Yisrael* (Unity of the Jewish People). Our faculty believes in the innate abilities of each student, and works in partnership with other members of the faculty and families to help each child grow.

The Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford is an independent Jewish day school located in the beautiful New England town of West Hartford, Connecticut. It is accredited by the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools. Schechter offers an exceptional, forward-thinking, student-centered education from early childhood through eighth grade. We inspire students to love learning, celebrate Jewish life, connect to each other, and build a vibrant future for themselves and their community in a joyful, challenging, and creative environment. Schechter is an equal-opportunity employer.

Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume and references to Director of Teaching and Learning, Sarah Montag- smontag@ssds-hartford.org.