



Hillel Torah
בית ספר הלל תורה

Toilet Training Policy

Children enrolled in Preschool at Hillel Torah must be fully toilet trained before the first day of school. This means that children must wear underwear and be able to take care of their toileting needs independently. A child who has daily accidents, cannot wipe themselves, or requires a diaper for bowel movements is NOT considered toilet trained.

Why do children have to be toilet trained before attending Hillel Torah?

- There are strict health and safety standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers, which require accessible changing tables, sinks, etc., and unfortunately, our classrooms are not equipped for this.
- When a teacher is occupied changing a child's soiled clothing, it takes away learning time for all students and removes one adult from the direct supervision and interaction with the rest of the class.

We understand that even toilet-trained children may occasionally have accidents. These are expected to be rare and considered unusual incidents. In these instances, teachers will monitor the child and assist them to change their clothes, encouraging as much independence as possible.

A toilet-trained child is a child who can do the following:

- Communicate to the teachers the need to use the bathroom before it becomes urgent
- Recognize and respond to the urge to go, stopping play or activities to use the bathroom
- Pull down and up their own clothing without assistance
- Wipe themselves after using the toilet
- Get on and off the toilet without help
- Wash and dry hands
- Wait their turn if the bathroom is in use or if they are away from the classroom

Throughout the day, and especially before going to the playground, we will regularly ask your child if they need to use the bathroom. A teacher will assist with clothing as needed, but children should be able to manage toileting independently. Please dress your child in clothing that he/she can easily manage on their own. We also ask that you send a complete change of clothes, appropriate for the season. These will be kept at school in case of accidents and returned at the end of the school year. If soiled clothing is sent home, please be sure to send a replacement set the following day.

It is not uncommon for a child who is fully toilet trained to experience occasional setbacks in a new environment, and our staff are sensitive to this. **However, if a child continues to have consistent toileting accidents after September 30, they will not be considered toilet trained for the purposes of attending Hillel Torah's Preschool.** Beginning October 1, the following policies will apply for children who continue to have accidents:

- **Two accidents in one week:** Parents will be notified, with the understanding that the issue needs to be addressed.
- **Three or more accidents in one week:** Parents will be notified that after completing that school day, the child will need to remain home until fully toilet trained.
- **Multiple accidents in a single day:** Parents will be notified that after completing the school day, the child will need to stay home until fully toilet trained.

Please know this policy is not intended to shame or punish the child or inconvenience parents. We understand that children develop at their own pace, and we are here to support you. However, our Preschool classrooms are not equipped to care for children who are not fully toilet trained, and we must prioritize the safety and well-being of all our students.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership.