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## Classes For Kids



*Orly Regev, mother of three and owner and founder of Orly's Treehouse, recommends some things to think about when you're ready to enroll your child in a class or after-school program*

Whether your child is a baby, toddler or school aged, there are a number of factors that you need to consider before registering for any class, program or after-school activity.

The first and foremost, **make sure you are choosing a program that you can commit to bringing your child on a weekly basis.** As most programs run for a number of months, you want to make sure the class is located in a reasonable driving distance from your home and that you have no timing conflicts.

**Consider whether the program offers adequate flexibility for make-up sessions.** Since you never know when your child will get sick, be sure to ask specifically what the program's make-up policy is. A reasonable make-up policy should offer at least 3 make-ups during the session, and there are some programs that will offer an unlimited number of make-ups. The last thing you want to do is have to pay for classes that you don't get to use.

Another important factor to consider is the **variety of classes the center offers.** A child's interest in certain activities can change in just few weeks. A child who really wanted to do karate can decide just after a few weeks that he wants to do gymnastics, or a baby who is participating in a crawler's gym class can start walking and need a more advanced class. In these cases, facilities that offer more than one type of class and allow you to switch during the sessions are the ones to consider.

*Orly's Treehouse is located at 1000 Shames Drive in Westbury and is a child-recreation center, educational facility with babysitting services, health club and spa. For more information or to view class schedules, visit Orly's Treehouse at [www.Orlystreehouse.com](http://www.Orlystreehouse.com) or call 516.333.2277.*

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