

**WELCOME TO THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER'S
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**



PARENT ORIENTATION

VISION STATEMENT

At the ECC we believe in developing the whole child. We take the time to recognize and nurture the physical, emotional, social, linguistic and cognitive skills of each individual child. We believe that children learn best through hands-on experience in an atmosphere that is safe, loving and stimulating.

The ECC is staffed with professional, caring, creative staff who work hard to provide our children with a developmentally appropriate and interesting environment. Our teachers bring many years of experience and numerous gifts and talents to their classrooms, helping ECC children grow to their fullest potential.

Our goal is to build a cooperative partnership with parents helping to raise child who are self-confident, self-reliant, and socially responsible with a love of learning.

MEET THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



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QUALITY

- Our center is licensed by New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).
- The JCC has been offering quality early childhood education since 1939.
- All lead teachers are required to have a minimum of an associates degree in early childhood education
- The JCC offers a Universal Pre-kindergarten Program, staffed with New York State certified masters level teachers.
- Every class creates weekly developmentally appropriate lesson plans. These lessons are posted in classrooms for parents to see.
- To provide a well rounded program, the ECC partners with:
 - United Way of Broome County
 - Broome County Health Department
 - Intergenerational programing with Brookdale Assisted Living
 - Family Enrichment Network
 - Early Childhood Direction Center
 - Lourdes and Binghamton PACT



PARENT COMMITTEE

The Parent Committee is an important part of the ECC. The committee allows parents to come together, plan special events, help find solutions for issues/concerns and support the ECC. The Parent Committee encourages parents to get involved in their child's preschool education and create a true partnership

When does the Parent Committee Meet?

The committee meetings are currently held once a month at 4:30pm.

What are some of the events the Parent Committee helps with?

- Teacher appreciation
- Literacy Day
- Family Thanksgiving Fest
- Annual Family Picnic



LETS MOVE!

Movement is crucial to development. The JCC is rich in large motor spaces.

- Starting at 18 months our children swim once a week.
- Starting at 3 years old we add gym once a week with our gym teacher.
- We have many areas for large motor.

- Pool
- Gym
- Soccer Field
- Nature trail
- Back hill
- Tumble room
- Playgrounds (age appropriate play areas pre toddlers, toddlers and preschoolers)
- Blacktop for tricycles and riding toys
- Auditorium
- Meeting room



EXTRA CLASSES

- These are specialty classes offered by the JCC Youth department. For an extra fee you can sign your children up to attend a few times a week during their day here at the JCC.
- A few of these classes are:
 - Themes Sports
 - Soccer Shots
 - Kidnastics
 - Kidorable Yoga
 - Toddler art CLass



GET INVOLVED!

What events go on at the ECC?

- Tri Cities Opera for Children
- Ice Cream Social
- Thanksgiving Fest
- Family Picnic
- Graduation
- Parent/child gym and swim
- Literacy Day
- Family Concerts
- Field Trips (Russel Farms, Ross Park Zoo)



BENEFITS OF YOUR JCC MEMBERSHIP

- Joining the JCC saves you \$20 per week on your ECC tuition, but that's only one benefit. You will also receive access to:
 - Swimming pool
 - Fitness center
 - Access to personal trainers
 - Steam room and sauna in both men's and women's health clubs.
 - Gym
 - Youth basketball programs
 - Adult pickup basketball games
 - Loft
 - Full Pilates apparatus
 - Spinning bikes
 - Outdoor sports complex
 - Tennis, basketball and Gartel Pavillion
 - Member prices on fitness classes, youth classes, and JCC events
 - Save you \$20 a week per child on your tuition
- What does a membership cost?
 - \$595 a year for an individual with children
 - \$750 a year for a couple with children

See our seasonal program guide for more information!



WE'RE FAMILY HERE

What events happen at the JCC?

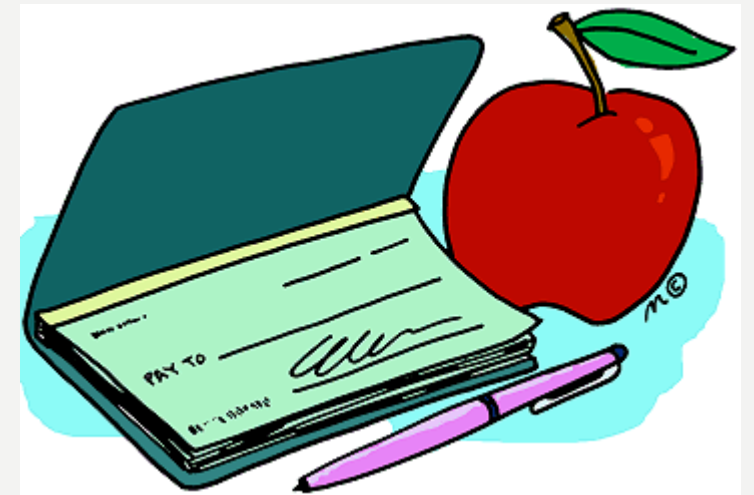
- Purim Festival
- Sinatra Night
- Gala
- Why Not Tri
- Hanukkah Community Party
- Plays (Ex. Fiddler on the Roof)
- Breakfast Ball with characters
- Dogapalooza
- Touch-a-Truck
- Annual Golf Tournament



WHERE DOES TUITION MONEY GO?

- Staff Salaries
 - The ECC employs a staff of over 40 individuals including; teachers, assistant teachers, 3 administrators, and a cook.
- Operations of the building
 - The ECC is by far the largest program within the JCC. With this comes a large overhead, such as; heating bills, electric bills, front office salaries and maintenance.
- Food
 - Balanced morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack
- Essential supplies for classrooms

It is important to understand here at the JCC tuition is based on a yearly price. We split it up into monthly and weekly installments to make it more affordable for families.



HOW DO I MAKE A PAYMENT

- Weekly tuition payments are due every Tuesday by noon.
- There are 2 locked payment boxes accessible to parents.
 - In front of the ECC Office
 - Downstairs to the right of the entrance
- Payments can be made at the JCC office located in the main lobby.
 - Open 9 am to 8 PM
- **DO NOT GIVE TUITION PAYMENTS TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER!**

FUNDRAISING



Parents often wonder why we have so much fundraising when they are paying tuition. As a not-for-profit, after all the expenses are paid we rarely have money left over for extras. The ECC and JCC holds fundraiser events several times a year in order to purchase new equipment, toys, and also provide special events such as the Thanksgiving Fest and Annual Picnic.

We put together fun fundraisers that are centered around family. If you have any ideas please feel free to share with one of the ECC administrative staff.

STAY CONNECTED

- Join our Facebook page “JCC ECC Parents”
 - Menus, acceptable Kosher symbols, and Parent Handbook available
- Leave your email for our email blast
 - Receive important updates
 - Monthly newsletters from classrooms
- Volunteer in your child’s classroom
- Call your child’s classroom
 - The number will be “40_” the last number is the number of your room
 - **Please do not communicate with teachers through their personal cell phones. New York State regulations prohibit teachers to be on their phones during work hours and puts our teachers as well as our center at risk.**





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