

Jewish Component

A Values Based Curriculum

Butterfly (Two's), Dove (PreS), and Peacock (PreK) Classrooms



- We have 6 classrooms at our center; 2 of each age group. Out of our 6 classrooms, 1 from each of the age groups has a Jewish component to the curriculum in which Jewish values are infused with activities throughout the day. The children learn about Jewish holidays and events that are relevant to the Jewish calendar, as well as Jewish culture/life, values, ideas, and Hebrew vocabulary. They also learn about how to treat each other, the Planet. Lessons are presented through songs, stories, games and projects that are developmentally appropriate. The Jewish component is integrated into lessons throughout the day and through different subjects (math, science, literacy, art etc.)
- Important life skills such as sharing, treating each other kindly and so forth are also taught in the secular classes, but in the Jewish component classrooms these skills are presented within the framework of Jewish values (e.g. "Mitzvot" represent acts of kindness, or "Tikkun Olam" means "repairing our world").

Jewish Values (Middot) to Live by In the Preschool Community and Beyond

- *B'tzelem Elohim: Each Person is of Great and Equal Value.*
- *Kavod: Respect*
- *Tsa'ar Ba'alei Chayim/ Kavod Habriot: Kindness to Animals/Honoring All Creatures*
- *Bal Tashchit: Not to Waste or Unnecessarily Destroy*
- *Shalom Bayit/ Shalom Keetah A Peaceful Home (Bayit) and classroom (Keetah) where People are Safe, Included and Appreciated for who we are.*
- *Kibbud Horim u'Morim: Honoring Parents and Teachers*
- *Tzedakah: Giving to Make Things Right; Justice*
- *Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World*
- *Mitzvah: A Holy Action or Good Deed*
- *Gemilut Chasadim: Acts of Loving Kindness*
- *Shmirat Haguf: Keeping our Bodies Safe*