

# WELCOME

*Welcome to the I.J. and Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Center. Since its inception in the 1950s, our JCC has been home to one of the premier early childhood centers in Utah. Our program is one of a select group of local preschools accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), a standard of excellence recognized nationally. We are committed to providing a quality environment where young children grow and learn through play and discovery. We strive to offer a balance of child-initiated and teacher-directed experiences to help children become successful learners.*

## PHILOSOPHY

We believe children learn by doing. Academic and emotional development is enhanced when children make their own discoveries. Our teachers help children become independent, self-confident, and inquisitive learners, while aiding in their social-emotional, cognitive, language, and physical development. We maintain a low child-to-teacher ratio with talented, credentialed educators who foster self-reliance, independence, and self-discipline.

Our programs are designed to help each child:

- Develop a positive self-concept and confidence
- Inspire curiosity and the ability to inquire and explore
- Strengthen verbal expression
- Increase self-discipline and independence
- Enjoy creative pursuits
- Develop trust in others
- Learn lifelong cognitive, physical, and language skills
- Identify positively with Jewish traditions

## ECC ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM:

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# PRACTICES

## SHEVA

Sheva (the number seven in Hebrew) has extraordinary power in Jewish thought and practice. It is the name of the JCCs of North America Early Learning Framework, and signifies the seven core elements of exemplary early childhood practice, deeply rooted in the latest research on child development seen through a Jewish lens. Throughout our classrooms you will find an emphasis on the Seven Core Elements of Sheva- children as constructivist learners, early childhood directors as visionaries, early childhood educators as professionals, families as engaged partners, environments as inspiration for inquiry, Discover CATCH as Sh'mirat HaGuf (taking care of our bodies), and Israel as the story of the Jewish people.

## JEWISH CULTURE

Jewish culture and tradition are important aspects of all our classrooms. We celebrate many Jewish holidays as part of our curriculum. Our celebrations and observances include stories, music, art, and cooking. We also celebrate Shabbat every Friday. In a diverse world often filled with religious strife, the JCC offers a place where Jewish traditions can be taught and celebrated in a healthy, inclusive, and non-proselytizing manner.

Most importantly, our values-based curriculum teaches children how to interact in respectful ways with peers, nature, and their community. Our curriculum includes various learning experiences to explore common human values through a Jewish lens.

Although we do not celebrate non-Jewish holidays in our classrooms with activities or lesson plans, we respect everyone's holidays and allow children to share the excitement and dialogue surrounding each holiday celebrated in their homes.

There is no requirement that families, children, or even teachers, be Jewish. In fact, the majority of our ECC families come from other religious, or non-religious backgrounds. Everyone is welcome!

## FAMILY PARTICIPATION

At the JCC we value family and teacher partnerships. We ask our families to volunteer a minimum of 10 participation hours each school year in their child's classroom. Volunteer opportunities include: helping in the classroom, assisting with a fundraiser, planning family events, attending field trips, or serving on committees.

# PRESCHOOL

All of the classrooms in our Early Childhood Center use The Creative Curriculum<sup>®</sup>, a research-based framework, as a guide in setting up our environment, developing daily activities, planning our schedule and interactions, and directing our assessments. As part of a developmentally appropriate practice, we believe in the importance of play. Play is an important vehicle for developing self-regulation as well as promoting language, cognition, and social competence. Children of all ages love to play, and it gives them opportunities to explore the world, interact with others, express and control emotions, develop their symbolic and problem-solving abilities, and practice emerging skills. Research shows the links between play and foundational capacities such as memory, self-regulation, oral language abilities, social skills, and success in school.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> NAEYC Position Statements are available on the NAEYC website: <http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements>

## 2/3 YEAR-OLD PROGRAM

Despite some assumptions about two-year-olds, it is an amazing time in a child's life. During this year of age, toddlers become more physically coordinated, their language increases rapidly, they develop an interest in other children, and they become interested in pretend play. Our 2/3 year old classrooms will help your child begin to develop his/her emotional, physical, language, and cognitive skills, while integrating important social skills.

For our youngest age group, we maintain a classroom ratio of six children to one teacher. A typical class size is 12 children with two teachers. It is not required that children be potty-trained. Children who are two years old before September 1st are eligible for this program.

Depending on enrollment, we may have separate classrooms for both younger (two years old by September 1st up to 2 ½ years old) and older 2/3 year olds (2 ½ years old by September 1st). For a classroom of older 2/3 year olds, we maintain a classroom ratio of seven children to one teacher. A typical class size is 14 children with two teachers.

## 3/4 YEAR-OLD and 4/5 YEAR-OLD PROGRAM

Preschool is a place where children expand their world, learn, grow, and most importantly, have fun and build relationships. As they grow older, preschoolers strengthen their physical skills, extend their cooperative play with other children, and enjoy activities that involve exploring, investigating, and stretching their imaginations. Our teachers encourage young children to experiment with materials in a nurturing environment while making their own discoveries and developing new cognitive, physical, language, literacy, and social emotional skills.

In a 3/4 year old classroom, we maintain a classroom ratio of eight or nine children to one teacher. A typical class size is 16-18 children with two teachers. Children who are three before September 1st are eligible for this program.

For our 4/5 year old classrooms, we maintain a ratio of no more than 10 children to one teacher and a class size of about 18-20 children with two teachers. Children who are four before September 1st are eligible for this program.



# KINDERGARTEN

## KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Our nationally accredited kindergarten program offers children the opportunity to explore, discover, and create through “process” based learning experiences. We use “Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)”, and NAEYC standards to create a comprehensive program that supports your child’s development in key areas such as: intellectual (cognitive) development, social and emotional development, physical development, and language development.

In early childhood, children learn to express themselves through the arts. For our kindergarteners, this involves many different mediums, including studies of visual artists (Seurat, Pollock, etc.), performing for friends and families, attending creative arts performances around town, and creating our own Kindergarten Arts Performance at the end of the school year to celebrate our learning.

Recent research indicates that children who attend full-day kindergarten may have certain advantages over children who attend half-day programs. We proudly offer a full-day kindergarten program with extended care options to suit the diverse needs of our growing ECC community.

As part of full-day kindergarten, our ECC Spanish, Garden/Science, and Music/Movement Specialists are a regular part of your child’s curriculum each week and seamlessly blend into all of their learning experiences together. Creative Curriculum is the foundation for learning in the classroom and aligns with Utah’s Core Kindergarten Standards as defined by the Utah State Office of Education. Teachers will be observing and documenting your child’s learning using our GOLD Assessment program to provide developmentally appropriate experiences to engage and challenge all children.

Our kindergarten class has a group size of about 20 children with a lead teacher and an assistant teacher. Children who are five years old before September 1st are eligible for this program.

## EXTENDED CARE (7:30 - 8:30 am and/or 3:30 - 6:00 pm)

Our Kindergarten is a full-day program with options for morning and afternoon extended care.

*A Family Membership to the JCC is required to enroll in ECC programs.*



# PROGRAMS

## CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

*Teaching Strategies*® *Creative Curriculum*® is used in our Early Childhood Program. It is a comprehensive, knowledge based, developmentally appropriate approach to learning that supports 36 goals and objectives to help children grow cognitively, emotionally, physically, and socially. Based on research, theory, and knowledge of early childhood education, *Creative Curriculum*® helps teachers design successful classrooms by creating rich learning environments, teaching important skills and learning concepts, using intentional teaching strategies, and building strong partnerships with families.

The *Teaching Strategies GOLD*® assessment tool is an online program that helps teachers organize their observations and information they have learned about each child into meaningful data. This data shows children's progress in growth and learning which ultimately creates individual child profiles. Information is shared at fall and spring Family Conferences and additional updates are available upon request.

## INCLUSION AND SPECIAL NEEDS

The JCC Early Childhood Center supports an inclusive educational environment. Most children with special needs and exceptionalities can benefit from the environment we provide in our preschool or kindergarten classes. Our highly-qualified Inclusion Specialist and professional teachers work together, along with community resources when needed, to create individualized goals and a comprehensive environment for children to learn.

*\*Additional fees include a Special Needs Program registration fee of \$200. An additional fee of \$25/hr. may be required on an "as needed" basis to be determined by the ECC Education Team.*

## SWIM, DANCE, & SPORTS

Expand your child's horizons! An additional benefit of the JCC's Early Childhood Center is the connection to the J's staff of Health & Fitness instructors and the excellent facilities available to our young children. Specialty classes in swimming, sports, dance, and more will allow your child to find his/her hidden talents, learn new skills, and have fun while doing it!

*For more information, please see online at [slcjjc.org/preschool-kindergarten/swim-dance-sports](http://slcjjc.org/preschool-kindergarten/swim-dance-sports)*

## CAMP K'TON TON

Summer Camp is that time of year when children have the chance to just be children. We provide an enriching, safe, and active summer experience that ensures every camper has the best summer of his/her life. Camp is more than fun and games, we also focus on building friendships by learning social and emotional skills.

Registration for summer camp is separate from registration for the school year. First consideration is given to children enrolled in the school year program.

*Summer Camp is offered in five 2-week sessions plus additional options during Pre and Post Weeks.*

# JCC MEMBERSHIP

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We require a JCC Family Membership for all families enrolled in the Early Childhood Center. Aside from the preschool, the JCC offers a first-class fitness facility that includes two swimming pools, summer camps, Club J, and community programs—all of which will be available to you as a member. Please stop by the Membership Office for price information and to fill out your membership application.

Thank you very much for your interest in the ECC and your support of the I.J. & Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center.

Thank you,



Michelle Oelsner  
Director of Membership Services  
801.581.0098, ext 115 // [moelsner@slcjcc.org](mailto:moelsner@slcjcc.org)

JCC MEMBERSHIP RATES	
REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES IS \$100*	
<i>*Excluding the Nanny Pass</i>	
STUDENTS AND MATURE SINGLES Includes university students, medical residents, fellows, post-doctoral candidates & persons over 65 years. ( <i>proper student ID, schedule required</i> )	\$42/mo.
SINGLES	\$52/mo.
MATURE COUPLES Includes two adults, one must be 65 years of age or older.	\$62/mo.
WAGNER FAMILIES*, COUPLES AND SINGLE PARENTS *Requires a donation of \$500 or greater annually; if this option is of interest to you, please contact Tiia Libin, Development Director, at 801.581.0098, ext 149 for details.	\$72/mo.
STUDENT FAMILIES ( <i>proper student ID, schedule required</i> )	\$82/mo.
FAMILIES 2 adults & all children under 27 living in the same household.	\$102/mo.
NANNY	\$32/mo.

*All Memberships at the JCC are initially 1-year contracts (payable monthly) and will automatically continue until you give 30 day notice in writing to terminate.*

# CALENDAR

## HOLIDAYS AND CLOSURES

The Early Childhood Center operates on a nine month school calendar. We will be closed to observe several Jewish holidays (see below) and all national holidays.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Orientation day — September 5, 2017

First day of school — September 6, 2017

Last day of school — May 23, 2018

2017/2018 SCHOOL CLOSURES	
Labor Day	Mon, Sept 4, 2017
Rosh Hashanah	Thur & Fri, Sept 21 & 22, 2017
Family Conferences (12:00 PM School Closure)	Thur, Oct 19, 2017
Family Conferences (All Day)	Fri, Oct 20, 2017
Staff Development Day	Mon, Nov 6, 2017
Thanksgiving Break	Wed - Fri, Nov 22 - 24, 2017
Winter Break	Mon, Dec 18, - Mon, Jan 1, 2018
Back to School	Tue, Jan 2, 2018
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Mon, Jan 15, 2018
Staff Development Day	Tue, Jan 16, 2018
Presidents' Day	Mon, Feb 19, 2018
Passover Break	Mon, Apr 2 - Fri, Apr 6, 2018
Family Conferences (12:00 PM School Closure)	Thur, May 3, 2018
Family Conferences (All Day)	Fri, May 4, 2018

# REGISTRATION

## PROCESS FOR NEW ENROLLMENT

Registration is “in-person” and you can either choose to pay in full or arrange a payment plan. You will need to provide checking account or credit card information for automatic payments to guarantee a spot. Bring the following with you on registration day:

- Designate desired class option (see registration form)
- A copy of your child’s birth certificate
- Payment for registration fee, supply fee, and deposit for May 2018 tuition

PROCESS FOR REGISTRATION	
1.	<b>APPLICATION &amp; FEES</b> - \$65 registration fee + \$70 supply fee and a copy of your child’s birth certificate, along with completed registration form and deposit for May 2018 tuition.
2.	<b>ACCEPTANCE</b> - You are accepted once you have provided the registration and supply fees, May 2018 tuition, signed contract, and a copy of your child’s birth certificate.
3.	<b>FINAL ENROLLMENT</b> - After review by our ECC Education Team, a signed enrollment contract, paid registration and supply fees, deposit of May 2018 tuition, and birth certificate along with a current JCC Family Membership, are due to reserve placement.
4.	<b>ENROLLMENT CHANGE</b> - Enrollment changes made after June 1, 2017 will be assessed a one-time change fee of \$150 for any change reducing the time spent in programs (e.g. reducing extended care or the number of days attending school). Such a change will not be effective until the beginning of the month after notice of the requested change is given. Any other enrollment changes during the year from initial registration will be charged \$25. ANY changes to your original enrollment will require the completion of a Change Request Form obtained through the ECC Front Desk.
5.	<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS</b> - Due by Fri, April 21, 2017
6.	<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b> awarded by Fri, May 12, 2017 Contact Michael Glasson at 801.581.0098 ext 124 or <a href="mailto:mglasson@slcjjc.org">mglasson@slcjjc.org</a> .
All fees and deposits are non-refundable, and non-transferable.	



# 2017 - 2018 ECC TUITION RATES

DAYS	TIMES	paid- in- full discount		tuition	
		MONTHLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
<b>2/3 YEAR-OLD</b> <i>(children must be 2 years old by Sept 1, 2017)</i>					
Mon, Wed, Fri Half Day	8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	\$524	\$4,716	\$540	\$4,860
Mon, Wed, Fri Full Day	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	\$750	\$6,750	\$773	\$6,957
Mon – Fri Half Day	8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	\$679	\$6,111	\$699	\$6,291
Mon – Fri Full Day	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	\$891	\$8,019	\$918	\$8,262
Mon – Fri Full Day AM & PM Ext	7:30 AM – 6:00 PM	\$1,155	\$10,395	\$1,190	\$10,710
<b>3/4 YEAR-OLD</b> <i>(children must be 3 years old by Sept 1, 2017)</i>					
Mon, Wed, Fri Half Day	8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	\$466	\$4,194	\$480	\$4,320
Mon, Wed, Fri Full Day	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	\$682	\$6,138	\$702	\$6,318
Mon – Fri Half Day	8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	\$626	\$5,634	\$645	\$5,805
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Mon – Fri Full Day AM & PM Ext	7:30 AM – 6:00 PM	\$1,070	\$9,630	\$1,102	\$9,918
<b>4/5 YEAR-OLD</b> <i>(children must be 4 years old by Sept 1, 2017)</i>					
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Mon - Fri AM Ext	7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	\$145	\$1,305	\$150	\$1,350
Mon, Wed, Fri PM Ext	3:30 PM – 6:00 PM	\$160	\$1,440	\$165	\$1,485
Mon - Fri PM Ext	3:30 PM – 6:00 PM	\$265	\$2,385	\$275	\$2,475
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>					
\$200 SPECIAL NEEDS/INCLUSION Annual Registration Fee (in addition to the above tuition)					
\$25/HOUR (on as needed basis to be determined by the ECC Administrative Team)					

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

SELECT DESIRED PROGRAM						
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# REGISTRATION FORM

## 2017/2018 EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*At the time of registration you will be charged a registration fee of \$65, May 2018 tuition, and a supply fee of \$70. These charges are non-refundable and non-transferable. You will also be required to sign a contract of financial commitment for the 2017/2018 school year.

\*JCC Member: Yes No (You must become a JCC member at the time of registration).

### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of 9/1/2017) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any special needs? Yes\* No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\*(If yes, you must set up an appointment with the ECC Education Team. Please contact the ECC Front Desk, ecc@slcjjc.org).

FAMILY STATUS:  Married  Divorced  Separated  Widowed  Single  Other

PARENT/GUARDIAN WITH CUSTODY:  Both Parents  Mother  Father  Other

(1) Parent/Guardian First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address (if different from child's): \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Parent/Guardian First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address (if different from child's): \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

AMEX VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL FEES

Registration Fee (\$65): \_\_\_\_\_

Supply Fee (\$70): \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit (May 2018 Tuition): \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_