



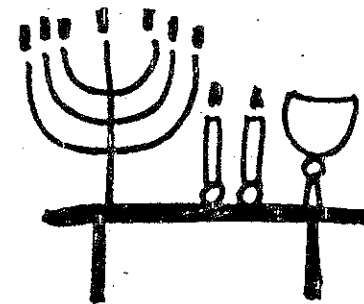
Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center
United Hebrew Congregation
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Welcome - - - - -

Welcome to our preschool family at United Hebrew Congregation! The Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center has programs for children ages 7 months through 5 years.

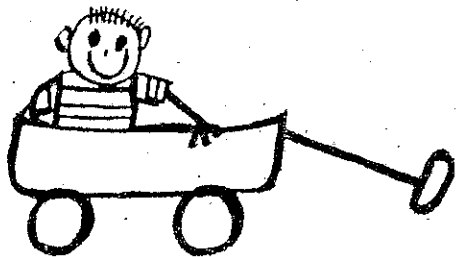
Our center provides many opportunities for children to develop their socialization, exploration, and creativity skills through curriculum designed to meet your child's intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs. We realize that each child is seen as a unique individual who learns and develops at his/her own pace. The teachers provide a curriculum that integrates developmentally appropriate Judaic and secular experiences while stimulating and challenging young minds.

We know that entering preschool for the first time is an exciting and meaningful experience. We hope you and your child will join our preschool family at the Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center. Our commitment is to you and your child.



Our commitment to children-----

- Provide a safe, warmhearted, and friendly environment
- Provide qualified, nurturing, and energetic teachers to help children develop at their own pace
- Recognize and meet the emotional needs of the children.
- Respect children for who they are
- Guide children to achieve their full potential and to have a positive self-image
- Build relationships with adults and peers to form a sense of community
- Encourage a close relationship between the children, their families, our staff, and our rabbis



Classes-----

Baby Bunch: For children who are 6 months old by July 31

This teacher-directed play group is designed for parent and child and includes play time, music, movement, and age-appropriate fun.

Kee Tov ("It is Good"): For children who are 1 year 6 months old by July 31

Tov ("Good"): For children who are 2 years old by July 31

These two classes provides children with their first school experience alone in a very warm, diverse environment. The group size is kept small to allow the teachers freedom to give much-needed individualized attention. The goals in Kee Tov and Tov include helping the children learn to trust new adults, to feel comfortable with themselves, to begin to socialize and develop relationships with peers. They begin to learn the routines of the day and are able to make transitions from one activity to another.

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Chalutzim ("Pioneers"): For children who are 2 years 6 months old by July 31

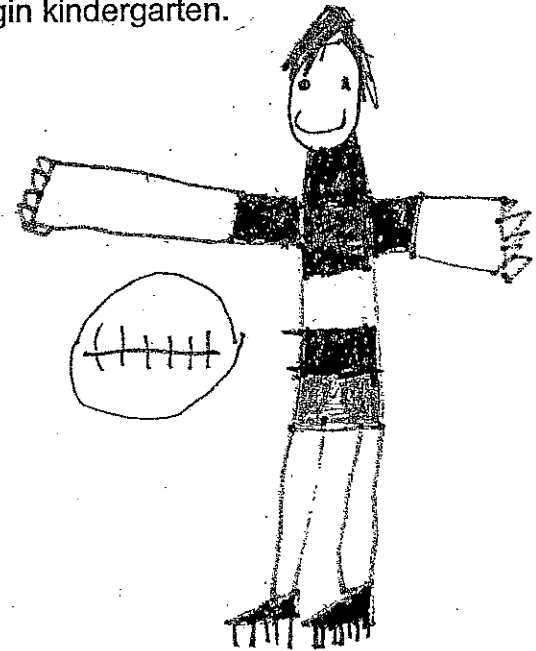
The environment of the Chalutzim class allows for the beginning of group interaction and cooperative play. Developing a sense of personal responsibility and independent thinking is also incorporated. The Chalutzim students explore a wide variety of art media, and have library time, science, movement, music/Hebrew, and Israeli dancing, as they begin to understand the world around them. Observance of Shabbat and other Jewish traditions are integrated into the many developmentally-appropriate activities the children enjoy.

Chaverim ("Friends"): For children who are 3 years old by July 31

The Chaverim class provides opportunities for the continuation of important aspects of group interaction. The children learn important social skills and enjoy the pleasures that new friendships bring. Emphasis is placed on socialization and problem solving. Readiness skills in cognitive areas are developed by participation in activities that stress communicating, listening, memory recall, categorizing, and patterning. Jewish values are integrated into the daily program, as well as observing Shabbat and holidays.

Shalom ("Peace"): For children who are 4 years old by July 31

In this pre-kindergarten class, the children continue to be given many stimulating and creative experiences, with more of an emphasis on readiness skills that are desirable for a successful transition to kindergarten. Children are encouraged to develop the ability to communicate well with peers and staff, to recognize and respect the rights of others, to follow directions, to cooperate and function well as a member of a group. Our goal is for these children to leave Shalom feeling good about themselves, confident, eager, and ready to begin kindergarten.



Special----- ---Activities---

A child's world grows as he or she experiences new opportunities. Our program provides a wide variety of activities and areas of exploration.

In addition to our talented, loving classroom teachers, our curriculum includes specialists who meet with the children each week for music/Hebrew, movement, and science. Twice a month the children experience Israeli dancing.

We also have "library time" each week where we have parent volunteers as "librarians." The children listen to a story book read by the parents and then check out a book to take home.

Friday mornings include Shabbat celebrations in each class. A child from each class is the Shabbat King/Queen. The child's family is invited to join us as we share blessings, challah, and grape juice. Each "Shabbat Family" receives a basket that contains everything necessary for a special Shabbat at home.

Our students, Shabbat families, and teachers then gather in the Chapel for a lovely, child-centered Shabbat service that provides a meaningful way to end each week.

Options-----

There are several optional extras available for use by our families.

EARLY MORNING DROP-OFF is available from 8:30 to 9:00 every school day.

LUNCH BUNCH is held every Monday through Friday from 12:00 until 1:00. Children have a supervised play period and eat the lunches they have brought from home.

ENRICHMENT 101 is offered on Monday through Friday afternoons from 12:00 until 3:00. Enrichment 101 generates a creative learning environment where the daily activities are multi-sensory and experimental in nature. It is a very exciting, theme-based curriculum that encourages children to ask questions, explore information, and evaluate their findings. The curriculum is developmentally appropriate with an emphasis on creativity through hands-on activities. There is a different theme every two weeks that is packed with art, science, math, literacy, movement, sign language, cooking, and yoga.

KIDZERCISE is a 12-week program, offered each semester, that combines movement skills, sport games, and team sportsmanship. It is staffed by members of the preschool staff. It is offered to toilet-trained children who attend our four- and five-year-old programs. Children attend one afternoon per week from 12:00 – 2:00.

Family----- -Involvement--

Our families are very important to us, and we encourage family involvement. There are a variety of preschool committees to be involved in throughout the year. Our Early Childhood Center Board is comprised of congregants with children in our school. They sponsor a variety of family-centered activities throughout the year.

In addition, the preschool curriculum provides events of special interest to families, such as Dad's Night, Mom's Night, and Curriculum Night. A newsletter is emailed home weekly by the teachers. A Parent's Bulletin is emailed home each month to keep families informed of all school happenings.

United Hebrew and the Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center frequently co-sponsor "Kid"dush Club. This program is for families with very young children that involves our rabbis, music specialist, and Early Childhood Center Director. It is a wonderful time to experience a little "Jewishness" with your child and with us. There is singing, the Shema and Torah, an activity, and a snack.



**We see the best in children at the
Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center!**

We're always happy to hear from you and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to call us in the school office. Call for a tour.

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