FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

Program Information

Q: What are the hours of B’nai Jehudah Child Development Center?
A: We will be providing care from 9am-1pm. The days of the week available are based on your child’s age.

Q: What age groups will be available?
A: We will provide care for toddlers (one by 8/31/2017), 2 year olds, 3 year olds and 4/5 year olds (PreK).

Q: Will there be enrichment classes available?
A: Yes! We plan on offering a wide variety of classes starting in the fall. We will have dance, sports, cooking, art, science, and many more that your child can experience throughout the year. Enrichment classes will be Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 1pm-2pm. Enrollment information for Enrichment classes will be available prior to the start of the new school year.

Q: What is the curriculum at B’nai Jehudah Child Development Center?
A: We use the Creative Curriculum, a nationally recognized and data proven curriculum. The Creative Curriculum provides the teachers with a framework of information that they will use to set up their classroom (in learning centers) and will also provide an assessment tool that informs Parent/Teacher Conferences. The Creative Curriculum allows teachers to instruct children through play and experiences and is based on the understanding that children learn best through play and child directed learning.

Q: Will this still be a Jewish Preschool?
A: Of course! We are 100% committed to continuing to provide a positive, Jewish environment for all children to participate in. The CDC at the J’s Judaic Specialist will work with B’nai Jehudah staff to make sure the children are involved in exciting activities surrounding Jewish traditions and culture.

Q: Do I have to bring food for my child?
A: A nutritious breakfast will be served each morning to all children. Breakfast will include a grain, fruit and milk. Each child will need to bring his/her own lunch to enjoy in his/her classroom.

Q: Who runs this place?
A: B’nai Jehudah Child Development Center is a partnership between the Temple, Congregation B’nai Jehudah and the Jewish Community Center (The J). We have an on-site Director that supervises the teachers and any support staff. Our Director is supervised by The J’s Child Development Center Director. Both programs work together to provide an amazing program at both locations.
Q: I am a returning family, do I need to pay the deposit?
A: All families will pay a $250 deposit. This fee is refundable at the end of enrollment/graduation or with 30 days’ notice of withdrawal from the program.

Q: When does school start?
A: The first day of the school year will be August 17th, 2017. This 9-month program will conclude on May 18, 2018. Summer camp options will be available in summer 2018.

Q: How will I pay my tuition?
A: Tuition is automatically deducted from a credit/debit card or bank account twice per month (on the 1st and 15th). You will fill out information on your chosen account on the enrollment form.

Q: Do I have to be a member of The J to receive a discount?
A: Our fees have 3 different categories.
   1. Members of The Temple, Congregation B’nai Jehudah AND The J
   2. Members of any synagogue OR the J
   3. Non-members

Q: Why should I choose B’nai Jehudah Child Development Center?
A: B’nai Jehudah’s Preschool and the Child Development Center at the J have been providing high quality services to the Kansas City community for over 60 years. Our programs offer highly educated and dedicated teachers and facilities that allow children to learn, grow and excel. Our programs are committed to making sure that each child is prepared for kindergarten and also is cared for in a loving environment.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions?
A: Until the new school year starts please contact Machaela Whelan, Director at the CDC at the J. You can reach her by phone at (913)327-8051 or via email at machaelaw@thejkc.org.

This FAQ will be updated as needed.