Weinstein JCC
Dora L. Lewis Family & Child Development Center

...where learning is a journey of discovery!

Early Childhood Department
Registration 2019-2020

Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center • The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus
5403 Monument Ave., Richmond, Virginia 23226 • 804-545-8615
Dear Parents:

Thank you for choosing the Dora L. Lewis Family and Child Development Center. We hope the enclosed information will be helpful to you and your family when planning for the 2019-2020 school year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with learning, friendship and self-discovery!

Please read the enclosed information carefully so that you choose the right program for your child and learn more about our preschool. We offer two enrollment plans: a 9 month September through May plan and a 12 month September through August plan for families using Childcare services on a yearly basis (see exact dates on following pages).

Please turn in your registration materials during the appropriate sessions listed below. Make sure you enclose all necessary materials (application and payment plan) so that we can process your application. We will not enroll your child without a completed payment plan form.

Session A (Monday, March 4 - Friday, March 8) after then, as space available.
Registration is open to children currently enrolled in Preschool and to their siblings. Please note that we must have your completed registration materials during this period in order to assure your child’s space in the program.

Session B (Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15) after then, as space available.
Registration is open to new students whose siblings are “graduates” of the Preschool, those children eligible during Session A, to new students whose families are Weinstein JCC members as of September 2018, children of Great Beginnings who have been enrolled since September 2018, and those currently enrolled in Camp Ganim 2019 4-week Sessions I and/or II (1 week mini-sessions not applicable).

Session C—opens Monday, March 18 at 8:30am
Registration begins for all students who are NEW to our program.
*Applications can be dropped off in the Preschool Lobby*
Registration is divided into three sessions. If classrooms are full, we will add your name to our waitlist. All families will be contacted by April 12 to inform you of your enrollment status.

What you must turn in:
1. Registration form completed and signed.
2. 2019-20 payment plan form with payment option selected and signed.
3. Non-refundable $225 Registration Fee.
4. If you are not currently a member, a Weinstein JCC membership is a prerequisite for participation in the preschool program. If you have questions, please call us at 545-8615.

We are looking forward to a successful school year with you and your child as well as a fabulous partnership!

Sincerely,

Donna Peters
Early Childhood Director

Barbara Wise
Early Childhood Assistant Director
Preschool and Childcare Programs
Licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia

Preschool / Pre-K 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
2 year olds – Children who are 2 years old by September 3, 2019, are eligible to attend a 2, 3 or 5-day program. Children turning 2 between September 4 and October 31 are eligible to enroll and may attend beginning on their 2nd birthday. Children need not be toilet trained to attend the 2-year-old program.
3 year olds are eligible to attend a 5-day program. Children in 3 and 4 year old classrooms are expected to be toilet trained.
4 year olds are eligible to attend a 5-day program. “Pre-K” refers to all of our 4 and 5 year old preschool classrooms.

Pre-K Preschool 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Children 4 years old by June 1, 2019 are eligible to attend this 5-day program. We are excited to offer this Pre-K class for 4 and 5 year olds that can extend their preschool experience. Children will bring a non-meat lunch and have an extra hour of activities! Children enrolled in 1:30 Pre-K classes are unable to enroll in 12-1:30 Lunch and Fun classes. There will be some 1:30 pm enrichment classes available throughout the year. “Pre-K” refers to all of our 4 and 5 year old preschool classrooms.

Lunch Bunch 12 PM – 2 PM
Lunch Bunch is an extended time to play, have fun and make friends. There will be a routine, but it will be flexible. The activities include art, sensory play, discovery and movement, along with Judaic studies every Friday. The children also have activity time outside!

Childcare 7:30 – 9 AM; 12 – 6 PM; and 1:30 – 6 PM
Childcare hours are 7:30–9:00 AM; 12 noon to 6:00 PM; and 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Children enrolled in our Preschool program may be enrolled in the Childcare program, which is fully licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, and accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (NAEYC). Due to the various time options that are offered there can be several transitions of teachers and classrooms for your child during the day. The staffing at each time will remain consistent throughout the year.

Childcare Registration Options

9 Month Option  September 3, 2019 – June 5, 2020
This includes Preschool and/or Childcare only. The 9-month childcare program runs from September 3, 2019 until June 5, 2020. Additional registration and fees are required for Winter and Spring vacation breaks and for Summer Camp and Childcare programs.

12 Month Option*  September 3, 2019 – September 4, 2020
Families using full-day Childcare services on a 12–month basis may choose the "yearly registration package". This plan includes fees for Preschool, Childcare, vacation breaks and Summer Camp programs. The total charge for the 52 weeks is divided into 12 monthly payments. The program operates from September 3, 2019 through September 4, 2020. We hope that your family will take advantage of this discounted registration program, which eliminates the necessity of registering for the different Childcare programs available throughout the year.

*If for any reason you discontinue the 12 month program your payment will be retroactively based on a 9 month fee schedule.
Dora L. Lewis Child and Family Development Center

Getting to know us....

PURPOSE

The purpose of education in the Early Childhood Department of the Dora L. Lewis Family and Child Development Center of the Weinstein Jewish Community Center is to develop young children’s minds, bodies and emotions, as well as to encourage self-direction and lifelong learning by:

- Creating child-centered classrooms that encourage exploration and learning based on the interests of the children.
- Fostering Jewish identity through an experiential approach to Judaism.
- Generating a loving positive atmosphere, which provides openness, spontaneity, creativity, joy and supports each child and family.
- Enhance and deepen family commitment to the learning and practice of ethics and values through the study of Pirkei Avot.
- Providing an array of stimulating activities to promote creative expression, motor development, health and safety practices and cognitive development through thinking, reasoning, questioning and experimenting.
- Offering varied opportunities to enhance cultural awareness, social skills, language and literacy development.
- Encouraging independence, self-confidence, respect for others and a sense of belonging and sharing in a group.
- Maintaining an environment that aligns with natural proportions of both typical children and also children with challenges to enhance everyone's learning.
- Developing deeper connections with the natural world and encouraging children to explore their world with a sense of awe and wonder.

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that early childhood experiences provide the foundation for one’s lifetime. The Weinstein JCC Early Childhood Program provides experiences that promote the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each child.

We believe that each child is unique. Therefore, the Weinstein JCC Early Childhood Program provides for individual needs and differences.

We believe that a child’s self-perceptions are influenced by the attitudes of significant others in his/her life. Therefore, we provide a positive, supportive, and accepting environment in which to grow.

We believe that a young child learns about his/her environment through direct and concrete experiences. Therefore, the Weinstein JCC Early Childhood Program provides opportunities for discovery, exploration, experimentation and documentation within child-centered classrooms both indoors and outdoors.

We believe that exposure to nature enhances children’s observation and problem solving skills as they connect with the wonders of the natural world. Therefore, the Weinstein JCC Early Childhood Program provides outdoor play spaces that cultivate imaginations and pretend play; offer hands-on experiences with sand, mud, water, dirt, flower and vegetable gardens; build visual-spatial skills; strengthen powers of observation; improve the ability to concentrate, and enhance motor skills such as coordination, balance and agility.
SUPPORT SERVICES/INCLUSION

Our goal is to create a successful experience for every child. The Inclusion/Support program, with parent support, works with teachers and visiting specialists to plan strategies that support children while they attend our program.

Communicating information about current, past or recommended interventions and therapies that your child has experienced is essential to begin and carry out this planning process. Support services include: speech therapy, occupational and physical therapy, educational services, psychological/counseling services (e.g. play therapy/social skills group), and medical treatment for chronic conditions. All information is confidential.

Once you let us know this aspect of your child’s background by checking the box on the registration form, you will receive a follow-up contact from a member of our staff to determine our ability to meet your child’s needs.

LICENSING

The Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services licenses the Weinstein JCC Early Childhood Program. The Department of Social Services has developed minimum standards for childcare centers. The Weinstein JCC Early Childhood Program adheres to these “Minimum Standards” or to policies, which are more stringent.

ACCREDITATION

The Early Childhood Program at the Dora L. Lewis Family and Child Development Center is proud to have been accredited by The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) since 1986. This recognition was given to the program for having demonstrated substantial compliance with nationally recognized Criteria for High Quality Early Childhood Programs. The program is reaccredited every five years.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The daily program is orderly but flexible. It provides for a variety of experiences, levels of difficulty, and pacing. There is a balance between indoor and outdoor activities. Both quiet and active learning experiences are provided. Teachers interact with children on both an individual and group basis. Children are given the opportunity to initiate their own activities, as well as participate in teacher-guided activities.
THE REGGIO APPROACH

The Weinstein JCC’s Early Childhood Department offers a child-centered program which is inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach. The basic premise of the Reggio Approach is a shared and deep belief in the strength of children’s potential of learning, exploring, and entering into relationships with their peers, teachers, and environment. Inherent in the premise is the expectation that children make hypotheses and discover connections and meanings among things and events of their daily lives.

Children have many languages for expressing and communicating. The Reggio Approach helps to provide the creative freedom for children to fully represent their ideas and to develop their thinking.

An integral aspect in the Reggio approach is the use of art. In the Reggio Approach, art is inseparable from the rest of the curriculum, and in fact, is central to the educational process as a form of both exploration and expression.

We consider creativity and learning part of the same process. When children actively and intently explore an object or an idea they take part in creating their own knowledge. Teachers act as resources to and researchers of the learning process by asking thought-provoking questions, offering materials, creating inviting classroom environments and documenting the children’s work.

Teachers routinely take notes and photographs and make recordings of group discussions and children’s play. Teachers use what they learn to plan activities that are based on the children’s interests. The documentation process gives teachers and parents insight into the children’s individual personalities and development. The documentation panels can be seen outside every classroom.

The projects that develop from the children’s interest or through a provocation by the teacher support the children’s natural impulse to investigate the world around them. Project work encourages children to take initiative, assume responsibility, and make decisions and choices.

Integrating the Reggio Approach along with a caring, dedicated faculty helps children to feel pride in their own accomplishments. This is turn helps children to flourish and grow in their self-concept, social and learning skills.
An Ethical Start™ is based on the book “Pirkei Avot - Ethics of the Fathers”. It is an educational program developed to teach Jewish ethics and values to preschoolers.

An Ethical Start™ was developed by the Jewish Community Center Association, which was funded in part by the Steven Spielberg Righteous Persons Foundation.

The program is developed through exploration of the text, “Ethics of Our Fathers,” environmental enhancements, multi-media exploration through music, books, Peer K doll and the emergent curriculum, which integrates with our current early childhood philosophy.

The innovative program enhances and deepens family commitment to the learning and practice of ethics and values. The six areas of focus consist of the following values: responsibility, dignity, kindness, community, tradition and respect.

An Ethical Start™ is a groundbreaking way of helping families and early childhood teachers study a classical text and develop a shared vocabulary for raising young children with a respect and understanding of ethics and values.

An Ethical Start™ program is based on an imaginative character, Peer K Explorer™, an animated character and three-dimensional doll, who is our children’s “guide,” just as Pirkei Avot is our guide to value-based teaching. The multi-media approach encourages interest and peaks learning.

One of the best known teachings of Pirkei Avot is attributed to Rabbi Hillel, “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And, if I am only for myself what am I? And, If not now, when?”

Peer K. Explorer, with his smile, backpack, and special tools, is just the friend to help guide our children in exploring our world, respecting each other, and cherishing every moment. As Peer K. himself would say, “Come and be my partner…” If not now, when?
Preschool, Lunch Bunch & Childcare

9 Month Preschool
September 3, 2019—June 5, 2020

Preschool/Pre-K (9 AM - 12 PM)
2 yrs. 3 - 5 yrs.
2 days (T/Th) $3,795 N/A
3 days (M/W/F) $5,365 N/A
5 days (M - F) $7,115 $6,600

Pre-K Preschool (9 AM - 1:30 PM)
Must be Four Years Old by June 1, 2019
5 days (M - F) $9,420

Child Care Program (2 - 5 yrs.)
September 3, 2019 - June 5, 2020

7:30 - 9 AM 12 - 6 PM 1:30 - 6 PM
*2 Days $966 $4,342 N/A
*2-Day Childcare available only for 2 yr. olds enrolled in T/Th Preschool
3 Days $1,176 $4,777 $3,455
5 Days $1,335 $5,796 $4,210
M T W Th F (Circle)

12 Month Childcare Program:
Includes preschool, camp and vacation breaks
September 3, 2019 – September 4, 2020

7:30 AM - 5 PM 9 AM - 6 PM 7:30 AM - 6 PM
2 yrs. $1,328 $1,328 $1,450
3-5 yrs. $1,292 $1,292 $1,422

Monthly Rate

Lunch Bunch (2 - 5 yrs.) 12 - 2:00PM
1 Day $795
2 Days $1,515
3 Days $2,310
4 Days $2,375
5 Days $2,870
M T W Th F

IMPORTANT – Please read.
Our goal is to be inclusive, proactive and supportive.

Does child receive support services (OT, PT, Speech, Education, etc.)? Yes No
If checked yes, you will be contacted regarding your child's specific needs to determine eligibility and to develop support strategies to ensure his or her success in our program.

Check here if you are interested in scholarship information.

Total Fees for Programs $ __________________________
A payment plan must be set up before application will be accepted.

FORM CONTINUES ON BACK OVER
A non-refundable $225 registration fee must accompany each child’s application. Weinstein JCC membership is a prerequisite. Prior to the acceptance of this registration current membership dues and other program fees must be paid in full or be current with an approved Weinstein JCC payment plan. 2019-2020 Membership and other program fees must be paid in full by August 31, 2019 unless a payment plan has been confirmed with the Weinstein JCC Accounting Department. Fees may be charged on MasterCard, Visa or American Express or EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer).

Twelve month* registration includes fees for Preschool, Childcare, Vacation breaks as well as Summer Camp and Childcare programs. Total fee for 52 week program is divided into 12 monthly payments.

* If for any reason you discontinue the 12 month program your payment will be retroactively based on a 9-month fee schedule.

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING
I understand the Center’s policy on Preschool and Childcare registration and I agree to be responsible for payment of all fees due the Weinstein JCC. I understand that failure to make payments as required will result in termination of service and collection action taken. In the event that collection action is taken, I understand that I will be responsible for any and all attorney and court costs incurred by the Weinstein JCC.

I understand that should I withdraw my child from Preschool or Childcare after June 1, 2019, I will be responsible for payment for three months of service, Sept., Oct., and Nov. I understand that should I withdraw my child from Preschool or Childcare after August 30, 2019, I will be responsible for payment for three months of service from date of withdrawal. To withdraw my child from any Weinstein JCC program, I understand that I must submit my request in writing to the Weinstein JCC Early Childhood Director.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian  Signature of Individual Responsible for Payment (If different)
X ______________________________________  X ______________________________________
Date ______________________    Date ____________________

This is your chance to help someone else!
I realize that scholarship dollars are scarce, and I would like to help provide an exciting Preschool experience for another child. Enclosed please find my contribution of $ ________________.

Registration Fee $225 per child, non-refundable

☐ Check Enclosed  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express

Credit Card # ______________________  Exp. Date ________  Sec. Code _______

Signature: __________________________  Name on Card __________________________
EXTENDED PAYMENT AGREEMENT
2019 – 2020
CAROLE & MARCUS WEINSTEIN
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
5403 MONUMENT AVENUE
RICHMOND, VA 23226

NAME: ___________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________________________

STREET                                                             CITY                                         STATE                                ZIP

PHONE: (H)______________________(W)____________________MEMBERSHIP #: ________________

Payment Options

☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
Pre-Authorized debit on the 15th of each month from your checking account. Your first monthly payment and a voided check will be required to set up this option.
(See back of form for more details)

☐ Credit Card
Pre-Authorized debit from your VISA or MasterCard monthly. Please complete back of form with credit card number, expiration date, preferred process date, billing address and signature.

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□ MasterCard    □ Visa    □ American Express

Name on Card: ______________________________________________________________

Preferred Process Date: □ 15th, □ 22nd, □ 30th - Starting Date: __________________________

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: _______________

Billing address: ______________________________________________________________

(If different from mailing address)

Authorization Agreement for Pre-Arranged Payments (Debits)

I (we) authorize the Carole & Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account maintained at the bank named below, herein after called Bank.

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until Bank has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Bank a reasonable time to act on it. A customer also has the right to question Bank about any debit entry by notifying Bank not later than 60 days after Bank sends a statement to customer containing the entry. Bank will handle all such questions in accordance with its procedures and the requirements for resolving errors found in Regulation E issued by the Federal Reserve Board.

Name(s) (Please Print) ___________________________________ Social Security Number ______________________________

Membership # ____________________________ Date ________________

Signed ________________________________ Signed ________________________________

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