

# East Valley JCC

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER



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# Who We Are

*The **EVJCC** has offered a safe, secure learning environment for over 40 years. Many of our current parents were proud **JCC** kids! Our center welcomes families of all backgrounds to join our **JCC** family!*

## **Welcome to the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) at the East Valley JCC!**

Our children explore, develop, experience and imagine. Our experienced, caring teachers guide their learning in our NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited classrooms. We offer the lowest child to teacher ratios in the East Valley.

At the ECLC, teachers use the best educational approaches to enhance our curriculum to completely support our families, parents and children.

*Thank you for your interest in our center. We look forward to welcoming you and your children into our community!*



# Our Philosophy



The Early Childhood Learning Center fosters self-esteem, confidence and independence with our qualified, nurturing staff.

We encourage inquiry, collaboration and creativity while cultivating a love for learning.

Our families are our partners in providing a safe and supportive environment. We provide wisdom, model respect and teach responsibility for the world, through a Jewish lens.



# Infants & Toddlers

## **INFANTS** (6 weeks-16 months)

Parents, as your child's first teachers, you know the importance of forming healthy attachments. Our infant to teacher ratios - 3:1 - set the stage for individualized care and building trust and emotional security with your baby. Our qualified teachers know the importance of early brain development and use this knowledge in their every day interactions.

## **TODDLERS** (17 months-2 years old by September)

Toddlers are active learners, needing the time and space to explore, run and create. Our primary focus is on encouraging the children to develop autonomy and mastery over their bodies and belongings. In a safe and nurturing environment, toddlers feel confident to explore, discover and experiment under the caring eye of their teacher.



### *From our Parents:*

"We have chosen the JCC for daycare, preschool and camps for over 8 years. My kids love the activities, spirit and field trips. I love knowing they are always safe and always having fun at the J!" - Sarah

# Preschool (2s & 3s)

*Every day, our children enjoy activities that focus on their social, emotional, cognitive, fine motor, moral and creative development.*

## **ALL CHILDREN WORK AT THEIR OWN PACE & LEVEL.**

Our well-trained teachers continuously introduce challenging concepts and skills. The Project Approach encourages children to use newly developed skills to investigate teacher guided curriculum, as well as their own interests.

**THROUGH MODELING AND CONVERSATION**, we encourage our children to understand their emotions. We help them develop self-soothing techniques to ultimately put them in the driver's seat of situations so they can master the art of independent problem solving.

**THE CURRICULUM IS BASED ON** research-based developmental guidelines.

**STARTING WITH A CHILD'S NAME**, teachers begin to introduce letter sounds and build on each skill. This becomes the basis for shared writing and independent reading to create a strong foundation as they move forward.

*From our Parents:*

"The J has been a part of my family for 5 years. As a working mom, I have trusted the J with my most precious gifts, my 3 children . I've admired the teachers & staff at the J and the amazing things they do! And now I'm so proud to say I'm part of this incredible family as a teacher as well!" - Cari

# Pre-Kindergarten

*At the ECLC, teachers use the educational approaches that reflect best practice in early childhood education.*

**SUCCESS IN KINDERGARTEN AND BEYOND** starts in our full day Pre-Kindergarten which is filled with authentic opportunities for writing, reading, problem-solving and scientific discovery.

**USING A WORD WALL, CHILDREN WRITE & READ WORDS** that are important to them. They trace, copy, and sound out the words, all with teacher guidance.

**THROUGH ACTIVE AND INTERACTIVE PLAY,** teachers guide children as they develop their abilities to problem-solve and use their critical thinking.

**AT THE ECLC, SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY** happens daily! Tasting different apples to see which is the most popular or using classroom materials to measure their height are part of science and math in Pre-K. This project approach allows the children to lead and utilize these important skills.



*From our Parents:*

"I felt instantly comfortable with the EVJCC when we first checked them out. My son absolutely loves coming to school and you always get a warm welcome when you come in the door. They truly care about each child and family and it shows." - Jess

# It Takes A Village

*We work hand in hand with our families in partnership to provide the best for all of our JCC children.*

**PARENT & FAMILY INVOLVEMENT MATTERS** at the J, we encourage our parents and families to get involved to making this your second home. For example:

- Join us for weekly music and movement each Friday
- Help shape our school through our Parent Advisory Committee and plan monthly community service projects, park outings and more!
- Volunteer in the classroom to read, lead a project or help with an event
- Serve as a room parent to be an integral part of the classroom experience

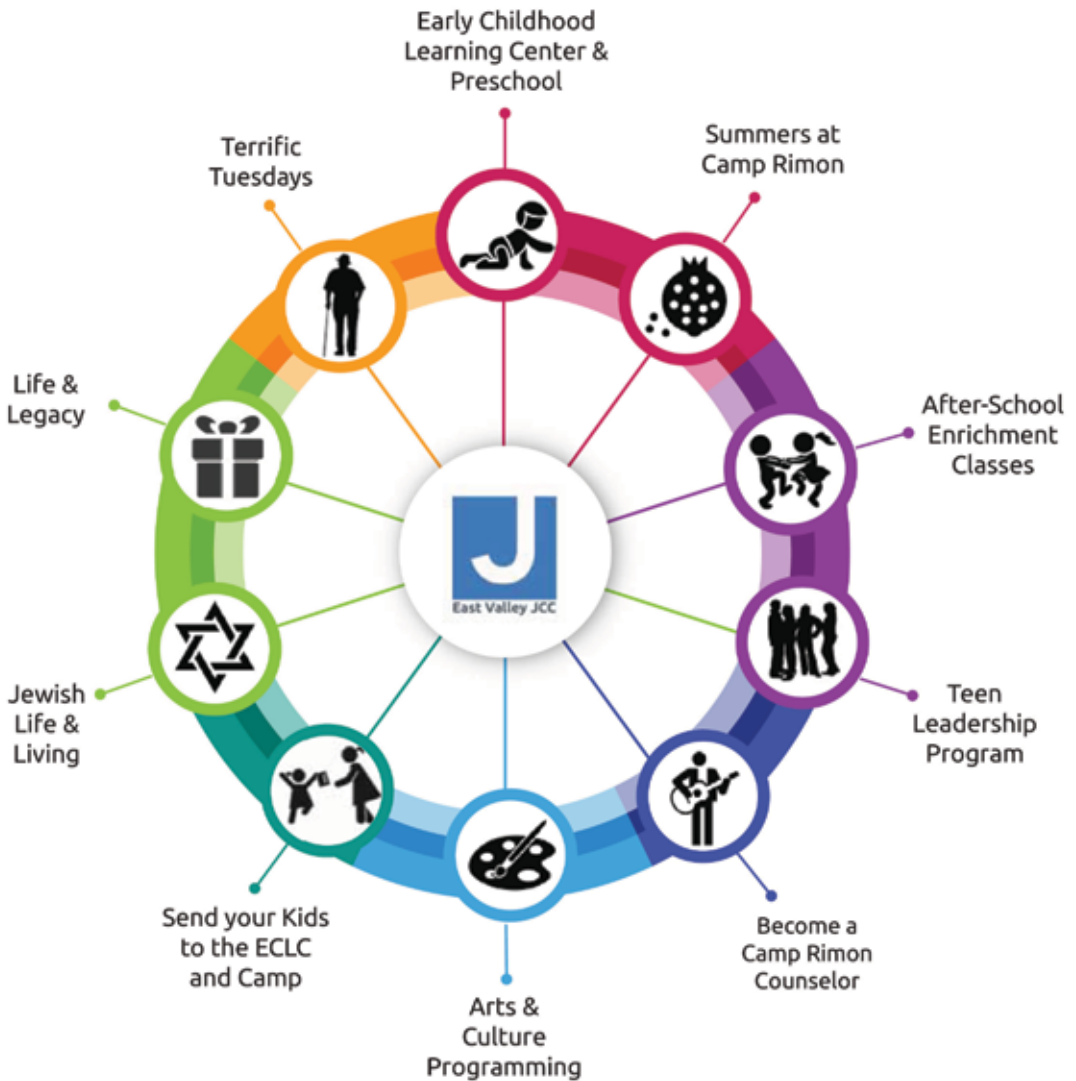
**AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT** Just because the school day is over, doesn't mean the fun and learning ends! Every afternoon, the ECLC offers enrichment classes for all interests and ages. Our current offerings include: tap& ballet in our dance studio, karate, tumbling, tennis, soccer, Sportball, art & more!

*From our Parents:*

"Our son has been attending the EVJCC for over two years and I couldn't be happier! We have stayed because not only has the JCC been such a rich learning environment but the teachers and leaders truly care about their work and the children. Our little guy loves going to 'school' here and has truly learned so much! Their staff to child ratios are also incredible - especially in the infant room where as a parent, you want low ratios. Everyday I know he is in a safe environment" - Kavita

# About the EVJCC

**Building a Lifetime of Memories at the East Valley JCC!**





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*The EVJCC is a hub for social, cultural and educational activities to engage families and individuals, through Jewish values, throughout their lifetime.*

**CAMP RIMON.** Summer Day Camp and School's Out camps throughout the year for school-age campers. Swimming, Field Trips, Electives & more.

**YOUTH PROGRAMMING.** In addition to our ECLC and Camp Programs, we also offer after-school classes, Sunday Funday programming, monthly Parents Night Out activities & more.

**TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.** A program designed for teens to gain leadership skills to take back into the community and into college.

**ARTS & CULTURE.** We have JCC screenings, Israeli Film Festival, Museum Exhibits, theater and more.



Visit [evjcc.org](http://evjcc.org) to view our program calendar and see what's happening!

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*Beyond the ECLC, there's so much more to experience at the J for all ages! Camps, After-School Activities, Teen Programs, Adult Classes, Events, Seniors Programming & More!*

**JEWISH LIFE & LIVING.** Programming designed with the adult learner in mind. The J offers a wide range of classes taught by a variety of educators including Jewish Philosophy, Jewish History & Traditions, Conversational Hebrew, Parenting and more. We also have our Challah Factory selling Challah and baked goods weekly.

**SENIOR PROGRAMMING.** Our weekly Terrific Tuesday program is a senior meet-up. Meet interesting speakers, enjoy presentations, explore art and music!

**CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION.** Our goal is to educate our community about the Holocaust and how it relates to today.

**Coming soon...**

**Health & Fitness classes, Interfaith Programming,  
Family and Young Adult Programming.**



# Visit Us!



**Register for a tour online at**  
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