

Kaufman Child Care Centre

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Philosophy & Curriculum

The Kaufman Child Care Centre is located at the Rady JCC and provides high quality care and education. We believe that children are capable learners that interact with their environment and peers. That interaction inspires a sense of wonder, exploration, experimentation and discovery.

Through play, children develop life skills that provide the basis for further learning and success in their life, including: Focus and Control, Perspective Taking, Communicating, Making Connections, Critical Thinking, Taking on Challenges and Engaged Learning. We base our understanding of life skills based on the book: *"Mind in the Making – The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs"* by Ellen Galinsky, first edition, HarperCollins Publishers, 2010.

Curriculum

Our curriculum follows the Sheva Framework developed by the JCCA that states seven core elements:

1. Children as a Constructivist Learners
2. Early Childhood Directors as Visionaries
3. Early Childhood Educators as Professionals
4. Families as Engaged Partners
5. Environments as Inspiration for Inquiry
6. Discovery CATCH as SH'mirat HaGuf (taking care of our bodies)
7. Israel as the Story of the Jewish People

Our program instills a sense of pride and commitment in children with regards to Jewish life. [The following values](#) help us to focus on our Jewish identity with a holistic approach: Hachnasat Orchim (Welcoming All), Kehilla (Community), Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World), Ruach (Spirit) and Dor L'Dor (from Generation to Generation). They were carefully selected with the input of our educators and are aligned with the organization at large.

