

Why Parents Choose Charlotte Jewish Preschool

By Kim Maguire

We all have choices. Every day we make choices that are a good fit for our family. We choose where to grocery shop. We choose our doctors. We made decisions regarding our children's education. Many of us listen to our friends who have had good experiences. After listening to some of our parents regarding their reasons for choosing Charlotte Jewish Preschool for their children, I thought I would share the top ten reasons you will love our preschool.

"We love the Charlotte Jewish Preschool for the well educated, warm, and loving teachers."

The teachers at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool meet the highest qualification for preschool educators. The lead teachers either have their Early Childhood Credentials/Certification or a degree in Education Combined, our teachers have a total of 367 years teaching in teaching experience.

"I love that my child is getting his early Jewish fundamentals from a fabulous school with a great curriculum, great facility, and a great staff who know and understand him."

At the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, our Judaica specialist instills the values of Judaism, as well as, preschool appropriate teachings found in the Torah. Each teacher reinforces these ideas daily in the classroom by performing Havdalah service each Monday, incorporating Hebrew language and prayers in our daily routines. Each week, we also celebrate Shabbat on Friday by lighting the candles, singing dancing and listening to stories from our amazing clergy at Temple Beth El and Temple Israel.

"I love that the program has some flexibility in the hours by offering babysitting before and



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after school if we need it."

Our qualified staff is available in the morning before school starts and at the end of the preschool day to entertain your children while you attend an early morning meeting, take care of an appointment, or just relax and have a little extra time for yourself.

"I love that there are so many choices of enriching programs to send the kids to afterschool. Charlotte Jewish Preschool makes it convenient to transfer your child to the Levine Jewish Community Center."

Activities such as sports class, pottery class, dance class, or swimming instruction, as well as many more, are available for your preschool aged child. The Charlotte Jewish Preschool will safely transfer your child to these activities.

"Excellent weekly communication from teacher's newsletters and e-mail blasts always keep us up to date."

Besides our regular weekly communications, parents can visit our website for additional information at www.cjpkids.org. In addition, you may take advantage of two formal evaluation periods during the school year when specific time is reserved especially for you and your child's teacher.

"Charlotte Jewish Preschool feels like family."

Many times, alumni will come back and read stories in the class-

room of their younger siblings. We have even attended Bar/Bat Mitzvahs of our former students.

"The program creates unique camps during summer and winter breaks for continuity and support of parents."

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Chanukah Party

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Federation of Charlotte, Lake Norman Jewish Congregation-Sisterhood, Lake Norman Jewish Congregation, Ohr Hatorah Congregation, Temple Beth El Giving Tree and Temple Israel.

February Events at JFS

Creating Happy Families and Responsible Kids presented by Wendy Petricoff, Facilitator for Love and Logic

Love & Logic for Teens & Tweens

Mondays, February 6, 13 and 27, 7-9 PM

Levine-Sklut Judaic Library at Shalom Park

Love & Logic for Early Childhood

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 9:30-11:30 AM (Levine-Sklut Judaic Library at Shalom Park) or 7-9 PM (Teen Meeting Room at Shalom Park)

Social Skills Group

Utilizing the "Model Me Kids" curriculum, children ages 8-12 will be assisted with developing skills that help with overall social and emotional regulation abilities.

These groups are ideal for children who struggle with social and emotional regulation, experience

problems making and keeping friends, have difficulty cooperating with peers and adults, or present underlying development delays or lagging skills. All groups are held at the JFS offices in Shalom Park.

Girls Social Skills Group (Age 8-12)

Mondays, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 3:45-4:30 PM

Boys Social Skills Group (Age 8-12)

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 3:45-4:30 PM

Caregiver Support Group

New participants welcome. Two of our professionals facilitate this monthly support group for caregivers. Meetings take place the second Tuesday of every month at Jewish Family Services. Tuesday, February 14, 6 PM

Melton Adult Mini-School for Seniors

This 30 week session, Purposes of Jewish Living, continues through May at Carriage Club

Tuesdays, 10-11:15 AM

Registration is required for most classes and workshops. Please visit www.JFSCharlotte.org or call 704-364-6594 for more information. ☆