

JCC Early Learning Centers

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of Greater Boston

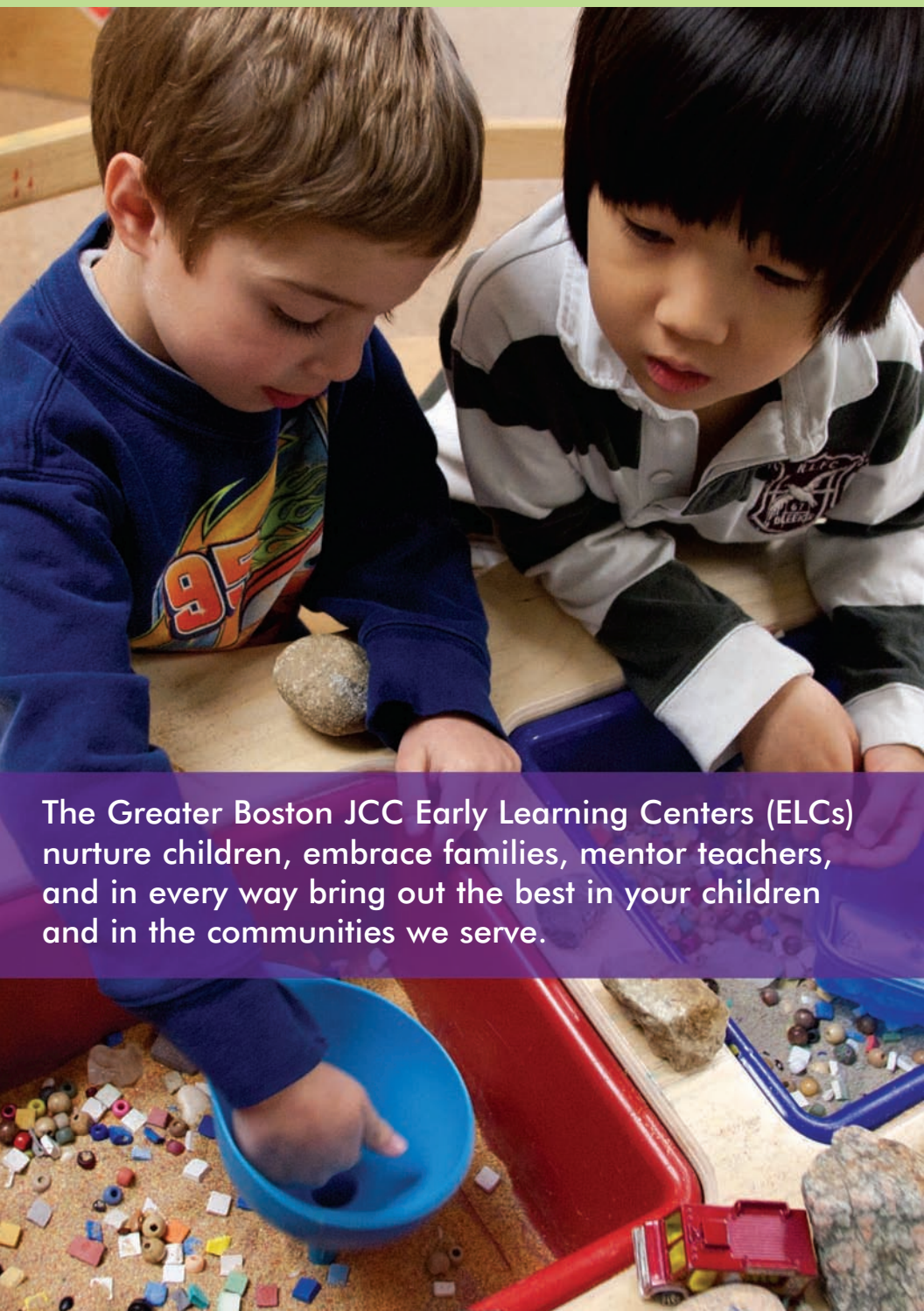
A rich early learning experience inspired
by Jewish values and traditions.

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An early learning environment that honors children's interests and capabilities



The Greater Boston JCC Early Learning Centers (ELCs) nurture children, embrace families, mentor teachers, and in every way bring out the best in your children and in the communities we serve.

Teaching your child

The ELC curriculum is grounded in the belief that all children are interesting, capable beings with infinite potential and much to contribute. Our benchmarks in working with children are growth in critical thinking (the ability to integrate observation, feeling and thought into action) and emotional competence (the ability to express or release feelings and emotions). The foundation for these abilities is laid in the first years of life, and both are actively facilitated in our day-to-day activities, projects, and interactions.

Play is a hallmark of the ELC program, as children thrive when play and creative expression are encouraged. We find every opportunity to provide a literacy and number-rich environment in which to learn in the context of exploration, self-expression and fun.

When you visit a JCC ELC, you will find pleasing spaces and rooms designed to be joyfully inhabited by children. You will see children's work, ideas and learning documented and presented for their further learning and enjoyment. You can expect caring classroom groups, constant supervision, clear and consistent routines and respect for your child as an individual. ELC teacher/child ratios meet or exceed national and state standards.



Positive relationships between educators and parents are valued

Modeling Jewish values and concepts

Being regarded as infinitely valuable, equal and utterly unique individuals is a powerful foundation for the learning we do together. From this understanding comes a deep respect for the enormous potential of every person – child, parent and teacher – and for our diverse needs.

Your child will know the joy of being Jewish and will be exposed to the rich traditions and resources of our culture. We explore the fullness of living in a multicultural world while celebrating our heritage through songs, holidays and festivals, blessings, story, dance and exposure to Hebrew language. There are no expectations or requirements of background, belief or practice in the ELCs; all are welcome.



Ledgewood Developmental Specialists

Assessment is an important aspect of early learning, and the wisdom and expertise of the Ledgewood Developmental Specialists enables us to provide support to children with physical, emotional or developmental challenges. The team is also available to help with issues such as separation or school adjustment, and to be responsive to the wide-ranging needs of young children, their parents and teachers.

Building community

In and beyond the classroom, parents are an important part of our team and we welcome your involvement. We welcome your involvement and offer family-centered programs. Many parents form lasting relationships with teachers; with other families; and, often, with Jewish traditions.

All ELC families automatically receive membership in the Leventhal-Sidman JCC, a multi-service facility in Newton, MA. This membership provides full access to JCC programs and facilities on site, and discounts for programs and services, including JCC camps, throughout the area. We welcome your participation in enrichment programs for children and adults; health and wellness offerings; and cultural events.

Teaching excellence and accreditation

Teaching young children is a valued professional and a time-honored Jewish tradition. ELC teachers receive ongoing supervision, mentoring, access to creative teacher resources, and continuing education opportunities to support their ongoing growth in educating your child.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredits programs that adhere to their stringent standards – the highest mark of quality in our field. All JCC ELCs are either accredited or in the process of achieving accreditation. They are also licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC).



Each child and each child's learning is unique and important



We believe all children can learn, contribute and grow.
We need their unique and individual contributions
in order to create a functioning and happy school.

Locations, hours and tuition

The JCC Early Learning Centers, which are located throughout Greater Boston, share an educational approach, but each has its own personality. Hours and tuitions also vary.

Contact us

For more information about the JCC Early Learning Centers, contact the Director of Early Learning at 617-558-6586 or jcc-elc@jccgb.org, or visit us on the Web at jccgb.org/earlylearning.

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