



Jewish Enrichment Center
Hyde Park

Overview

The Jewish Enrichment Center approach to Jewish children's learning brings children into the creative process of Jewish living, as co-creators of an ever-growing Judaism. Children develop their own personalized relationship with Judaism, through in-depth, arts-based Jewish exploration grounded in Jewish texts, in a community of peers. Family and community are integral partners in children's learning.

We host our flagship learning program in Hyde Park, Chicago and provide educators nationwide with training and resources for designing joyful Jewish learning environments driven by children's ideas.



A Glimpse Into the Learning Process

All children, ages 3-12, explore the same topic at the same time, for 8 - 10 weeks. At the heart of a theme is a Jewish text, or series of texts. Children dive into the text with peers through conversation, play, art, movement, and more. Based on children's questions, educators and children together design a creative, in-depth project that supports children in developing their own understanding of the theme. Children deepen and extend ideas through connections with peers, grown-ups, and Jewish tradition. We bring children's theme work together in a giant, floor-to-ceiling, public installation (bit.ly/hag-inst and bit.ly/Exoduscostume), which draws in adults and children throughout our local community to grapple with the ideas alongside children. Though theme work, children experience their own power as individuals in Jewish community while gaining foundational Jewish literacy.



Full Service Afterschool

Sessions offered Sunday mornings and Monday - Thursday afternoons, for children nursery through 6th grade. Children attend at least two sessions/week. Transportation from local schools available. Sessions include snack, quiet time, physical play, Hebrew learning, and Jewish exploration. Children attend at least two sessions/week. Parents and caregivers welcome daily for singing at the end of every session.

Learn more about the Jewish Enrichment Center at www.jewishenrichment.org or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/jewish.enrichment.center.