

GARY & KAREN SIMKIN FAMILY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

December 14, 2009

Dear Families:

Registration for Shalom Aleph and Shabbat Shalom Preschool Programs for 2 year olds and Bet Preschool for 3 & 4 year olds for the school year beginning September 2010 and running through June 2011, begins on Monday, January 11, 2010.

In this package your will find:

- Priority Registration Information
- Preschool Applications Forms
- Preschool Registration, Withdrawal and Cancellation Policy Form
- When to Expect Confirmation of Acceptance
- Program Descriptions

Completed forms can be left at the JCC Reception Desk, on or after Monday, January 11, 2010 **on or after 9:00 am**, according to your Priority Category. Please make sure that you submit all forms. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 604.257.5162, or stop by my office. My email is shoppenfeld@jccgv.bc.ca and is the most effective way of reaching me.

Sincerely,

Susan Hoppenfeld
Director, Gary & Karen Simkin Family Child Development Centre

JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER VANCOUVER



The Jewish Community Foundation has generously provided subsidies to benefit families in our E.C.E. Department, through the Women's Endowment Fund. For information please contact Susan Hoppenfeld, Director at 604.257.5162.

**Shalom Aleph, Shabbat Shalom
Preschool Programs for 2 year olds
Shalom Bet Preschool for 3 & 4 year olds
Priority Registration Information**

The following categories of registration will be accepted during the indicated period:

Cat. 1 First Priority - members currently enrolled Jan. 11, 12, 13, 2010

JCC members whose children are presently enrolled in Bet Preschool, Shalom Aleph, Shabbat Shalom and Shalom Bet. JCC members whose children are currently enrolled in Toddler and 3-5 Daycares. Please note that in Bet Preschool 11 spaces are reserved for each age group. Deadline for registration in Category 1 is Jan.13 at office closing time.

Cat. 2 Second Priority - alumni members Jan. 14, 15, 2010

Registration for JCC members whose children have attended licensed programs at the Karen and Gary Simkin Family Child Development Centre in past years (member alumni). Deadline for registration in Category 2 is Jan. 15 at office closing time.

Cat. 3 Third Priority - members Jan. 18, 19, 2010

Registration is open for JCC members whose children have never yet attended licensed programs at the Karen and Gary Simkin Family Child Development Centre. Deadline for registration in Category 3 is Jan.19 at office closing time.

Cat. 4 Fourth Priority - non members current or alumni Jan. 20, 21, 2010

Registration is open to non-member alumni and to non-members whose children are enrolled in licensed programs at the Karen and Gary Simkin Family Child Development Centre during the school year 2009-2010. Deadline for registration in Category 4 is Jan. 21 at office closing time.

Cat. 5 Open Registration Jan. 22, 2010

To Apply for Preschool Programs

All completed application forms are to be delivered to Reception at the Front Desk beginning at 9am during the days of your specific registration category. Applications will not be accepted earlier. If it is impossible to meet these registration requirements, please contact Susan Hoppenfeld at 604.257.5162 or email shoppenfeld@iccqv.bc.ca. All applicants will be notified as to their status the week of February 8, 2010.

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Shalom Bet Preschool for 3 & 4 year olds

Application Form (submit with signed policy form)

Date: _____

Time: _____

Intake #: _____

Staff Init: _____

ID # _____

MEMBER: YES NO

CHILD'S LAST NAME: _____

CHILD'S FIRST NAME: _____

Male Female Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Currently enrolled in JCC Preschool or Daycare YES NO

Other siblings in JCC Preschool or Daycare YES NO

PARENT INFORMATION: (full name please) For Mailing Purposes

Name: _____ Phone (H): _____ (B): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Cell #: _____

Name: _____ Phone (H): _____ (B): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Cell #: _____

Program Time: Monday to Friday, 9am to 11:30 am

METHOD OF PAYMENT - Please choose one of the following:

⇒ A non-refundable **\$250.00 deposit** is required at registration.

⇒ We accept payments by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, or Automatic Withdrawal

Post dated cheques (as per fee schedule)

Automatic Withdrawal (Void Cheque attached)

I hereby authorize the J.C.C. of Greater Vancouver to debit my account for deposit and monthly program fees.

Signature: _____

Visa / MC #: _____ Expiry Date: _____

I hereby authorize the J.C.C. of Greater Vancouver to charge my credit card account for deposit and monthly program fees.

Signature: _____

The Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver welcomes adults and children with special needs. If you, or a member of your family, require any extra assistance to participate in our programs, please make us aware of those needs and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

I wish to make a contribution to the **"Etgar Fund"** which has been established to support appropriate programming for children with special needs. A tax receipt will be issued for your donation.

YES \$ _____ Please use my "Method of Payment" to charge this amount. _____ Init.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION, WITHDRAWAL & CANCELTATION POLICY FORM

A full JCCGV Family Membership or Single Parent Membership (Complimentary Memberships are not applicable) must be current for Priority Registration and remain current for the full school year in order to receive Members' rates.

All registrants for ECE programs are required, at registration, to make a deposit to secure a space for their child in the program (see below). **This deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE, and will be applied to the last payment if the account is current.** If the program is full, you will be placed on a waitlist and your deposit will not be processed.

SHALOM ALEPH AND SHABBAT SHALOM

The payment schedule will be as follows:

Upon registering - **\$200** non-refundable deposit for Shalom Aleph; **\$100** non-refundable deposit for Shabbat Shalom; **\$250** non-refundable deposit for both Shalom Aleph & Shabbat Shalom (when registering at the same time)

1 st Payment	August	1/3 of remaining rate
2 nd Payment	September	1/3 of remaining rate
3 rd Payment	October	1/3 of remaining rate

SHALOM BET

The payment schedule will be as follows:

Upon Registering - **\$250** non-refundable deposit

1 st Payment	August 25
2 nd Payment	September 25
3 rd Payment	October 25
4 th Payment	November 25
5 th Payment	December 25
6 th Payment	January 25
7 th Payment	February 25

If payment is made in full at the time of the first installment date, a 3% discount will be given on the total amount.

If a parent registers 2 children or more simultaneously for the ECE preschool programs, a 5% discount will be given on lower enrollment fees.

Payment arrangements must be in place by June 12, 2010. Otherwise, the preschool space and deposit will be forfeited.

Late Registration:

If a parent registers a child after September 1st, the payment schedule will be as follows: Upon registering, 2 month fee and \$200/\$250 deposit is required.

By December 31st up to - 3 installments (for 2 year old programs)
up to - 5 installments (for 3 and 4 year old program)

Deposit/Cancellation/Withdrawal Policies:

If you cancel, the \$100/\$200/\$250 deposit is **not refundable or transferable** to other programs or persons. In the event that parents wish to withdraw their child from the program, **60 days written or emailed notice is required, by the 1st of any given month. There will be no ‘pro-rates’.** Only after receiving the written or emailed notice will the JCCGV refund any remaining funds, which will be calculated from the end of the 60-day notice period. **All funds will be forfeited if withdrawal is after March 1st of the current school year.**

Age requirement:

Shalom Aleph & Shabbat Shalom - children must be 2 years old by December 31st of the current school year.

Shalom Bet - children must be 3 or 4 years old by December 31st of the current school year.

General Information:

Maximum enrollment for Shalom Aleph and Shabbat Shalom programs is 12 children per class. Maximum enrollment for Shalom Bet program is 22 children per class.

The gender composition for each class will be taken into consideration and the Director, in this regard, will make the final decision.

All children for the 3 and 4 year old program should be toilet trained or in the process of toilet training upon commencement of class.

The JCCGV has the right to cancel programs with insufficient registration.
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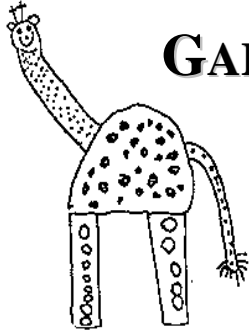
Some registration situations will be at the Director’s discretion.

YES, I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE REGISTRATION, WITHDRAWAL & CANCELTION POLICY FORM:

Parent/Guardian’s name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For any questions, contact:
Susan Hoppenfeld
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GARY & KAREN SIMKIN FAMILY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

When to Expect Confirmation of Acceptance

Please ensure that you have carefully read, completed and signed the Application and Registration/Withdrawal Forms. Both documents must be handed in at registration time in order for us to process your application.

8 February: You will receive confirmation of acceptance in the program and your deposit will be processed. If the program is full, you will be notified and placed on the wait list. Please ensure that you inform us of any contact information changes.

16 July: An Information Package will be mailed out, including required forms to be completed, a School Closure Calendar and the Fee Schedule.

25 August: First fee installment payment is due and your cheque or credit card will be processed. Please ensure that you have a payment plan in place by June 12.

Your careful attention to reading all material in the Information Package is much appreciated. Licensing requires that all necessary documents must be complete and handed in to your teacher before you leave your child with us in September. Please bring the completed documents that you receive in your Information Package to the Parent Orientation meeting in early September.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Hoppenfeld at 604.257.5162 or email: shoppenfeld@jccgv.bc.ca.

Licensed Early Childhood Education at the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver

“Play is the most complete educational process of the mind, and is nature’s magic device for ensuring that each individual becomes self-educated. Play may be described as a spontaneous, creative, desired research activity carried out for its own sake. It is motivated by innate curiosity and enquiry. It is the expression of children’s urge to find out and discover for themselves how to live, how to be.” Neville Scaarfe, University of British Columbia

What makes early childhood education at the JCC unique?

All of the programs at the Karen and Gary Simkin Child Development Centre share the same philosophy of learning through play with a strong emphasis on children’s social and emotional growth. Our teachers are licensed early childhood educators who continue to upgrade their knowledge and skills with regular professional development opportunities. Whether it’s a morning preschool room or a full-day daycare room, the same rigour is present around curriculum development. Teachers in each room nurture and provide care and education for your children, building relationships of trust and security. We believe that your children’s growing capacity for kindness and compassion, creativity and critical thinking skills are the foundation for our future.

“Our task is to help children climb their own mountains, as high as possible. No one can do more.” Loris Malaguzzi, founder Reggio Emilia schools, Italy

We begin with your children’s interests as a way to build curriculum. When the curriculum reflects your child’s interests and ideas they feel a sense of belonging and empowerment. Their potential for learning is greatly heightened. Inspired by the schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy and now an integral part of the new Early Learning Framework from the British Columbia Ministry of Education, this philosophy of early learning is based on the image of the child as competent, curious and capable. Pictures, photographs and text in each room tell stories about what children are learning during their day.

Our multi-aged groupings invite children to move through their day based on their interests and abilities. We believe that not all children learn in the same way. Not all children are interested in the same thing, at the same time. Whether its free play, group time, snack or outdoor play, children get the individual care and attention that they need to flourish.

Your children are introduced to the richness of Jewish traditions and values. Holidays are celebrated through stories, songs, art, games and of course cooking. Hebrew is integrated into our daily schedule. We come together as a community each Friday for Shabbat in the Atrium of the JCC with family and friends. Visits to Louis Brier Senior's Centre and L'Chaim Adult Daycare are highlights of our intergenerational programming.

The arts are used as a language for learning and self-expression. Children express their thoughts, feelings and ideas about the world through drawing, painting, collage and sculpture. Dressing up and pretending, constructing new worlds with blocks and puppet play are just a few of the many ways that children are encouraged to imagine.

Academic subjects are introduced in a hands-on, age appropriate way. In science, children explore and experiment, in math they sort and classify, in English they tell, write and illustrate their own stories. Literacy is an essential part of our early learning environments and each room is rich in books for different ages, abilities and interests. The alphabet and early reading skills are introduced through play.

Whether its time in the gym, dance studio, or on the playground, children challenge themselves physically each day.

It's all at the JCC! Visits to the Sidney & Gertrude Zack Art Gallery, The Jewish Museum and the Isaac Waldman Library enrich and expand learning. Early childhood specialists in science, dance, theatre and music join us during class time.

We are participants in the *Seeds of Empathy*, a national project promoting social and emotional competence by teaching young children about infant development, diversity and respecting and valuing others.

Our teachers have studied *Ethical Start*, a curriculum for children, parents and teachers based on the ancient Jewish text, *Pirkei Avot*, teachings of the fathers.

Preschool Programs

Shalom Aleph

2 year olds (2 days)

Mo & We 9:00 – 10:30am or 11am – 12:30pm

Tu & Th 9:00 – 10:30am or 11am – 12:30pm

Shabbat Shalom

2 year olds (1day)

Fri 9:00 – 10:30am or 11am – 12:30 pm

These programs are specially designed for two-year-olds and may be your child's first experience in an early childhood environment. Maximum enrollment is 12 children with two teachers and one parent volunteer to assist. Shalom Aleph and Shabbat Shalom classes may be combined for a 3 day week.

Shalom Bet

3 & 4 year olds (5 days)

Mo-Fr 9:00 – 11:30 am

Children in this 3-4 multi-aged group spend their mornings in small groups based on their interests. Free play, group time, snack, outdoor play or specially scheduled sessions for art, Hebrew, music and sports offer children opportunities to flourish in this early childhood environment. Maximum enrollment is 22 children with three teachers. After school enrichment opportunities include lunch bunch, art, sport ball, soccer and yoga.

The JCC is open to everyone and is part of a network of over 250 Jewish Community Centres in Canada and the USA. Our mission is to provide leadership in culture, recreational, educational and social activities enabling individuals and families to achieve and enhance a positive identification with Jewish Life and Israel and to develop good citizenship and a sense of community.

The Karen and Gary Simkin Family Child Development Centre is fully licensed by the Province of British Columbia. We meet the strictest standards for health, safety and cleanliness, teacher/child ratio and teacher qualifications.

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