

ARTS ALIVE



Jewish Enrichment through the Arts

At the JCC of Greater Washington | For Children Grades K-3

Sunday Mornings, 9:45 am-12 noon

September 2015-May 2016 | 26 Sessions

Registration NOW Open! Must Register by June 30.

Arts Alive could be the next step in your child's Jewish journey!

Arts Alive is a unique learning program that merges experiential Jewish education with an arts inspired curriculum. A hands-on, multi-disciplined approach to Jewish learning fosters positive Jewish identity, nurtures a love for Jewish life and learning, and inspires a passion for the arts from a young age. Opportunities for parent and family participation, throughout the year, enhance the learning experience.

Explore, celebrate, and build positive Jewish identity!

Arts Alive participants will have a multitude of opportunities to explore Jewish holidays, culture, values, language, history and traditions in creative ways. Our warm and nurturing environment is inclusive of families from all levels of Jewish observance and experience, who come together to celebrate Jewish learning and make lasting connections with the Jewish community.

Enjoy the benefits of early exposure to the arts!

Our unique approach to learning, at ArtsAlive, encourages imagination, self-expression, creativity, and positive social relationships. Each week, we learn and celebrate Judaism through art, music, dance, movement, drama, storytelling, cooking and more.

Our staff includes visiting artists and arts specialists, teachers and a wonderful group of teen volunteers.



*"Teach me and I may forget.
Show me, and I will remember.
Involve me and I'll show interest.
Excite me and I'll ask for more!"*

-Benjamin Franklin

The Arts Alive program is under the direction of **Lisa Ginsburg Arber**, a Jewish educator, programming coordinator, and arts specialist with over 30 years of experience working in the community. As part of our curriculum children also have a unique opportunity to meet area artists and arts specialists who are invited to teach and participate in our program.

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Living Letters

Children will learn Hebrew letters and be exposed to Hebrew words in all areas of the curriculum. Learning Hebrew through movement, yoga, and all forms of the arts will encourage comprehension, and make learning a new language fun. Blessings and prayers will be incorporated as they align with specific areas of learning, including Shabbat & Holidays. Hebrew reading and writing will be taught at the second and third grade levels.

Torah! Torah!

Our Torah based curriculum introduces the stories, biblical characters, and values of our Torah through interactive storytelling, movement, and songs written for each weekly Parasha. Learning becomes memorable as strong connections are made to Israel, history, and our Jewish family. Older children also explore text through study, discussion, creative writing and drama.

The Israel Experience

Children will experience the people, places, history and traditions of Israel in a variety of ways. Hands-on, arts inspired activities will be the basis for learning about Israel and connecting young children to our Jewish homeland. The Israel Experience sessions will take place around, and on, a giant map of Israel!

Story Magic

Jewish stories, holidays and values will come to life through the age old art of storytelling performance. Children will be inspired and delighted as they are exposed to popular Jewish children's stories, and secular stories with a Jewish twist. Storytelling will help make learning memorable while strengthening connections to holidays, values, Israel, and other areas of Jewish learning.

Culture Connection

Creating strong associations with Jewish and Israeli culture will be a primary focus as children participate in Hebrew singing, Israeli folk dancing, movement, drama, art and cooking activities. Children will also learn about Jewish traditions and rituals, allowing them to make strong connections to their own families, the Jewish community, and to our Jewish family in Israel and around the world.

Tabach in the Mitbach (Chefs in the Kitchen)

There is so much that can be learned about our Jewish identity through cooking and baking. Our young chefs will explore Shabbat, Holidays and Israel, along with the importance of doing a mitzvah by using our "Helping Hands" to provide foods for those in need.

The Art in You

Children will explore their Judaism through a variety of art activities. Creative projects, using a full range of art materials, will compliment learning. Individual, pair, and whole group projects will support learning and provide opportunities for collaboration. Children will also learn about Jewish artists and traditional forms of Jewish art.

One People-One Heart

Children will learn important humanistic/Jewish values in all areas of the curriculum, with a special focus on Righteous Acts (Tzedakah), Acts of Loving Kindness (Gemilut Chasadim) and World Repair (Tikun Olam.) Regular opportunities for participating in values based activities will take place throughout the year, highlighted by our special Helping Hands programs, scheduled the week before Thanksgiving and on Good Deeds Day. Our Helping Hands House (Bayit) will become a focus for self expression and sharing as children add a "hand" each week describing an act of kindness they have performed.

Holiday Happenings

Celebrating Shabbat and the Jewish holidays will be central to building strong Jewish identity. Opportunities for hands-on learning, with a focus on our Jewish calendar, will be complemented by special thematic programming that will incorporate all forms of the arts.

Arts Specialists and Visiting Artists

Arts Alive will periodically welcome arts specialists and visiting artists to facilitate activities and/or perform for the children. At select times, throughout the year, we will also offer opportunities for parent/family education and participation.