

Moriah

EARLY
CHILDHOOD
CENTER

At a glance...

OVER
40
FACULTY
MEMBERS

Educational backgrounds:

Elementary
Early Childhood
Physical & Special Education
Judaic Studies
Audiology
Nursing
Social Work
Psychology

Representing the countries:

Israel
South Africa
Argentina
Russia
Bulgaria
United States

Hours of Operation

Infant 7:30am-5:30pm
Preschool 9:00am-12:45pm
Chuggim 12:45-2:00pm
Full Day 7:30am-6:00pm

PROGRAM	AGE GROUP	CLASS	RATIO*
Gilgoal Hadash	12-24 months	Parent/Toddler Program	N/A
Kvutzat Avir "Air Team"	6 weeks-40 months	Duckling Room	9:3
		Hummingbird Room	12:3
		Dragonfly Room	14:3
		Butterfly Room	15:3
		Penguin Room	15:3
Kvutzat Mayim "Water Team"	36-52 months	Dolphin Room	20:3
		Polar Bear Room	20:3
Kvutzat Adama "Land Team"	48 months - Pre- Kindergarten	Giraffe Room	20:3
		Lion Room	20:3
		Tiger Room	20:3

*All ratios exceed state licensing requirements

Enrollment of approximately

200
CHILDREN,
representing over
150
FAMILIES

SPECIALIST RESOURCES

Social Worker
Music Specialist
Teva (Nature) Educator

Accreditation

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD KEHILLAH
OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF
METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

SECURITY

Entry doors protected by cameras
Security cards required for entry
Password protected website

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EXTENDED DAY

To support families in our school, we offer the option to extend to a full day experience. Children can begin their day at 7:30 am and are welcome to arrive at any time thereafter. This early morning program includes a kosher breakfast. By 8:45 am, early morning children are transitioned into the preschool program.

At the conclusion of the preschool day, extended day programming is available until 6:00 pm each day; parents can register for 1-5 days per week. Programming is developmentally appropriate, with a naptime provided for younger children and quiet opportunities for resting as the children grow older. Opportunities evolve for small group, mixed-age play as the afternoon progresses. A kosher snack is included in the afternoon.

KINDERGARTEN CLUB

Children enrolled in the Deerfield Public Schools half-day kindergarten program may enroll in afternoon enrichment programming at Moriah. After riding the public school bus to Moriah, the children are provided with a catered, kosher lunch each day. Families select the day(s) of the week that fit their schedule with programming available until 6:00 pm each day.

CHUGGIM

Our in house enrichment program gives parents the option to extend the school day for Adamah students. Facilitated by Moriah staff and community professionals this one hour program allows children to explore a variety of interest areas within the nurturing familiarity of Moriah. Classes have included Tae Kwon Do, community helpers, art, Tishrei holidays, cooking, sports, yoga, and more, with 5 classes offered each season. Extended day children are automatically included in the chuggim program.

INFANT AND TODDLER

Our infant and toddler program consists of 3 specialized classrooms providing nurturing care from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm (infant) and until 6:00 pm (toddler) Monday through Friday with half day options. Ducklings are children 6 weeks to 14 months with a staff ratio of one teacher to every three children. Dragonflies are children 15 to 23 months with a staff ratio of one teacher to every four children.

The Duckling, Hummingbird and Dragonfly classrooms allow Moriah ECC to provide a continuum of care to the full developmental span of early childhood. Social-emotional, cognitive and physical growth is tailored to the needs of the individual child and family within a framework of seamless Judaism.

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Programs

PRESCHOOL

Our preschool program runs from 9:00 am to 12:45 pm Monday through Friday. We accept children into the program who are 2 as of September 1st, and continue with classes through the pre-kindergarten year. Families select the day(s) of the week that fit their schedule and can enroll two through five days per week in any age group. Included in our day are kosher snacks and a kosher catered lunch.

GILGOOL HADASH "NEW CYCLES"

The name of the program "Gilgool Hadash" is Hebrew; gilgool means a cycle, circle, spiral, or wheel and hadash means new. New Cycle. In the Gilgool Hadash program we welcome children, 12 to 24 months, and their parents and/or caregiver into our Moriah family. This one hour of play once a week is an introduction to our philosophy, values and environment.

CAMP SHEMESH

Operates the same hours as the school year program, including extended day. Our summer program is a fun filled experience with the quality staff of our school. Our camp also provides families with the same scheduling flexibility as during the school year. Themes provide the framework for fieldtrips, water fun, sporting activities, swimming, nature hikes, and special visitors that come to the school. Outdoor activities are emphasized, with an air-conditioned indoors available at all time.

Our program actively seeks to support the growth and development of children and their caring adults. As the children explore, grow, and change, we encourage the adults in their lives to recognize, appreciate, and understand the constantly changing challenges and opportunities of parenting a young child. Relationships and partnerships between parents, staff, and children fuel further growth.