

- Excellent Teacher-Student Ratios
- Awesome preschool facility
- Science, Math, Pre-Reading Skills, Art, Music, and Movement
- Excellent Pre-K Program Which Surpasses Goals Set By The State Of Georgia
- Innovative and Creative Judaic Curriculum
- Warm, Loving Environment



Gesher L'Torah Preschool

Educating children using
jewish values, jewish identity
and jewish community



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Mission Statement

Gesher L'Torah Preschool is a positive environment committed to educating the whole child - mind, body and spirit. Children gain independence, confidence, and a love of learning during their time with us. We believe in teaching the children using Jewish values and creating a strong sense of positive Jewish identity. The students enjoy being a part of the Jewish community in our school, participating in daily Jewish rituals and holiday celebrations with their classmates. Our Program is play-based realizing that this age group learns best through fun, meaningful, hands-on activities. We call it "play with purpose".

Our School

Our school opened for the 2000-2001 school year using three small rooms in "the old house" educating just seventeen, two and three-year-olds. We added a Pre-k program for the 2001-2002 pre-school year. We are now at our maximum capacity of sixty-eight, two, three, and four-year-olds. Our building was expanded in 2001 to accommodate our increased enrollment and was designed specifically with preschoolers in mind. The classrooms are bright and colorful and decorated to appeal to and stimulate our students. We pride ourselves on the love and acceptance the children feel from the moment they walk through our doors.

Our Curriculum

The school's curriculum was written to integrate Judaism into all areas of the curriculum including math, science, art, cooking, language, movement, and play. The academic goals set forth in the curriculum were written specifically for our school and continuously evolve based on the experiences and abilities of the children that come through our doors. Our Pre-Kindergarten program surpasses the goals of the Georgia Pre-K program and is designed to help students easily transition from our school into public or private elementary programs.

Judaism

Judaism is incorporated into all areas of our curriculum. Children are exposed to Jewish songs, traditions, holidays, celebrations, food, Hebrew words, and parasha. Our goal is to make Judaism fun, exciting, and appealing. Our school joins together as a community each Friday to celebrate Shabbat. Children participate in lighting the Shabbos candles, saying kiddush, reciting hamotzi, and singing fun, upbeat Jewish songs. This "Shabbat Share" program is eagerly anticipated by our students each week and our families come to join in the fun! In addition, we celebrate within our classrooms and together as a school for many of the Jewish holidays that occur during the school year.

Our Staff

Each of our teachers are highly trained, qualified, enthusiastic, and loving. You will feel great leaving your child in their care! Our Pre-k class boasts having two, "teachers" as opposed to a teacher and an assistant to help to fully prepare our graduates for kindergarten. Our specialists, teaching Judaism, music, and movement, have an amazing ability to bring learning to life through song, dance, puppetry, and art. The children meet weekly with the members of the specialist staff.

Our Community

We see our families as one of the most important assets in our school. We encourage family involvement through volunteering in the classrooms, attending our "Shabbat Share" program and holiday celebrations. We have an active Parent Association which helps enrich and support our school in many ways.

Our Programs

All of our programs run from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Children bring a kosher, meatless lunch and drink. Snack is provided. We strictly adhere to Georgia's August 31st age cut-off. All children must be the age specified for the program of enrollment by Aug. 31st of that year. **Diaper changing services are not available in the three and four-year-old programs.**