

## Potential Vision Statements for a Jewish Early Childhood Center

The following potential vision statements were created during the first year of a Center working with JECEI.

- *The preschool is welcoming, inclusive, caring and nurturing with an open door for all.*
- *The preschool environment promotes happiness, fun, joyfulness and celebration.*
- *Members of the community are kind, compassionate, loving and responsive to one another.*
- *The preschool is a dynamic, safe place for children and adults to grow and learn without fear of making mistakes, thus gaining confidence in themselves.*
- *Children leave the preschool as kind, caring, creative thinkers and problem-solvers who will ultimately (as grown-ups) have a lasting impact on the community as a whole.*
- *The preschool is a place where practices are based in Jewish values and culture.*
- *Our strong love and respect for Judaism and Jewish values are communicated through our actions, celebrations, intergenerational connections, traditions and learning experiences.*
- *Parents, teachers and community members interact reciprocally and as a resource for one another.*
- *The preschool is family- and community-oriented as the child is seen as a member of a family, of the preschool and of the broader community.*
- *The preschool facilities are spacious, highly functional, and dynamic places for creative play and learning.*
- *Outdoor learning environments offer choices, support exploration of the natural world and interact openly with the indoor learning spaces throughout each and every day.*
- *The environments facilitate the exploration and engagement with a wide variety of materials and support the children's connections to the arts.*
- *Teachers have scheduled and compensated time to reflect, plan and support children's learning.*
- *Teachers work in collaborative teams and as a whole staff to share ideas, grow*

*and learn.*

- *Teachers care for, listen to and constructively challenge one another to be the best they can be.*