



"The quality of programs at the JCC East Bay is amazing, 10 on a 10-point scale. My daughter's artistic talents and Jewish identity were nourished here. The staff's mentorship took her to new levels of artistic expression."

Lisa Schiffman, parent



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We go the distance for kids! Our van service provides transportation to both locations from most local public schools. Our vans and drivers are certified by the California Highway Patrol, and all passengers wear seatbelts.

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Looking for a community center that provides lively year-round youth and family programs?

Welcome to the **JCC**

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2011 Youth & Family Programs

Afterschool Programs

Our afterschool programs offer structured and unstructured play and a range of enrichment classes (*Chugim*) in music, movement, cooking, drama, science, language, martial arts, and more. Kids can get help with homework or race around outdoors in the sun, fortified by healthy snacks. Older kids go off-site once a week to shoot hoops, take a hike, or participate in a partner organization's program.

Elements of Jewish tradition and culture are incorporated into the afterschool programs. On Friday afternoons we greet Shabbat with our age-appropriate Kabbalat Shabbat Program. We celebrate other Jewish holidays and cultural events, and welcome all families to join us.



"The JCC is cool. We do cool things, and we go to cool places."

Jack, grade 4



Summer Camps for Kids

Let's get out and play! The JCC East Bay offers a full summer of camp experiences, from arts and crafts to overnight adventures for older campers. You and your kids can choose from more than 30 activities to plan their best summer yet.

Camp Tzofim

Happy campers and delighted parents agree: Camp Tzofim rocks! Open to children entering kindergarten through grade 9, the Camp provides traditional activities—swimming, talent shows, rock climbing—as well as opportunities for kids to choose music and song, drama, nature (*teva*), Judaic culture, and other programs in the afternoon.

In a quiet Oakland neighborhood surrounded by trees, parks, and acres of open space, Camp Tzofim offers kids a fog-free, high-energy way to spend part of their summer among new friends. Camp Tzofim is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA).



Specialty Camps

How about a place where your kids can explore farming, theater, engineering, anatomy, and rockets and robots? These are just a few of the week-long, half-day camp programs offered at both JCC East Bay locations.

"Knowing and understanding other cultures is inherent in this community. The JCC East Bay shares Jewish culture in a very open way. My kids are biracial, so this openness is important to us."

Kathleen Higginbotham, parent

"The JCC East Bay has been great, not just as a warm, welcoming environment for my kids, but as a hub for my family to participate in the local Jewish community."

Jon Meyers, parent



School's Out!

Relax, parents. The Berkeley and Oakland branches both offer programming for students on most school holidays, winter and spring breaks, and professional development days. Your kids can enjoy creative all-day and week-long activities like bowling, ice skating, laser tag, and field trips to museums, parks, and other fun destinations.

Parents' Night Out

It's Saturday night and time for play-dates—for parents and kids! Parents' Night Out is held one Saturday (5:30–10 pm) a month. Kids make dinner together, play games, and watch a movie, while parents have an evening on their own. What's not to like?

JCC East Bay

The JCC East Bay has been a trusted source of inventive, hands-on activities for youth and families since 1978. We offer an open, inclusive community that celebrates education, tradition, and creativity. People of all ages, faiths, and backgrounds are welcome to join.

Programs take place at the JCC East Bay's two branches, in Berkeley and Oakland. All programming is accredited through the California Community Care Licensing Agency and accommodates the Berkeley, Oakland, Albany, and West Contra Costa unified school district schedules.

Get the scoop online or give us a call

jceastbay.org/kids

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