

# WELCOME

Our KM family invites you to visit and experience our unique community. We welcome you to join our congregation and help us serve the Westside with pride and dignity.

Please invite your friends to join us for these wonderful opportunities to connect with your children in a Jewish space. For many of our programs, you do not need to be a member.

We also have children's special programming during many of our holiday celebrations. Our class schedules are flexible to meet the needs of our families.

For more information about class times or to sign up, please contact Head of Early Childhood and Arts Programs Masha Savitz at [mashalees@yahoo.com](mailto:mashalees@yahoo.com) or by calling the KM office at (310) 829-0566. We look forward to seeing you!



## ABOUT KM

Kehillat Ma'arav - The Westside Congregation (KM) is a Conservative congregation serving Santa Monica, the Westside, and beyond. KM is a caring, involved community that supports the religious, spiritual, and social needs of our diverse membership. Being a lifelong learner starts at infancy and is essential to the survival of the Jewish people. We are committed to fostering a love of Jewish learning in our students and families through family education and bridging the gap between school, home, and community.

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## KEHILLAT MA'ARAV

# Early Childhood Programs



FOSTERING A LOVE OF JEWISH LEARNING

## PJ Library



If you peek into Kehillat Ma'arav's building on the first Friday evening of the month, you will find children sitting on a bright green rug or colorful parachute listening to a story, busy creating a craft project, and singing the blessings over juice, challah, and candles on a table with a fluorescent pink table cloth and huge tot-sized cardboard candle holders.

Our special community joins together for a light dinner of mac and cheese, pasta marinara, and salad, as families sit together in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Together, we end a busy workweek and welcome Shabbat with the familiar faces of the "regulars" who attend our program and the new faces of soon-to-be "regulars."

Partnering with the LA Jewish Federation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundations, PJ Library has been a great asset and valuable addition to our shul. As an aging synagogue without a preschool and with very few members with infants and toddlers, this partnership is a vital opportunity to create valuable Jewish experiences for our young families and children to connect with the greater Los Angeles Jewish community while introducing unaffiliated families into our warm embracing congregation.

Our first Friday at Kehillat Ma'arav is filled with the sounds of children laughing and singing, providing an authentic, age-appropriate, interactive Shabbat experience for all who attend. Anyone who sticks their heads in to see what we are up to leaves with a big smile.



## Tot Shabbat

Shabbat Shalom! During Shabbat services every Saturday at 11am, your little ones are invited for their own interactive Shabbat experience with Shabbat-sensitive crafts, music, games, and stories as they experience prayer and bible stories in a fun, accessible manner.



## K-1 Religious School



This year the K/1 class bursts with activity and learning as students are introduced to the aleph bet; learning vocabulary and the ability to read and write their first Hebrew words! We experience Jewish holidays, Torah stories, while creating Jewish art to bring and use at home proudly. We learn through playing educational games- with a constant array of engaging projects weekly.

