

# How Yavneh Kindergarten Blends Innovation, Joy, and Jewish Values

BECAUSE YOUR CHILD'S CURIOSITY,  
CONFIDENCE, AND CHARACTER  
ALL MATTER.



## Welcome to Kindergarten at Yavneh

Kindergarten is the start of who your child will become as a learner, a friend, and a member of a caring community. And at Yavneh Day School, we believe that the best foundation blends academic excellence, creativity, Jewish values, and joyful connection.

Located on the Levy Family Campus along with the APJCC campus, and rooted in a vibrant, warm parent community, Yavneh offers a unique approach that integrates rigorous general studies, Jewish learning, and rich experiences in music, movement, and nature. In this guide, we'll show you how it all comes together and how you can bring some of that Yavneh magic home.

## What Makes Yavneh Kindergarten Different?

Each of the following pillars below helps define the Yavneh experience and helps your child thrive.

### JOY IN LEARNING

Music infuses every part of the day, helping children feel grounded, energized, and connected. From morning greetings to joyful Kabbalat Shabbat celebrations, kindergarteners learn by singing, moving, and laughing together.

#### TRY THIS AT HOME

Start a morning ritual with a family song in Hebrew or English. Alternatively, end the week with a Friday night melody your child learns at school.

### STEAM WITH HEART

Yavneh's integrated curriculum encourages students to explore, observe, and question. Whether they're learning math through cooking, coding with Scratch Jr., or investigating a leaf's lifecycle in the forest, Jewish learning is woven throughout, giving meaning and context to each discovery.

#### TRY THIS AT HOME

Create a 'Wonder Wall' at home where your child can hang nature treasures or pose questions like, "Why do leaves change color?" Then explore together.

### PROJECT-BASED, INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

At Yavneh, a single project might connect literacy, science, Hebrew vocabulary, and movement, all while being rooted in a Jewish theme. The kindergarten "Cycles of Nature" unit, for example, combines forest exploration, storytelling, art, and music with themes of creation and growth.

#### TRY THIS AT HOME

Pick a season and explore it together: collect leaves, read a PJ Library book that incorporates nature and its bountiful gifts, and/or make a collage with items from a walk.



## JEWISH VALUES IN DAILY LIFE

At our school, Jewish learning is woven into the rhythm of everyday life. From how children greet one another in the morning to how they resolve conflicts and celebrate accomplishments, students are immersed in the values and joy of Jewish tradition.

### Core Jewish values your child experiences at Yavneh:

- Kavod (Respect): Kind words, caring behavior, and listening to one another.
- Shalom (Peace): Solving conflicts calmly and with empathy.
- Chesed (Kindness): Helping friends and thinking of others' needs.

### TRY THIS AT HOME

Build these same values into your home routine. Once a week, gather as a family and share moments of appreciation, make note of a way someone showed care, or a moment that brought peace into the home. Over time, this simple practice will help your child(ren) recognize the goodness they create and receive each day.

## SMALL CLASS SIZE, BIG COMMUNITY

With a low student-to-teacher ratio, children receive individualized attention in a nurturing setting. Parents often say they enrolled their children for the strong academics, but stayed for the strong community.

### TRY THIS AT HOME

Join or host a playdate with other families considering day school or those already enrolled at Yavneh. Our team would be glad to make the connection! Community is something you can begin building now.

# COME SEE THE CURRICULUM IN ACTION

Interested in seeing how STEAM, Jewish values, and joyful learning come together in real time?

Schedule a tour or reach out to us via phone: (408) 357-7524 or email: [admissions@yavnehdayschool.org](mailto:admissions@yavnehdayschool.org).

We'd love to welcome you into the Yavneh family!

