PRESCHOOL



As we approach Israeli Independence Day, we have a wonderful opportunity to instill a sense of pride and connection to our heritage and homeland in our preschoolers. It's essential to approach this day with a balance of celebration, education, and reflection, tailored to the understanding and interests of our young children.

For Jewish children, learning about Israel helps them develop a strong sense of cultural identity and belonging. Understanding their heritage and the history

of Israel fosters a connection to a broader Jewish community and reinforces their sense of pride in their ancestry. It also provides them with a foundational understanding of significant events and milestones in Jewish history. It allows them to appreciate the struggles and triumphs of their ancestors and gain a broader perspective on the world.

Learning about Israel instills in children a sense of connection to the land itself. Whether through stories, pictures, or discussions about the geography and landmarks of Israel, children develop an emotional attachment to the physical homeland of the Jewish people. Israel is not only a geographical location but also a symbol of Jewish values and traditions.

Israel plays a significant role in global affairs, and understanding its history and current events is essential for children to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. Teaching children about Israel equips them with the knowledge and awareness to engage in discussions about international relations and global issues. Educating children about Israel can contribute to fostering a culture of peace and understanding. By learning about the shared history and aspirations of Israelis and Palestinians, children can develop empathy and compassion for others, laying the groundwork for peaceful coexistence in the future.

Share age-appropriate stories about the history of Israel and its journey to independence. Focus on narratives that highlight bravery, unity, and perseverance. You can use picture books or tell stories in a simple, engaging manner.

Introduce Israeli songs and dances to the children. Teach them simple dances like the "Hora", and play Israeli music in the background throughout the day. Music and dance are powerful tools for cultural expression and can foster a sense of joy and celebration.

Explore Israeli cuisine by incorporating traditional Israeli snacks into snack time. Share falafel, hummus, pita bread, and other Israeli delights with the children. Discuss the cultural significance of these foods and their importance in Israeli cuisine.

By incorporating these activities into our curriculum, we can create a meaningful and memorable Israeli Independence Day experience for our preschoolers. Let's celebrate the beauty and resilience of Israel while nurturing a deep sense of connection and pride in our young children.

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Important Dates:

May 1: School Resumes

May 15: Art Show at 6pm

May 23: Special Person's Day at 11:15am

May 27: School Closed-Memorial Day





Our Facility