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**KINDER SPORTS
HANDBOOK
2018-2019**



WHO WE ARE

Kinder Sports is affiliated with Gan Chaba Preschool & Uptown Chabad Lubavitch. Uptown Chabad's objective is to present the joy and beauty of Judaism to an ever widening sphere of Jewish families in central North York. To this end, Uptown Chabad hosts a wide array of programming that is designed to engage, educate and inspire Jewish people of every age and background.

We encourage you to learn about the many opportunities to join us in celebrating Jewish life by inquiring with our staff or visiting our website at www.UptownChabad.com.

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kinder Sports Preschool!

We are pleased that you have chosen our school as a “home away from home” for your child. Having entrusted your child to us, you will be pleased to meet our caring teachers who will shower your child with love and affection.

We offer a creative Jewish learning atmosphere in which your child’s individual style of learning will be valued and nurtured. We will encourage your child to explore the world, learn to be part of a group, and solve problems in a constructive manner. Learning at our school is stimulating, joyous and rewarding.

My experience in growing up in a family of 10 and later being a teacher of preschool children has taught me that education at this young age is crucial to a child’s success. I have always wanted to be an educator of young Jewish children and am looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year with your child.

I have prepared this handbook to outline the methods and policies of our school. Please read the handbook and acquaint yourself with this important information.

Ongoing communication between school faculty and parents is critical. Please feel welcome to call me to discuss any questions or concerns regarding your child’s preschool education and development.

Looking forward to a very fruitful and successful school year,

Yehudis Steiner
Director

PROGRAM STATEMENT

Welcome to Kinder Sports, a uniquely warm and nurturing licensed Kosher Full Day Child Care Centre. We have space for 15 children aged 18 months-4 years old and we are conveniently located at 3895 Bathurst Street in Toronto close to TTC and with ample parking. The centre is open from 7.30am until 6.00pm Monday -Thursday. On Friday, the centre closes at 4.00pm with a 2.00pm closing time in the winter months. Kinder Sports is affiliated with Uptown Chabad Lubavitch and Gan Chabad Preschool. Uptown Chabad's objective is to present the joy and beauty of Judaism to an ever widening sphere of Jewish families in central North York.

At Kinder Sports we aim to strengthen and achieve Jewish identity, unity and growth by providing educational and Jewish programming. We offer a creative Jewish learning atmosphere in which your child's individual style of learning will be valued and nurtured.

The children will experience weekly Sports and Shabbat music program. These activities take place in our well equipped multi purpose classroom and also outdoors in our fenced and shady outdoor area.

How Does Learning Happen? is organized around four foundational conditions that are important for children to grow and flourish: Belonging, Well-Being, Engagement, and Expression. These foundations, or ways of being, are a vision for all children's future potential and a view of what they should experience each and every day.

How Does Learning Happen? (2014)

At Kinder Sports, we believe that children are competent, curious, capable of complex thinking and rich in potential. (How Does Learning Happen (2014)) At Kinder Sports we provide an environment that will encourage your child to explore the world in a safe and supported way. Learning at our centre is engaging, joyous and rewarding. Our aim is to build a strong foundation for all future learning and living. Our teaching staff brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of early childhood education. Through the continuous learning program at the college of ECE and professional development days our staff is always learning and improving our skills. At Kinder Sports we believe that families are the experts on their children and encourage parents to take an active part in our program in many ways. A strong partnership between teachers and parents ensure that children feel safe, secure and belong. Only then can children reach their full potential.

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At Kinder Sports our goal is:

- To care for and educate your child in a safe and loving environment.
- To fill your child's day with creative learning experiences that are both child-initiated and adult supported and are enriched with Jewish values and traditions.
- To foster your child's natural curiosity, by providing a program that allows for exploration, play and inquiry.
- To encourage the physical development of your child through the use of our fully equipped classroom centres and outdoor area allowing time in the day for active play, rest and quiet time.
- To promote the well-being of children through health, safety and nutrition.
- To view your child as an individual and thus give him/her the necessary attention needed to develop and grow.
- To encourage the children to interact and communicate in a positive way and support their ability to self-regulate.
- To support positive and responsive interactions among the children, parents, and staff. To work in partnership with you, the parents, to create the optimal learning and social experience for your child.
- To build a strong community with our local community partners.
- To support our members of staff, volunteers and students in their quest for continuous professional learning.
- To document and review the impact of our Program Statement on the children and their families.

Our Approach to meeting these goals:

Kinder Sports is dedicated to creating a nurturing, healthy and happy environment in which children can grow and develop emotionally, cognitively and physically. Our classroom is divided into learning centres which include blocks, art, dramatic play, books, manipulative toys and a Montessori work area. These learning centres provide the children with choices and the opportunity to actively explore their environment. We believe that children learn by exploring their environment and by interacting with their peers and teachers. In addition, your child will enjoy a rich and meaningful Jewish program incorporating Jewish holidays and traditions which is taught through music, art, and creative play.

At Kinder Sports our teachers will provide child-initiated and adult supported experiences. The teachers will observe the children and use that information to plan and create a positive learning environment that is based on the interests of the child, and supported by all the adults in the child care environment. Teachers will be responsible for introducing new ideas, interests, facts, concepts, skills and experiences to widen the child's knowledge and life experiences.

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Kinder Sports follows a comprehensive curriculum that includes reading readiness, concepts in numbers, and science. Our program focuses on play-based learning where learning happens when children manipulate, explore and experiment. Purposeful play-based learning enables children to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, and engage in critical thinking. Play is responsive to each child's unique learning style and capitalizes on his or her instinctive curiosity and vision. Our plans are developed over a period of a week or two and planned to coincide with the interests of the children. Puzzles used for spatial concepts, matching, sorting, and counting games are provided. Science concepts are taught and a science table set up. Books in many different languages are available and stories, poems, songs, games and finger plays are used daily for language development. Children are encouraged to articulate their ideas and use their own language to express themselves.

Each day, weather permitting, each child enjoys two hours of outdoor activity unless a physician advises otherwise in writing. Learning to run, jump, climb, and take turns is a healthy way to participate in group activities while developing coordination and strength. Planned activities are available as an extension of the indoor play space. Indoor materials are brought outside to enrich and extend learning. When inclement weather keeps the children indoors gross motor activities will be substituted. Tot Sports is a half hour sports program weekly where the children are taught the basics of many different sports. For example bouncing a basketball and throwing it through a hula hoop.

Our teachers will promote the health, safety, nutrition and well-being of each child by providing a clean and safe environment. Our teachers will limit transitions, and unnecessary disruptions to play and will be aware at all times of any hazards that may cause injury to the children. Teachers and assistants will familiarize themselves with information pertaining to children in their care concerning any medical conditions, exceptionalities, allergies, food restrictions, and medication requirements. Teachers will plan the day to ensure that the children get the optimum amount of exercise, stimulation, quiet time and rest.

At Kinder Sports we have an outside Kosher caterer who will provide hot nutritious lunches and healthy snacks twice daily which are based on the Canada's Food Guide, we provide each child access to drinking water throughout the day.

Kinder Sports respects, fosters and includes different cultures and languages. In our inclusive learning environments, we welcome children of all abilities. An inclusive learning environment in our program is implemented by

- acknowledging diversity and valuing the culture and first language of all children
- a classroom and outdoor area that is accessible to each child
- recognizing each child as unique and working with the family and support staff to best meet their developmental needs
- access to a Special Needs Consultant who can give advice, refer families for services and supports the child, family and staff members.

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Our teachers will encourage children to interact and communicate in a positive way, and support their ability to self-regulate (defined as the child's ability to gain control of bodily functions, manage powerful emotions and maintain focus and attention). Self-regulation in early development is influenced by a child's relationship with the important adults in that child's life, parents, grandparents, caregivers and teachers. Our teachers will provide the experiences, support and encouragement that help young children learn to self-regulate. Teachers will observe and scaffold the children's play. They will provide the children with the vocabulary and resources to recognize and gain control of their feelings. Our staff will model appropriate ways to resolve conflicts and problem solve. In time children will develop these skills and learn to regulate their own feelings. A growing number of studies have identified this ability as central to children's long-term physical, psychological, behavioural, and educational well-being. (Stuart Shanker, 2013)

The Kinder Sport's philosophy is strongly based on good communication skills through caring and respectful interaction. Being aware of your feelings and being able to express them assists in this development. Indirect guidance is a very important factor to avoiding inappropriate behaviour. Our teachers put much effort into the environment and program to provide for this type of guidance. We strive to maintain a well-balanced program with lots of variety. Our teachers are very observant of the children's interactions and strive to act in a way, which may eliminate a confrontation. For example, by redirecting. Making children aware of the opportunities which exist in other areas if it looks like a problem is about to arise in one particular area.

At Kinder Sports we strive to build a climate of trust, honesty and respect in the workplace, working collaboratively in order to provide a safe, secure, healthy and inviting environment for all children and their families, building and maintaining healthy professional relationships that encourage growth and offer support. As parents you are the experts on your child and you have the most powerful influence on their learning and development. Open communication between parent and teacher is essential. Your child will benefit tremendously from this interaction.

Communication and parent involvement can be achieved in many ways.

- Please make personal contact with your child's teacher at drop off and pick up times
- For extensive conversations, please feel free to set up a suitable time at which point the teacher can give you her undivided attention.
- The weekly blog will report on what is being taught in class and will also feature pictures of your children in action. We emphasize the importance of reading this email. This is our way of informing you of special classroom activities as well as themes and songs that you can talk about and review with you child. It is also used to relay important information regarding the upcoming week.
- The closed and private Facebook page. This page is updated through out the day as activities happen at school. It is not only a way to communicate with the teachers but also other parents.
- Throughout the year we invite parents and grandparents to attend activities in the centre. Some are special activities such as Moms and Muffins. Others are holiday celebrations such as our Chanukah party. Even more holiday celebrations will take place outside of school at Uptown Chabad.

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- Parent involvement increases the success of our child care centre. At Kinder Sports we encourage our parents to spend time in the classroom. If you have a talent, skill or occupation we welcome you to share it with the children.

Through community programs such as Shabbat programs and music Kinder Sports reaches out to the larger community. Kinder Sports families participate in many of the fun and family friendly activities organized by Uptown Chabad such as apple picking and Chanukah at the police Station.

Throughout the school year we invite many community helpers to visit our children. The most notable is the Fire Fighter who is always a big hit. Kinder Sports also helps in the community by collecting Diapers for the Diaper Drive and food for the local food bank. At Chanukah time we collect new unwrapped toys for Chai Lifeline a local charity that helps sick children.

Our teachers are true professionals who connect with children, ensure safe environments, plan and extend play, scaffold learning, reflect on successes, document the children's play and learning and communicate regularly with parents. Our teachers are trained in Early Childhood Education and are registered with The College of Early Childhood Educators. The College is the professional self-regulatory body for registered early childhood educators (RECEs) in Ontario. The College's role is to protect the public interest by setting requirements for registration to practise as an RECE, setting ethical and professional standards and holding RECEs accountable for their practice. RECEs are trained in child development and the planning and delivery of play-based learning and care programs. RECEs must renew their membership with the College on an annual basis. Find out more about the College by visiting college-ecce.ca (CCEYA Reg.53).

The teachers and assistants at Kinder Sports adhere to a number of policies and procedures, as well as Ministry, health and fire regulations. Annual review of these policies and procedures ensure our staff are knowledgeable and prepared to handle any situation. All members of staff attend yearly professional development days and have the opportunity to collaborate as a team at weekly staff meetings. All teachers and assistants hold current certification in Standard First Aid and CPR-C.(CCEYA Reg.58(2)). In addition, all our teachers and assistants must complete a vulnerable sector check prior to employment and renew every 3 years. Annually an offence declaration must be signed. (CCEYA Reg.60)

Our program is also enhanced by the involvement of volunteers and students and provides placement, training, learning opportunities and practical work experience, in the areas of programming and management. Volunteers and students on placement enhance the high-quality care and individual attention given to the children in the program. Volunteers and students in our child care centre must adhere to the same policies and procedures, and Ministry fire and health regulations as our teachers and assistants. Volunteers and students are not responsible for your children and will never be left alone with children in the centre.

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Withdrawal Policy

Suspension and/or Termination of Services

There may be instances when Kinder Sports cannot accommodate the ongoing or future needs of a currently enrolled or wait-list child. These situations will be brought to the attention of the Day Care Board of Directors. If a child's placement with the Centre is determined to be inappropriate, Kinder Sports reserves the right to require the termination of the child from the program or wait-list. Kinder Sports may terminate services if policies are not followed or if fees are not paid. It's at the discretion of the director to decide if a child's placement at Kinder Sports is inappropriate.

In order for a child to be terminated from the Centre:

- All relevant information must be documented
- The Board of Directors must approve the discharge; and
- Notification of withdrawal to Children's Services Consultant
- Four (4) weeks written notice will be provided (except as outlined below)
- In extreme cases (as determined by the supervisor with approval from the Board of Directors) of violent or threatening behavior by either a child, a parent or a caregiver where the safety of other children and/or staff are at risk, the four (4) week's notice of withdrawal is waived. The supervisor will meet or speak on the phone or communicate with the parent via e-mail with the parent immediately and the parent will be required to withdraw the child from the Centre immediately or at a date set by the Board. All conversations will be documented. The board will write a notice that they agree with the decision in this situation. Every effort will be made to give the parents reasonable notice in order to find alternate care. No fees will be refunded for the duration of the suspension. In the case of termination of services, the unused portion of fees will be refunded.

Withdrawing a Child from the Daycare

When a child presents with challenges in the centre, staff will inform the supervisor. She will observe the child and if deemed necessary, parents will be contacted and a meeting will take place to discuss any issues. The supervisor will recommend the services of a) Child Care Support Funds- currently Kinder Sports does not get the benefits of the child care support funds and having additional supervision for the child would be at the cost of the parent and or b) the Adventure Place Special Needs Resource Consultant to open a file and support the staff and child at the centre. If parents are not in agreement with the support that is recommended and the concerns continue, the supervisor will discuss the child with the Board of Directors as to what action will be taken. The agency can make suggestions however it is the decision of the director if the child is an inappropriate fit for the school and if the school cannot service the child any longer.

If the supervisor and the Board of Directors deem it necessary to withdraw a child from the centre, the following steps will be taken:

- Parents will receive written notice.

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- Parents are typically given 30 days notice of withdrawal. However the amount of notice for a withdrawal of a child will be at the discretion of the supervisor and Board of Directors.
- Where appropriate Kinder Sports will assist parents with referral's to other relevant services.

Parental Choice for Withdrawal

We require a one-month notice in writing if it becomes necessary to withdraw your child from the preschool. This allows time to fill the vacancy. At that time, your postdated checks will be discarded. The deposit will not be returned as it is non-refundable.

Wait List Policy

At the time when the school needs to institute a waiting list we will not charge parents to add their child's name to such a list. Each child on the list will be given a number to ensure transparency to potential families.

At Kinder Sports we have space for 15 children. Children will be accepted from the wait list as space becomes available.

A child will be accepted from the top of the wait list if that child is 18 months or older at the time of admission.

This policy will be made clear to parents as they add their child to the wait list.

Parents Issues and Concerns

Parents/guardians are encouraged to take an active role in our child care centre and regularly discuss what their child(ren) are experiencing with our program. As supported by our program statement, we support positive and responsive interactions among the children, parents/guardians, child care providers and staff, and foster the engagement of an ongoing communication with parents/guardians about the program and their children. Our staff is available to engage parents/guardians in conversations and support a positive experience during every interaction.

All issues and concerns raised by parents/guardians are taken seriously by Yehudis Steiner and will be addressed. Every effort will be made to address and resolve issues and concerns to the satisfaction of all parties and as quickly as possible.

Issues/concerns may be brought forward verbally or in writing. Responses and outcomes will be provided verbally, or in writing upon request. The level of detail provided to the parent/guardian will respect and maintain the confidentiality of all parties involved.

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An initial response to an issue or concern will be provided to parents/guardians within two business days. The person who raised the issue/concern will be kept informed throughout the resolution process.

Investigations of issues and concerns will be fair, impartial and respectful to parties involved.

Criminal Reference Check Policy

All members of the school faculty, volunteers and students who provide direct service to children will be required to have a Vulnerable Sector check.

Our faculty may be hired on a conditional offer of employment pending the return of the criminal reference check. In the interim this particular member will not be left alone/unsupervised with children. (Students//volunteers must never be left unsupervised with children).

Additional measures that Kinder Sports puts in place to protect the children who interact with the individual until the vulnerable sector check is obtained include:

Obtaining an offence declaration from the individual. The individual's file should contain documentation indicating that the licensee required the individual to obtain a vulnerable sector check as fast as reasonably possible.

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Documenting and Reviewing the Impact of Our Program Statement

Kinder Sports recognizes that pedagogical documentation is a way for our program staff to learn about how children think and learn. Our staff make daily observations of children in the program and use this information to enlighten their future planning. Documentation is also a self-reflection opportunity for staff members, as they participate in continuous professional learning. Regarding the implementation of the program statement it is incumbent upon all staff, volunteers and students to read, understand and work towards achieving the goals set out. Time will be set aside at each weekly staff meeting to talk about the program statement goals and how best to achieve them.

If a member of staff seems to be unable to follow the approaches set out in the program statement action will be taken. Upon the first observation of a member of staff, volunteer, or student, contravening any of the above approaches the director will document the contravention and will discuss with the member of staff the steps that will be taken. At first a verbal agreement will be reached. The director will conduct a continuing observation and review the program statement with the staff member. If a second incident arises, a written notice will be put on file, a third incident can lead to instant dismissal.

The monitoring of our program statement implementation is through regular observation and will be conducted by all staff members. This is a team approach and enables us to work well together. The monitoring procedure will ensure that all staff is consistent and that the goals set out in the program statement will be met.

To ensure compliance with the program statement the director will conduct a written evaluation twice yearly. If non compliance is observed a contravention report will be attached to the employee evaluation and the signed evaluation will be recorded and maintained on the staff file for three years as required by O. Reg. 126/16, s. 6. At this time the program statement will be monitored and reviewed.

The Kinder Sports program statement is a living document and will be reviewed annually by both staff and parents to ensure that it is aligned with the Minister's policy statement and also reflects the values and beliefs of the staff and parents.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

What to Bring to Preschool:

On the first day of preschool, please bring the following:

- A change of clothing: shirt, pants, underwear and socks. (Please label all items.)
- Diapers, wipes, plastic bags (if necessary).
- To teach the Mitzvah of Charity the children will be giving a coin to Tzedakah each day. Please bring a roll of pennies so your child can give his or her “own” money to charity each day.
- If your child needs to drink from a sippy cup, please send a new labeled sippy cup to school. The sippy cup will be kept at school due to Kashrut.
- Full time children: Sheet and blanket for cot during sleep time. Sheet and blanket will be sent home on a weekly basis to be washed.

Child's Clothing and Footwear:

In order for your child to fully enjoy his or her time at school, your child's clothes should be comfortable and easy to take off for toileting. At Kinder Sports, children enjoy messy art and other activities. Please provide clothing that is washable.

Pick Up Policy:

Please be sure to complete and sign the Pick Up Authorization Form. Children will not be released to any personnel not listed on your completed form. Written authorization for any changes is required.

Kippas:

Please note that once a boy turns three, we encourage them to wear a kippa at school. Please send a kippa that you are comfortable with your child wearing at school as well as clips. If you have any concerns regarding this- please feel free to contact Yehudis.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Daily Snack:

The school will provide a daily snack that is healthy and nutritious. The snack will include fruit, crackers and a drink.

Lunch:

Healthy and hot lunches will be provided for the full time children. A menu will be posted on our website once school begins.

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Nut & Peanut Policy:

It is our responsibility to ensure a safe environment for every child. In order to maintain the safest possible environment, we strive to maintain a strict no nuts and peanuts policy.

We provide daily snack and request that children do not bring snacks of their own. We depend on the cooperation of parents in ensuring the safety of all children.

Smoke-free environment:

The Kinder Sports Preschool is a non-smoking facility. We appreciate your support of our policy. Please note that there is no smoking in the school building as well as on the property of the building.

Vaccinations and Immunizations:

No child will be admitted into school without immunization forms that are properly updated.

Medication and Drug Administration Policy:

Although ill children are directed to stay at home, children whose illness is not infectious may return to the centre if they are feeling well. Some children require routine medication/treatment over a period of time. A parent should hand deliver the medication (in the original container) and the device for dispensing it, and give the written authorization and instructions to the appropriate staff member. The container or packages must be clearly labeled with the child's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, the date of purchase and instructions for storage and administration. Only RECE or Director Approved staff member is allowed to administer the medication.

Toilet Training:

Kinder Sports does not require children to be toilet trained. When the time is right for your child, please inform us and we will make every effort to work together with you in helping your child through this process.

Minor Injuries and Illness:

The school is well equipped to handle minor injuries such as superficial cuts or bruises. If we have any question as to the severity of an injury, we will contact parents at the emergency numbers we have on file.

If your child becomes sick during school hours we will call you. In the meantime, we will set up a safe and comfortable isolated area where your child can rest until you arrive. If you cannot be reached, the emergency contact on your registration form will be called upon to pick up your child.

Emergency Procedure: In the event of an emergency, the following procedure will be followed: We will notify the parents and if they are unavailable, we will contact the person listed on your emergency form. If the emergency contact cannot be reached, we will contact the child's physician. All teaching staff are trained in CPR and first aid and have been trained in our emergency management policies and procedures.

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Depending on the severity of the emergency, it may become necessary to call 911 or transport the child to an emergency facility.

Emergency Information:

As it is important that parents be contacted in the case of an emergency, our office should be notified promptly, in writing, of any change in address, telephone number, or emergency information.

When to Keep your Child Home:

Do not send your child to school if:

- He/she has a fever or had fever during the previous 24-hour period
- He/she is within the first 24-hour period of taking an antibiotic
- He/she has a constant cough
- He/she is fussy, cranky, and generally not behaving like him/herself
- He/she has symptoms of a possible communicable disease (e.g. pink eye, diarrhoea, flu, lice)

Please remember to inform the school if your child will be absent.

Reporting of a Communicable Disease:

The following communicable diseases must be promptly reported to the school office: Chicken pox, Measles, Meningitis, Mumps, Pertusis (whooping cough) and Rubella.

Supervision of Volunteers and Students Policy:

Volunteers and students play an important role in supporting staff in the daily operation of the preschool.

At Kinder Sports volunteers and students must be supervised by a member of staff at all times. Volunteers and students must not be permitted to be alone with any child who receives care at the school and they are not to be counted as part of the staff-child ratio.

The director will be responsible for the volunteers and will give them specific roles and responsibilities to perform at the school. These roles and responsibilities will be determined by the director and agreed upon by the volunteer. These roles and responsibilities will be written and posted so that all staff will be aware of them.

These roles and responsibilities will include:-

Welcoming parents and children at drop off.

Cleaning and organizing classroom supplies

Organizing children's portfolios

HEALTH AND SAFETY *(continued)*

Setting up displays of children's art

These roles and responsibilities will be written and posted so that all staff will be aware of them.

Students will be supervised and mentored by an RECE and they will be given guidance and training to complete their area of study.

Prohibited Practices:

No licensee shall permit, with respect to a child receiving child care at a child care centre it operates or at a premises where it oversees the provision of child care,

(a) corporal punishment of the child;

(b) physical restraint of the child, such as confining the child to a high chair, car seat, stroller or other device for the purposes of discipline or in lieu of supervision, unless the physical restraint is for the purpose of preventing a child from hurting himself, herself or someone else, and is used only as a last resort and only until the risk of injury is no longer imminent;

(c) locking the exits of the child care centre for the purpose of confining the child, or confining the child in an area or room without adult supervision, unless such confinement occurs during an emergency and is required as part of the licensee's emergency management policies and procedures;

(d) use of harsh or degrading measures or threats or use of derogatory language directed at or used in the presence of a child that would humiliate, shame or frighten the child or undermine his or her self-respect, dignity or self-worth;

(e) depriving the child of basic needs including food, drink, shelter, sleep, toilet use, clothing or bedding; or

(f) inflicting any bodily harm on children including making children eat or drink against their will.
Section 48 Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 updated August 2016.

Emergency Management Policy

Staff will ensure that children are kept safe, are accounted for and are supervised at all times during an emergency situation.

For situations that require evacuation of the child care centre, the meeting place to gather immediately will be located at:

Gilberto and Carmine Hair Salon
3899 Bathurst St. North York, ON M3H 5V1
Phone Number: 416-635-7855

If it is deemed 'unsafe to return' to the child care centre, the evacuation site to proceed to is located at:

Shoppers Drug Mart
3874 Bathurst St. North York, On M3H 3N3
Phone Number: 416-635-5601

OUR PROGRAM & CURRICULUM

Overview:

The Kinder Sports Preschool is dedicated to creating a nurturing, healthy and happy environment in which children can grow and develop emotionally, cognitively and physically.

Kinder Sports will follow a comprehensive curriculum that includes reading readiness, concepts in numbers, and science. In addition, your child will enjoy a rich and meaningful Jewish program incorporating Jewish holidays and traditions. All of the above is taught through music, art and creative play.

The classroom is divided into learning centers which include blocks, art, dramatic play, books and manipulatives. These learning centres provide the children with choices and the opportunity to actively explore. The children learn by interacting with peers and exploring their environment. Teacher/Child interaction and appropriate materials are important means by which the child learns.

Daily Schedule:

The daily schedule is planned to balance active and quiet times, gross and fine motor activities and child-initiated as well as staff-initiated activities. A detailed schedule of the week's program and activities is posted at the classroom entrance.

Challah Baking:

Children will enjoy baking Challah every Friday. This activity is the highlight of the children's week. The children learn how to roll the dough and braid it. The children later take home their Challah which can be a wonderful addition to a family Shabbat dinner.

The Shabbat Celebration:

Every Friday, in honour of Shabbat, a special Shabbat atmosphere is created. Candles are lit, the Kiddush is recited and Shabbat songs are sung.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Mitzvot:

At Kinder Sports children learn the importance of performing good deeds and are encouraged to do Mitzvot.

Giving Tzedakah (Charity) is an important part of the school program. This is done to develop the children's commitment to sharing with others who are less fortunate. Children will have the opportunity to give Tzedakah on a daily basis.

Friday Mitzvah Note:

Please have your child bring a "Mitzvah note" to school. This is a note written by the parent that reports on a good deed that the child has recently performed. Children really look forward to having their Mitzvahs read aloud by the teacher and shared with their peers. The mitzvah notes will be hung up on the classroom Mitzvah Tree.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

Holidays:

We will celebrate Jewish holidays with crafts, songs, stories and plays. Each holiday is turned into a special educational experience and will become a meaningful part of your child's life.

Kinder Sports & Uptown Chabad host holiday programs and celebrations throughout the year that your entire family will enjoy. We will inform you of these events in advance.

Community Resources:

Kinder Sports welcomes special guests who can share a professional interest or hobby with the children. We welcome doctors, police officers, fire prevention professionals, musicians and artists. Please inform the staff of potential resources of this nature.

Jewish Birthdays:

We encourage parents to mark their child's Jewish birthday. Optional classroom birthday parties can be arranged in advance with the school staff. The birthday child's family is invited to attend the birthday celebration.

Our teachers will be more than happy to help you plan and prepare the party and will work with you to make it a memorable celebration for your child. To calculate your child's Jewish birthday, you can use the Jewish birthday tool at www.uptownchabad.com/birthday.

All refreshments brought for the celebration must be certified kosher and parve (non-dairy) as approved by the school. Food should also be nut free.

Please note: If there is a birthday party that will take place out of school and classmates will be invited, the food must be kosher and the party cannot take place on Saturday.

Kinder Sports Shabbat Dinner:

Kinder Sports is proud to host family Shabbat dinners a few times throughout the year at the Uptown Chabad Shul on 15 Hove St. The children have the opportunity to sing the Shabbat songs that they have learned in school and say the traditional blessings. Families enjoy the opportunity to interact and experience Shabbat together. The Thursday before the Shabbat Dinner, Kinder Sports mothers are invited to help bake challah and other traditional Shabbat foods for the Shabbat dinner.

Moms & Muffins:

This is a special program for Kinder Sports Mother's and children which will take place on the Friday before Mother's Day- during school hours. Moms will have the opportunity to spend special time with their child and enjoy an interactive activity.

Dad's & Donuts:

This is a special program for Kinder Sports fathers and children which will take place on the Friday before Father's Day - during school hours. Dads will have the opportunity to spend special time with their child and enjoy an interactive activity.