







Mazel Tov to Our Bender ECC Graduates!



Alex Band,Director, Bender Early Childhood Center

This year at the Bender ECC has been filled with curiosity, adventure, and joy as our students in the PreK classes explored their classrooms, the Bender JCC, and the world around them in exciting new ways.

One of the most thrilling experiences was learning how to swim. Through the guidance of Caroline, the children gained confidence in the water, practicing floating, kicking, and even trying their first strokes. Watching their excitement grow with each lesson was a beautiful reminder of how capable and resilient young learners can be.

Our artistic journey was just as inspiring. We had the opportunity to visit the art gallery, where we learned about local artists and experimented with different techniques. From bold brushstrokes like Van Gogh to intricate collages, our students

expressed themselves in ways that were both imaginative and unique. Seeing their eyes light up as they created their own masterpieces was a highlight of our year.

Beyond the classroom, friendships blossomed as we explored every corner of the JCC. Whether playing on the playground, discovering new ways to build in the classroom, or participating in Shabbat and holiday celebrations, our students built strong connections with one another. They learned valuable lessons about kindness, teamwork, and collaboration, which will stay with them as they continue to grow.

As we reflect on this incredible year, we are filled with gratitude for the experiences that have shaped our students. While they move on to new adventures, we know their connection to the JCC will continue to be a source of learning, friendship, and community for years to come.



BENDER JCC SPRING HOLIDAY HOURS AND BUILDING CLOSURES

Passover

Saturday, April 12 - Sunday, April 13 | Building closes at 2:00 PM. Monday, April 14 | Building open. Offices closed. Saturday, April 19 | Building open. Offices closed. Sunday, April 20 | Building open. Offices closed.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26 | Building closes at 5:00 PM.

Shavuot

Monday, June 2 – Tuesday, June 3 | Building open. Offices closed.

AQUATICS

Caroline Cardullo, Director

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Youth Group Swim Lessons

Skip dates: April 13, 14, 17, 20; May 4, 25, 26

Level 1: Water Exploration (3 - 5 years old)

Choose from three convenient class options:

Sundays | April 6 – June 1 | 10:00 – 10:30 AM \$135/members | \$145/public

Mondays | April 7 – June 2 | 4:00 – 4:30 PM \$155/members | \$165/public

Thursdays | April 10 – June 5 | 4:00 – 4:30 PM \$180/members | \$195/public

Level 2: Primary Skills (4 - 6 years old)

Choose from three convenient class options:

Sundays | April 6 – June 1 | 10:30 – 11:00 AM \$135/members | \$145/public

Mondays | April 7 – June 2 | 4:00 – 4:30 PM \$155/members | \$165/public

Thursdays | April 10 – June 5 | 4:00 – 4:30 PM \$180/members | \$195/public

Level 3: Stroke Readiness (4 - 6 years old)

Choose from three convenient class options:

Sundays | April 6 - June 1 | 11:00 - 11:30 AM \$135/members | \$145/public

Mondays | April 7 – June 2 | 4:30 – 5:00 PM \$155/members | \$165/public

Thursdays | April 10 – June 5 | 4:30 – 5:00 PM \$180/members | \$195/public

Level 4: Stroke Development (6 - 12 years old)

Sundays | April 6 – June 1 | 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM \$135/members | \$145/public

Group Swim Classes

Waterbabies (6 - 18 months)

Sundays | April 6 - June 1 | 9:00 - 9:45 AM \$135/members | \$145/public

Watertots (18 months - 3 years old)

Sundays | April 6 – June 1 | 9:30 – 10:00 AM \$135/members | \$145/public

Adult Beginner Swim Classes

Mondays | April 7 – June 2 | 5:00 – 5:30 PM \$155/members | \$165/public

Private and Semi-Private Swim Lessons

One–on–one (private) or two–on–one (semi–private) swim instruction exclusively for Bender JCC members.

To schedule your lesson, contact Caroline Cardullo at 301.348.3890 or ccardullo@benderjccgw.org.

Isadore and Bertha Gudelsky Exceptional Swim Program

Helping children, teens, and adults with orthopedicrelated disabilities to enjoy aquatics, this program matches participants with a coordinator, physical therapist, and adaptive water instructors to teach basic swimming skills.

For details, contact Caroline Cardullo at 301.348.3890 or ccardullo@benderjccgw.org.

GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES

Emma Hertzberg, Group Exercise Coordinator

301.348.3710 | ehertzberg@benderjccgw.org

Aqua Suspension

Mondays | June 9 - July 14 | 11:00 - 11:45 AM \$50/members | \$150/public

All Bender JCC programs are open to everyone. Contact Kate Falls, Director of Inclusion, at kfalls@benderjccgw.org or 301.348.3767, to discuss support and accommodations.

MEMORIAL DAY POOL PARTY

MONDAY, MAY 26 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY OF MUSIC, GAMES, TREATS & MORE!

Questions? Please contact Deb Rosenberg at drosenberg@benderjccgw.org or 301-348-3850.



Mike Holmes, Director HEALTH & FITNESS

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HEALTH & WELLNESS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April 27 | 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Free

PERSONAL TRAINING & NUTRITION WELLNESS COACHING

First time clients can "JumpSmart":

- Three, 60-minute sessions*/\$149
- Three, 30-minute sessions*/\$99
- * Personal training or nutrition wellness coaching

For personal training questions or to get started, contact Mike Holmes at mholmes@benderjccgw.org.

For nutrition/wellness coaching questions or to get started, contact Emma Hertzberg at ehertzberg@benderjccgw.org.

Visit benderjccgw.org/training to meet our trainers and to book your session.

PICKLEBALL

Adult Beginner Pickleball Instruction

Tuesdays | April 22 - June 24 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM \$250/members | \$300/public

Skip date: June 3

Adult Pickleball Drop-In Game

Choose from two convenient drop-in times: Wednesdays | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Fridays | 3:30 – 5:30 PM

GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES

Emma Hertzberg, Group Exercise Coordinator 301.348.3710 | ehertzberg@benderjccgw.org

Choose from 40+ weekly GroupEx classes. Please note that class options, times, and locations are subject to change. Check the GroupEx calendars on the My J App for the most up-to-date information. To be added to the GroupEx email list and stay up to date, please email Emma at ehertzberg@benderjccw.org.

A Taste of Group Ex

Sunday, June 8 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM Free

Agua Aerobics

Fridays | 11:00 AM

Abs, Back, & Stretch Thursdays | 10:00 AM

Aqua Fit

Tuesdays + Thursdays | 11:00 AM

Balance & Strength

Mondays | 12:00 PM + 1:00 PM Wednesdays | 12:00 PM + 1:00 PM

Butts and Guts *Virtual Only* Tuesdays | 10:30 AM

Cardio Challenge

Fridays | 9:30 AM

Cardio Sculpt Virtual Only Wednesdays | 8:15 AM

Cardio Strength

Mondays | 11:00 AM

Cycle

Tuesdays | 6:00 PM Thursdays | 8:00 AM Saturdays | 7:00 AM

Fit Fusion

Thursdays | 9:00 AM

Flow Yoga

Mondays | 9:30 AM Wednesdays | 6:00 PM Fridays | 10:30 AM Saturdays | 9:00 AM

Ignite Dance Fit

Mondays | 6:00 PM

Les Mills CORE

Wednesdays | 6:10 AM

Les Mills BODY COMBAT/CORE

Sundays | 8:30 AM

Les Mills BODYPUMP

Mondays, Thursdays | 6:10 AM Tuesdays, Thursdays | 6:30 PM Saturdays | 8:00 AM

Tone Up & Shape Up

Fridays | 12:00 PM

Total Body Fitness

Tuesdays | 9:30 AM Thursdays | 10:00 AM

NUTRITION/WELLNESS COACHING

To be added to the GroupEx email list and stay up to date, please email Emma at ehertzberg@benderjccw.org.

GROUP EX. CLASSES FOR A FEE

Tai Chi

Mondays | 12:00 – 1:00 PM \$110/members | \$160/public

Aqua Suspension

Mondays | April 14 – May 19 11:00 - 11:45 AM \$50/members | \$150/public

Introduction to Kettlebell Training

Sundays | April 6 - May 25 1:30 - 2:30 PM \$180/member | \$210/public Skip Dates: April 13, 20

Krav Maga

Sundays | April 6 - May 25 12:30 - 1:30 PM \$180/members | \$210/public *Skip Dates*: April 13, 20

Women with Weights

Tuesdays | April 8 – May 13 6:30 - 7:30 PM \$180/members | \$210/public



YOUTH SPORTS

Questions? Call 301.348.3750

youthsports@benderjccgw.org



YOUTH KARATE

All karate classes run through June 2025.

Participants are welcome to join mid-session for a prorated class fee.

Skip dates for all karate classes: Mondays | April 14, May 4, 26 Wednesdays | April 16

Lil' Dragons (ages 3 - 5)

Mondays | Through June 2 | 3:15 – 4:00 PM \$480/members | \$500/public

Kid Tiger (ages 5 - 8)

Mondays | Through June 2 | 4:15 – 5:00 PM \$480/members | \$500/public

Beginner (ages 9+)

Mondays & Wednesdays | Through June 4 5:00 – 5:45 PM | \$1,025/members | \$1,055/public

Mondays only | Through June 3 5:00 – 5:45 PM | \$480/members | \$500/public

Wednesdays only | Through June 4 5:00 – 5:45 PM | \$545/members | \$565/public

Intermediate (ages 9+)

Mondays & Wednesdays | Through June 4 5:45 – 6:30 PM | \$1,025/members | \$1,055/public

Advanced (ages 9+)

Mondays & Wednesdays | Through June 4 6:30 - 7:45 PM | \$1,025/members | \$1,055/public

4:30 - 5:05 PM | \$250/members | \$265/public

2025 JCC Maccabi Games - Pittsburgh

August 3 - 8

For details, contact maccabi@benderjccgw.org.





Lauren Dworkin, Director

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BENDER-DOSIK PARENTING CENTER Jennifer Radosh, Director of JFamily Programs 301.348.3848 | jradosh@benderjccgw.org

Fern Weiland Parenting Lecture Series Fern Weiland: Sleep(Less) Lecture

Friday, May 2 | 8:30-9:30 AM | Free

Music Together

Choose from two convenient class times:

Saturdays | March 29 - June 14 9:00 - 9:45 AM & 10:00 - 10:45 AM *Skip Dates*: April 12, 19

\$270/members & public (Sliding scale for siblings)

Passover Little Noshers

Sunday, April 6 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM \$5/adults | \$10/child | members & public

Abrakadoodle's Mini Doodlers (3 - 4 year olds)

Sundays | April 6 - June 8 | 9:30 - 10:15 AM *Skip dates*: April 13, 20; May 25; June 1 \$165/members | \$175/public

Abrakadoodle's Twoosy Doodlers (18 - 36 months)

Sundays | April 6 - June 8 | 10:30 - 11:15 AM *Skip dates*: April 13, 20; May 25; June 1 \$165/members | \$175/public

Baby and Me Yoga

Mondays | April 7 - June 9 | 8:45 – 9:30 AM *Skip dates*: April 14; June 2 \$210/members | \$220/public

Books & Bubbles

Wednesdays | April 9 - June 11 | 10:30 - 11:00 AM Skip date: April 16 \$75/members | \$85/public

Shabbat Shalom Playgroup

Fridays | April 11 - June 6 | 10:30 – 11:00 AM *Skip date:* April 18 Free RSVP

Rhythm'N'Ruach

Choose from two convenient class times:

Tuesdays | April 22 - June 10 | 4:00 – 4:45 PM *Skip date:* June 3 \$190/members | \$200/public

Thursdays | April 24 - June 12 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM \$215/members | \$225/public

Silly Soccer with Golden Boot

Saturdays | April 26 - June 7 | 9:30 – 10:00 AM Skip dates: May 24 \$160/members | \$170/public

JEWISH FAMILY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

benderjccgw.org/jfa

The Bender JCC welcomes parents raising Jewish children into our community. Our Jewish Family Ambassadors (JFAs) are here to listen and share with you, and to connect you to other families and opportunities in our Jewish community. If you live in Montgomery County and are raising a Jewish child up to five years old, please register at benderjccgw.org/jfa.

BENDER-DOSIK GRANDPARENTING CENTER Candice Goldstein, Program Coordinator, Family Engagement and Social Action

301.348.3756 | cgoldstein@benderjccgw.org

The Grandparenting Center is dedicated to strengthening and celebrating the grandparenting experience.

GRAND Learning: From Understanding to Ally

Tuesday, May 20 | 6:30 PM \$10/members | \$15/public

GRAND CPR

Wednesday, May 7 | 5:00 – 8:00 PM \$60/members | \$70/public

DELIVERING GOOD NETWORK

Volunteer Opportunities

The Delivering Good Network is the Bender JCC's centralized and sustained social action effort focusing on five key areas of impact: environment, housing, hunger, immigrants, and inclusion. Visit benderjccgw.org/dgn for more information.



Kick off a summer of sports fun at Maccabiah Sports Camp!

Campers will meet and train with special guests from professional sports teams, including:

The Washington Capitals | The Baltimore Orioles Israel Baseball of Americas | Professional sports agents More to be announced!

Apply to Maccabiah Sports Camp at Lessans Camp JCC today!

benderjccgw.org/camp

DANCE & MUSIC

Talin Tahmasian, *Director*

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Youth Dance

All dance classes run through May 2025.

All classes include age-appropriate instruction in a combination of disciplines, including ballet, jazz, musical theater and tap. Students will learn a piece to showcase at our May spring performance.

Skip dates: April 14, 15

Payment can be made in full or in three installments at registration.

Preschool Dance

Tuesdays | Through May 20 | 3:45 – 4:30 PM \$480/members | \$500/public

Ballet Level 2

Tuesdays | Through May 20 | 4:45 – 5:45 PM \$555/members | \$575/public

Tap and Jazz Level 2

Mondays | Through May 19 | 4:45 – 5:45 PM \$555/members | \$575/public

Private Music Lessons

Virtual and in-person private instruction available in a variety of instruments including piano, percussion, strings, and woodwinds. Choose from 30 or 45 minute lessons.

For questions, contact Talin Tahmasian a 301.348.3880 or ttahmasian@benderjccgw.org.





Marcie Blackman, Director

RTS & ADULTS

301.348.3808 | mblackman@benderjccgw.org

CONCERTS

Partner Program

Bel Cantanti Opera: Romeo et Juliette

Saturdays, May 10, and May 17 | 7:30 PM Sunday, May 11 | 6:00 PM Sunday, May 18 | 3:00 PM

Questions? Contact Maytal Regev at mregev@benderjccgw.org or 301-348-3843

Partner Program

Mt. Vernon Virtuosi | Family Concert

May 25 | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM | Free

2024-2025 Polinger Artists of Excellence **Concert Series**

Lysander Piano Trio

April 6 | 7:00 PM \$50/ticket

Alon Goldstein, Piano

June 8 | 7:00 PM \$50/ticket

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Beginner 1

Monday | April 7 - 28 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM \$110/members | \$120/public

Beginner 2

Monday | May 5 - June 2 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM \$110/members | \$120/public

Tuesday | April 8 - May 13 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM \$150/members | \$160/public

GOLDMAN ART GALLERY

Rhapsody in Blue

April 6 - April 27

Reception: April 6 - 12:00-3:00 PM (Open to All)

Lifetime of Perspective Art Show

May 5-28

How Do You See Happiness?

Sunday, June 8 - Sunday, June 15

Reception: Sunday, June 8 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM (Open to All) Free

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY - SELMA SWEETBAUM SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

Join us for a great day of programming near you! Exercise, socialize, hear a lecture, attend a performance and enjoy a delicious kosher meal. Lunch - suggested \$5 donation. For more information, please contact Rachel Elazar at relazar@benderjccgw.org or 301.348.3849.

REMEMBER WHEN? ADULT MEMOIR WRITING

Mondays | April 7 - June 2 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Skip dates: April 14; May 12, 26 \$110/members | \$120/public

MEN'S CLUB

Defending Israel: Military Innovations of The Israel Defense Forces

Tuesday, April 29 | 1:15 PM

Tracing Your Jewish Roots: An Introduction to Jewish Geneology

Tuesday, June 17 | 1:15 PM

For more information contact Jay Doniger at 301.442.8690.

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY FORUM

Keeping an Empire: Egypt's Long Road to the Battle of Kadesh 1400 - 1270 BCE

Wednesday, April 9 | 8:00 PM

Caesar's Conquest of Gaul Jennifer Paxton - The **Catholic University of America**

Wednesday, May 21 | 8:00 PM

The Trojan War: The Epic in Art With Renee Gondek

Thursday, June 19 | 8:00 PM

For questions or to register contact Donald Kane: baf. iccgw@gmail.com

Jewish War Veterans Memorial Day Program

May 25 - 2:00-3:00 PM | No registration necessary.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Virtual and in-person private instruction available in a variety of instruments including piano, percussion, strings, and woodwinds. Choose from 30 or 45 minute lessons.

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ISRAEL AT 77: RISING TOGETHER

Sunday, May 4 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Bender JCC's community celebration of Israel's 77th birthday Registration coming soon. Visit benderjccgw.org/Israel77 for details.

INCLUSION

Kate Falls,

Director

301.348.3767 | kfalls@benderjccgw.org



Empowering Friendship

Sundays | April 6 – June 1 | 12:00 - 1:30 PM *Skip dates:* April 13, 20; May 25 \$240/members | \$250/public

Art Explorers

Mondays | April 7 – June 2 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM *Skip dates*: April 14; May 26 \$240/members | \$250/public

Real World Ready

Tuesdays | April 8 - June 3 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM *Skip date:* April 15 \$240/members | \$250/public

Brain Builders (Pre-School)

Wednesdays | April 9 - June 4 | 3:45 - 4:30 PM Skip date: April 16 \$240/members | \$250/public

Brain Builders (K - 2)

Wednesdays | April 9 – June 4 | 4:45 - 5:30 PM Skip date: April 16 \$240/members | \$250/public

"When They Wander or Run Away: Elopement and Water Safety for Parents"

Monday, May 12 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | hybrid class! Free

Little Scientists (Pre-School)

Thursdays | April 10 - June 5 | 3:30 - 4:15 PM *Skip date:* April 17 \$240/members | \$250/public

Young Scientists (K-2)

Thursdays | April 10 - June 5 | 4:45 - 5:30 PM Skip date: April 17 \$240/members | \$250/public

Shavim Soccer

Sundays | Through May 25 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM Free

Shavim Soccer Tournament

Sunday, June 1 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Free

GALLERY EXHIBIT | In partnership with Mainstreet How Do You See Happiness?

Sunday, June 8 - Sunday, June 15 Reception: Sunday, June 8 at 12:00 - 2:00 PM (Open to All) Free









Frieda Enoch, Director

COMING OF AGE

301.348.3809 | fenoch@bendericcgw.org

"OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO..."

In The Heights at Signature Theatre Sunday, April 6 | 7:00 PM Sunday, April 6 | 7:00 PM \$140 (includes orchestra seating and transportation)

To add your name to the waitlist, please contact 301.348.3809 or fenoch@benderjccgw.org.

Thursday, May 15 SAVE THE DATE!

The People's House

Wednesday, June 25 | 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM \$50/members & public

CINEMA J

Bad Shabbos

Thursday, June 19 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM \$15/member & public | Kreeger Auditorium

Health & Wellness Expo

Thurday, June 12 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Free | At Leisure World

Sip & Share Sisterhood

Mondays | April 7, 21; May 5, 19; June 9 Free

Yom Ha'Shoah at the Bender JCC

Sunday, April 27 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM

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Your recovery begins with your first visit.

Conveniently located at the Bender JCC of Greater Washington Downstairs in the Weinberg Health & Fitness Center









For appointments and Information call 301-881-CARE (301-881-2273)

HEBREW CLASSES Rivka Degani, Director

301.348.3810 | rdegani@benderjccgw.org



Classes run through June. To join a class mid-session, contact Rivka Degani at rdegani@benderjccgw.org

Advanced Hebrew

Choose from four convenient class times:

Mondays | Through June 30 6:30 - 8:30 PM | *virtual class! Skip dates*: April 14; May 26; June 25

Wednesdays | Through June 25 9:00 – 11:00 AM | hybrid class!

Wednesdays | Through June 25 7:00 – 9:00 PM | *virtual class!*

Thursdays | Through June 26 7:00 – 9:00 PM | *virtual class!*

Hebrew Aleph Plus

Choose from two convenient class times:

Mondays | Through June 30 6:30 – 8:30 PM | *hybrid class! Skip dates*: April 14; May 26; June 2

Wednesdays | Through June 25 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | *hybrid class!*

Hebrew Aleph Beginner

Fridays | Through June 20 5:00 – 7:00 PM | *hybrid class!*

Requires a mandatory \$80 Website Curriculum Fee, due at registration.

Hebrew Bet

Tuesdays | Through June 25 4:00 - 6:00 PM | hybrid class!

Hebrew Gimmel Plus

Choose from two convenient class times:

Mondays |Through June 30 4:00 – 6:00 PM | *virtual class! Skip date:* April 14; May 26; June 2

Wednesdays | Through June 25 6:00 – 8:00 PM | *hybrid class!*

Hebrew Gimmel

Thursdays | Through June 26 6:00 - 8:00 PM | hybrid class!

Hebrew Hey

Choose from three convenient class times:

Tuesdays | Through June 10 6:00 – 8:00 PM | *hybrid class! Skip date:* June 3

Thursdays | Through June 26 4:00 - 6:00 PM | hybrid class!

Fridays | Through June 20 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | *hybrid class!*





Don't miss out! Limited spots are available for the 2025-2026 school year. Apply today!

Be the first to apply.

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