

# THE BRIDGE from HOME to SCHOOL

Before & After School Care & School-Age Programs  
 2017 - 2018

# GESHER



## Program Pricing

	KINDERCREW price/month		GESHER price/month	
	1 block	2 blocks	Before School Care	After School Care
2 days/week	\$199	\$380	\$65	\$199
3 days/week	\$290	\$555	\$99	\$290
4 days/week	\$380	\$715	\$125	\$380
5 days/week	\$450	\$855	\$155	\$450

**J-CATION CAMP:  
7am-6pm**  
 Advanced registration is required.  
**Gesher participants receive a reduced rate of \$53/day!**  
**\$74/day Member: \$63/day**

## Program Times

**KINDERCREW:**  
**Block Times:**  
 Morning: 9-11:30am  
 Afternoon A: 11:30am-3pm  
 Afternoon B: 3-6pm

\*Gesher school year program fees are based on a 10-month program period. For your convenience, these fees have been divided into 10 equal monthly payments, regardless of the number of actual program days in each month. A continuous JCC membership is required for Kindercrew, Before School Care and After School Care programs and must be maintained while enrolled.  
 \*We require two-weeks written notice in the event of a reduction or termination of enrollment.

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**After School Care (ASC)**  
**Kindercrew**  
**Before School Care (BSC)**  
**J-Cation Camp**

## Introduction

*Gesher* is the Hebrew word for bridge. Our *Gesher* program serves as a bridge between school and home as well as between the individual and the community. *Gesher* provides informal educational opportunities in a structured framework and a safe environment.

We provide an amazing range of activities every day that engage children. We challenge kids at their own level and according to their interests. We emphasize important social skills like sharing and cooperation. Kids have fun and often don't want to leave.

Our Jewish community is open and accepting of people of all backgrounds. The values which guide us are universal, but viewed through a Jewish lens.



## Program Overview

### Before School Care (BSC): 7-9am

Registered children can be dropped off, and have time to play with friends before being picked up for school. Activities during BSC include arts and crafts, board games, reading, and more.

### KinderCrew: 9-11:30am; 11:30am-3pm

KinderCrew picks up where Kindergarten leaves off, offering experiential connections to what is learned in school. Our New York State certified teacher reinforces reading, writing, math and science. We also emphasize the "soft skills" critical to social development. Children who attend afternoon Kindergarten can participate in morning KinderCrew from 9-11:30am (BSC also available), and children who attend morning Kindergarten, can attend afternoon KinderCrew from 11:30am-3pm (ASC also available).

### After School Care (ASC): 3-6pm

Teachers pick the children up from the bus and bring them into their homeroom class. Homeroom gives children time to de-compress after a long day of school. A healthy snack is provided, as well as fun games and activities that include teambuilding, gym activities, PlayGym, and outside time.

Children also participate in "Choices". These are activities that children can choose on a daily basis (or register for ahead of time for certain activities). They are typically grouped K-2 and grade 3-6 but we do provide options for all ages, or for older children to work with younger children in a peer mentoring role. After Choices, children go back to their homeroom for an end of the day clean up/wrap up.

## JCC Facilities

The JCC has a vast array of facilities that Gesher utilizes. This includes 5 classrooms, a gymnasium, the PlayGym (an indoor playground), the In Zone (a fitness area designed especially for kids), outdoor fields and courtyards, auditoriums, two swimming pools and an outdoor splash pool!



## Superintendent's Day & Half Days

Gesher is open all day for Superintendent's and Half Days. These days are covered by Gesher at no cost for children regularly registered on that day. A limited number of additional spaces will be available. We ask that you please let us know at least 3 days in advance if your child will be attending. An additional charge will apply for children not regularly registered that day.

## J-Cation Camp & School Holidays

We offer special programs for most vacation days and school holidays. These fun day camps offer a wide variety of activities such as unique field trips, exciting special guests, and theatrical performances. J-Cation camps require advance registration at least one week prior. **Gesher participants receive a reduced rate of \$53/day for J-Cation camp.**

## Snow Days

Gesher will be available all day on Brighton snow days provided that the JCC is open. These days are covered by Gesher at no cost for children regularly registered on that day. An additional charge will apply for children not regularly registered that day.



## Children with Special Needs

The goal of the *Kesher* (Connections) program is to foster social and emotional development for children with an array of disabilities. *Kesher* is based on an inclusion-classroom model in which children with disabilities are grouped together with similar-aged peers without disabilities. All children have the same social and behavioral expectations as their peers, while allowing for adaptations based on each child's unique personality and needs. We develop goals and strategies so that every child, with and without special needs, can succeed, grow and make friends at Gesher. If you have any questions about whether this program is a good fit for your child, please contact Dan Irving at 461-2000, ext. 274 or [dirving@jccrochester.org](mailto:dirving@jccrochester.org).

## Gesher Activities

**Choices:** Choices are daily options that the children pick. These include arts and crafts, sports, homework, board games, fitness activities, free swim, PlayGym, In Zone, and more!

### Enrichment Classes:

Enrichment classes are led by the Gesher teachers and are typically reserved for our older participants. These are classes that are registered for ahead of time, and children will attend the class once a week for a 10 week session. These in-depth projects allow children to delve deeper into activities that interest them. Recent examples of enrichment classes include *Lego Stop Motion*, *Kitchen Confidential*, *Derby Cars* and more!

### Youth Fitness Classes:

Youth fitness classes are pre-registered classes that are offered to Gesher and JCC members. These classes are six-weeks long and are led by JCC fitness staff. Examples include Floor Hockey, Karate, Table Tennis, Krav Maga, and more. Although most of the youth fitness classes are free to Gesher participants, there are a few that have an extra fee.

### Swim Lessons:

Red Cross swim lessons are offered to Gesher participants who are registered for at least three days as part of our program. Children will be placed into a weekly Red Cross swim lesson taught by a Certified Lifeguard.