



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EXPANDING AND STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATORS



OVERVIEW

Your generosity can strengthen Jewish early childhood education. The Marvin Barish Endowment for Jewish Early Childhood Education (held at the Houston Jewish Community Foundation) incentivizes new families to choose a quality Jewish early childhood education program for their children and encourages faculty from Jewish Early Childhood programs to continue their professional education.

The cost of Jewish education is a major barrier for

local families choosing Jewish early childhood education. This fact is supported by both national research and the Federation's Task Force on Jewish Education.

In addition, there is a national shortage of early childhood educators. This important initiative will directly support these needs.

The foundations for future learning, personal relationships, and communal belonging are laid in early childhood experiences. We are proud to provide support to families, teachers, and schools to strengthen Houston's Jewish early childhood landscape.

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CREATING MEANINGFUL IMPACT

Grants of up to \$2,000 will be provided to families to enroll their first child in a Jewish early childhood education program for the first time. Over the next five years we believe we can attract 650 new students to Jewish ECE programs which will save families more than \$1 million in tuition costs.

Forgivable loans and grants will also be made available to educators who elect to earn bachelor's, master's or associate degrees in early childhood education. Interest is high in the early childhood teacher degree program with 27 applicants currently. Long term, the goal is to help all Jewish early childhood teachers earn their college degree. The Federation has always partnered with our Jewish schools, and this initiative will deepen those connections.

In Houston and around the country, experience has shown that creating strong connections by engaging children and families, has the greatest long-term impact for the Jewish community. The Marvin Barish Endowment for Jewish Early Childhood Education Fund will encourage and support those crucial connections.



FUNDING

All funds made to support this initiative qualify for a 1 to 1 match.

The total goal is \$8.25 million, with a goal to raise \$1 million this year.

Your gift will help transform the Jewish community of Houston. Please join us. Let's strengthen Houston together.

