

## **Parenting Center:**

A parenting center is a dedicated space or program designed to support parents and caregivers by offering resources, guidance, and activities focused on child development, parenting skills, and family well-being. These centers typically provide a range of services, such as educational workshops, support groups, playgroups, and access to early childhood experts. They serve as a hub for community building, where parents can connect with one another and with professionals, gaining valuable tools and knowledge to foster healthy family dynamics. Parenting centers serve as a pipeline for preschool registration.

	Parenting Center	1-3 Programs a Year
Consistency and Frequency	A parenting center provides regular, ongoing programming and resources throughout the year, offering consistent support to families.	These are typically one-off or periodic events. While they may provide valuable content, they don't offer ongoing support and engagement.
Comprehensive Services	A full parenting center offers a wide array of services, such as parenting classes, playgroups, support groups, educational resources, and Jewish cultural engagement. It acts as a hub for various needs and stages of early family life.	These programs might focus on a specific topic or issue (e.g., parenting workshops, holiday celebrations).
Community Building	A parenting center fosters a sense of community and belonging by being a constant, reliable presence. It can create lasting relationships between families and the preschool.	These events may provide some opportunity for families to connect, but it's limited to the event's timeframe.
Structured Engagement	Engagement is more structured, with a focus on long-term connection, follow-up, and deeper involvement in the Jewish and preschool community.	Engagement is often event-based with less focus on sustained interaction.
Pipeline to Preschool Enrollment	By offering ongoing engagement, a parenting	These may introduce families to the preschool, but the



	center can serve as a more effective pipeline for enrollment, gradually integrating families into the preschool community.	sporadic nature might not build strong enough connections.
Parent Support	It can provide regular, tailored support for new or expectant parents, such as counseling, expert advice, and peer networking.	Focused primarily on one-off needs or occasional events.