



Here for You

We have been here for you

Hineni is a Hebrew phrase comprised of two short words: *hineh* and *ani*, meaning “here” and “I.” When these words are combined, *hineni* becomes a powerful declaration of total readiness to serve: **HERE I AM.**

The JCCNS of 2024 may be a different organization than the Lynn Young Men’s Hebrew Association that was started many years ago, but we are still **HERE**. Our focus remains consistent: to provide our diverse community with a central gathering place for enhancing social, physical, education and spiritual lives, as well as enriching experiences that strengthen Jewish identity and connection to the state of Israel. The JCCNS is perhaps needed now more than ever.

Our Marblehead campus, where we have been located since 1972, offers a wide range of programs and services. We have approximately 4,000 members from Marblehead, Swampscott, Lynn, Salem, Beverly, Andover, Peabody and Nahant. For these members, for our future members, and for the extended North Shore community, we will be **HERE**.



“The JCCNS has been a home away from home for our family for years. Being a part of the community at the J has enhanced our lives and the lives of our children in immeasurable ways. We are forever grateful to have such a multidimensional, caring, inclusive place for our young family to come to.”

– JCCNS Early Childhood Program parent

Our **adult programs and cultural events** are here for people seeking opportunities for learning and community conversations on inspiring topics. We host jazz concerts, political conversations, an annual film festival and author speaker series, and an international travel program, and much more. Nearly 3,000 adults participate in these offerings each year.

Our **Early Childhood Program (ECP)** is here for families looking for a warm and nurturing childcare environment, and the best start to their children's educational journey. Our tight-knit community creates life-long friendships and connections. We currently serve 166 families and more than 200 children, who come from six North Shore communities and Boston. We proudly provide more than \$33,000 in scholarships annually for pre-school and infant/toddler program participants.

Our **J Adventure** after-school program is here to provide a caring environment and a multitude of instructional activities for elementary-age children, featuring Tae Kwon Do, swim, dance, art, sports and more.

Our **fitness** offerings are here for those focusing on their physical and mental health. In our award-winning fitness facility, we offer 65 group exercise classes per week, personal training, and state-of-the-art equipment.

Our **indoor pool** is here for popular lap swimming and is also home to our highly-competitive Sea Serpents swim team, which boasts more than 115 members. J Swim Academy provides more than 150 swim lessons per week, including adaptive lessons to people with varying abilities.

Our **Summer at the J camps** are here to provide traditional summer camp fun, including art, music, sports, swimming, theatre and more. Our unique Inclusion Camp extends this opportunity to campers with varying abilities who otherwise may not be able to experience summer camp. The JCCNS is committed to subsidizing the additional cost of inclusion camp, and offers needs-based scholarships to all of our campers.



"Five generations of my family have enjoyed the JCC. Both of my parents served as vice president of the board, my brother and I went to preschool and Camp Simchah, and my son, Jonathan, who was born with Down syndrome in 1979, was welcomed at the JCC like any other child. He participated in camp, the after-school program, swimming, basketball, computer classes, drama productions and his first volunteer job. The JCC has always been here for our family."



– Jo Ann Simons



Can we count on you to be **HERE** for us?

With the help of our extended community, we are seeking to raise **\$2.5 million** for capital improvements that will modernize and enhance security at our facility and increase accessibility.

Proposed capital improvements include:

- front entrance airlock for enhanced building security
- external lighting and parking area resurfacing
- new accessible playground surfaces
- accessible splash pad in pool area
- ECP classroom upgrades
- Weiss-Kirstein room modernization
- new pool deck for the indoor pool
- new environmentally-efficient boiler

In the spirit of *hineni*, the JCCNS has been **HERE** for you. We will be **HERE** for you. With your generous investment in our shared future, the JCCNS will continue to be **HERE** for generations to come.

Can you be HERE for us?

