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Welcome to our Grand Playdate! We hope that this is the first of many special play experiences for you and your grandchild that connect play to Jewish values.

I SPY...What’s Jewish about playgrounds!

This booklet features Jewish values that children learn and experience on a playground. On each page you will find a quotation that is somewhere on the playground for you to discover with your grandchild, as well as some conversation prompts that you may use to share memories of your own playground experiences as a child. We also provide questions to ask your grandchild to relate these Jewish values to playing on a playground. We hope this guide will help enrich your playdate today or any time you are together. We think that you will find that there is a whole lot that is Jewish about playgrounds!

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Courage—Ometz Lev (Hebrew)

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“The whole world is a very narrow bridge; the most important thing is not to be afraid.” Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

Fulcrum balance beam

Cute pic

Remember when: Share a time when you took a risk on the playground.

Ask the question: Is there anything on the playground that you are afraid to do, and why?

Care of ones Body—Shmirat Haguf (Hebrew)

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“I praise You for I am awesomely, wonderfully made.” Psalm 139 vs. 14

Green boards outside bridge from treehouse to climbing wall

Cute pic

Remember when: Share a time when you did something on the playground in a way that surprised you and made you feel accomplished.

Ask the question: How do you use parts of the body on the playground?

Friendship—Chaverut (Hebrew)

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“Don’t walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don’t walk behind me I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend.”—Jewish summer camp song

This quote can be found in the Treehouse

Cute pic

Remember when: Share a memory of what you and your friends loved to do most on the playground.

Ask the question: How can you be a good friend on the playground?

Kindness—Chesed (Hebrew)

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“The world exists for the sake of kindness ” Rashi

Brill Stage

Cute pic

Remember when: Share a memory when someone showed you kindness on the playground (helped you, gave you a turn, invited you to play with them)

Ask the question: When did you experience kindness on the playground?

Learning—Limmud (Hebrew)

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“Who is wise? One who learns from every person.” Pirkei Avot chapter 4, vs. 1

Goldsmith Train front

Cute pic

Remember when: Do you have a story of a time when you learned something unimpededly from someone on the playground?

Ask the question: Who are the different people you can learn from on the playground? Who taught you something really cool on the playground?