This resource, developed by the Early Childhood Services department at the Center for Jewish Education, provides a Jewish lens to the hands-on learning experiences found in the permanent exhibits at Port Discovery. Please print it double-sided and cut into quarters, and attach all pages to a keyring. Each page, front and back, corresponds to an exhibit. The floor level for each exhibit is in the upper right corner. For each exhibit, you’ll find “Play and Learn” activities to engage in Jewish learning through play, a fun photo challenge, and a scavenger hunt.

### Play and Learn!

- **Kick It Up! Soccer Stadium**
  - Link arms with your children, and see if you can kick a ball, taking turns, down the length of the field.
  - Play Follow the Leader along the lines of the field. Have a child be the leader and determine the way you move your bodies.
  - Play with children in creative ways in this space by racing or kicking a ball from one end of the field to the other in different ways, such as crab-walking, hopping, skipping and walking backwards.
  - Learn some related Hebrew words as you play:
    - ball – כדור (cah-DUR)
    - soccer – כדורסל (CAH-dur REH-gel)
    - team – קבוצות (k’foo’TZAH)

- **Royal Farms Convenience Store/ Fill’er Up Station**
  - Have children sort foods found in the store into the healthy food category shelves along the back wall (Fruits, Oils, Dairy, Vegetables, Grains, Proteins). What meals could be made from these ingredients?
  - Challenge children to find some or all of the ingredients for a sweet kugel for Shabbat! Find noodles, eggs, milk, oil and fruit.
  - What types of people work in a store? Children can take turns being cashiers, baggers, stock clerks and managers.
  - Fill up the car and take a ride. Ask children about their holiday and Shabbat destination. Have you taken a special trip together to celebrate a holiday or Shabbat? Why do we spend time with people whom we love on those days?

- **Studio Workshop**
  - Special art experiences are always set up for your children in the Studio! The directions are available there, and staff is on-hand to help.
Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of the children in your group working (or playing) together as a team.

?... heifé (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
• ... a goal?
• ... a video of a soccer match?
• ... the scoreboard?
• ... a painted dinosaur?
• ... the middle of the field?

For more Jewish play guides created by the Center for Jewish education to kid-friendly sites in Baltimore, please visit:

www.cjebaltimore.org/play-guides

Kick It Up!
Soccer Stadium

Studio Workshop

Photo Challenge!
Take two pictures, one of your child or children creating their masterpieces and the other of the artist or artists proudly showing their beautiful creations!

Royal Farms Convenience Store/ Fill’er Up Station

Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of each child in your group holding a healthy food from a different food group.

?... heifé (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
• ... the produce section?
• ... the “moo” sound?
• ... the bank machine (ATM)?
• ... the place where the baskets are stored?
• ... the place where you buy your food?
• ... the gas pump?
Play and Learn!

- Have the children sort the words by color, length of words (long and short, or by number of letters), and by first letter.
- Ask children to hunt for words with certain letters in them. (E.g., “Can you find a word with an A in it?”) Then, challenge them to think of other words that start with the same letter – particularly words related to Jewish holidays or people in the Torah.
- Match English first-letter sounds to Hebrew first-letter sounds. (E.g., find the word “door.” Ask children to identify the sound that the D makes, and see if they know the Hebrew letter that makes the same sound.)
- Make Jewish shapes, letters and pictures with the magnetic words. Suggested pictures: Jewish star, sukkah, Torah, Kiddush cup.

KidsWorks

KidsWorks is a 3.5 story, “up-only” climbing experience with exits on all three levels. Trails are lit with different colored light paths and lead to different floors.

Explore this structure with your child. You might create an adventurous story to tell with his or her assistance along the way!

If you and your child are interested in going into KidsWorks in a more controlled way, the green path on the second floor remains on that floor, and the entrance and exit are next to each other.

MPT Studio: Percussion Garden

Play and Learn!

- Have the children explore all of the fantastic sounds they can create in the exhibit.
- Sing Shabbat Shalom together, with the children adding percussion to the beat. Play a “quiet round” and a “loud round.”
- Think about other “Jewish” sounds we hear at different times of year, like a shofar’s blast on Rosh Hashanah or a gragger’s noise at Purim. Ask children to try to replicate those sounds.
- The musical instruments are mainly made of recycled materials and represent the Jewish value bal taschit (not being wasteful). What pieces can children identify?
Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of you and your child making beautiful music together.

?...איפִּוק (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
- ... a חַּכוּפּ (PEH-rech) - flower?
- ... a drum?
- ... a set of bongo's?
- ... a set of chimes?
- ... a xylophone?

Show 'em a Poem!

Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of your child with a creation of their choosing on the “word wall.”

?...איפִּוק (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
- ... a word that has a letter in it that is the same as the letter that starts the name of your school?
- ... a word that is blue and a word that is yellow that forms a sentence? (Blue words are nouns; yellow words are verbs.)
- ... a collection of green words that describe how the children feel today? (Green words are adjectives.)

Other Neat Stuff on the First Floor

- **The Farm** (kibbutz) is located in the back corner of KidsWorks closest to Kick It Up! and MPT Studio. Children can operate a silo, play chicken twister, and pretend to milk a cow!
- There are two **cut-outs** to the right of the doors of the Studio Workshop where children can pop their heads through to take their photos as royalty.
- A beautiful **Mosaic Mural** is located on the wall to the left of the doors of the Studio Workshop. It was a community arts project created by hundreds of students and their families from G.W. McMehen School #177. Ask children how the images they see in the mosaic mural relate back to the Jewish values of **shmirat ha’adamah** (caring for the environment), **dibbuk chaverim** (friendship), **chesed** (kindness) and **adam yehidi nivrah** (respecting differences).
Play and Learn!

- Before entering, explain to the children that they are now visiting Egypt. What Jewish holiday takes place in Egypt? What can they tell you about the story of the Jewish exodus from Egypt?
- Have children use the hieroglyphics wheel to find the picture that corresponds to the first letter of their first name (or first and last name), and create a cartouche.
- At Honest Akbar’s Ancient Amulet, read some of the curses that are listed. Which are similar to those in the Ten Plagues?
- See if children can identify the scents in Fatimah’s Bazaar. Ask them when during the week we smell some of those same spices? (Havdallah after Shabbat)
- Challenge children to cross the Nile by boat, through the sand, and on the road.

FYI: The door under the tent leads to a spooky “Pharaoh’s tomb” experience, which may frighten some children.

Play and Learn!

- Young children will enjoy exploring all areas of this exhibit. This exhibit is a great quiet space where children can comfortably get familiar with their peers.
- Explore the Mountain Trail. What animals and plants can they find? Which of these have they seen near their homes? Can they catch butterflies in the net?
- Play in the sandbox. Ask children to write their names or letters (in English and/or in Hebrew).
- “Splash” on the electronic lily pad. What different environments do the children see? How does their movement affect the images?
- Ask children to demonstrate the Jewish values of tza’ar ba’alei chaim (kindness to animals) and shmirat ha’adamah (caring for the environment).

Play and Learn!

- Identify the different shapes of blocks. Have the children sort them by shape and size.
- Work together to construct a sukkah. It should have three walls and blocks across the top for a roof that allows the stars to shine through.
- Create towers, houses, cities – whatever you imagine, together!
- Explore math concepts with math challenges. How many square blocks are needed to make the same length of a rectangular block? Can children make a huge square? How tall of a tower can they build?
- Teach some related Hebrew words as the children play:
  - wood/tree – יָנָ (etz)
  - block – גּוּ (block)
  - building (noun) – בֵּית (been-YAHN)

Play and Learn!

- The Oasis is a quiet space with a lot to offer children. Allow the children to explore:
  *learning stations with puzzles – particularly geared to math problem-solving, number recognition, and other developmentally appropriate activities.
  *the library (there is a circle-time area, and lots of Jewish books, if you’d like to read a book)
  *building materials, rocks to paint water on, and a beautiful tree with upcycled leaves
- Wonder Widgets is a group of balance, manipulation, and hand-eye coordination games that the children will enjoy.
- The Terraces is a fun spot where children can load and unload crates to and from the marketplace and train.
- The green path of the KidsWorks climbing structure enters and exits on this floor.
Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of your children standing by a structure you created together, such as a sukkah.

?...? (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
- ... a block that can be used for a ramp?
- ... a sign that warns people to be careful?
- ... a hard hat to protect a builder’s head?
- ... a block with four holes? With two holes? With one hole?

Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of your children crossing the Nile in a boat.

?...? (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
- ... a map of Egypt?
- ... Egyptian hieroglyphs (picture-writing) on the wall?
- ... a symbol that looks like a hamsa (hand with an eye in the center)?
- ... a sneaky crocodile?
- ... a moon high above the desert?

Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of the children peeking through the Mountain Trail.

?...? (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
- ... a big bumblebee?
- ... a fish tank?
- ... an ocean scene that changes when you step on it?
- ... a butterfly you can catch?
Play and Learn!

- What types of people would you find in a restaurant? Children can take turns being cooks, dishwashers, cashiers, servers and customers.
- Have the children serve up a delicious Shabbat or Jewish holiday dinner. Instruct them to set a table for guests and then find and serve a meat, side dishes and dessert.
- Challenge the children to make a healthy breakfast from the foods in the diner.
- Ask the children to group the foods by the food groups. Which foods are proteins, fruits, vegetables, starches and fats? Which are very healthy, and which are “sometimes” foods?

Play and Learn!

- Put on some raincoats and shoes and work together to build a working fountain. Problem-solve to make the water flow.
- Explain the water cycle to the children in the Stream Table. Use these Hebrew words as you discuss and play:
  - water – מים (MY-im)
  - cloud – ענן (ah-NAN)
  - rain – גשם (GEH-shem)
  - sun – שמש (SHEH-mesh)
  - river – נחל (na-HAR)
- What bodies of water in Israel can the children name?
- Sing a Hebrew song together about water: The Itsy-Bitsy Akaveesh, Mayim, etc.
- Test sinking and floating at the boat dock.
- Challenge children to pull a בועה (BOO-ah, bubble) around them in the Bubble Hoop.

Outside of the diner is a forest habitat mural. Ask children to identify animals they see and talk about what the animals are doing. You might talk about the food chain, as some animals are hunters and some are prey; others are hiding.
Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of the children “catching a wave” on or near the surfboard.

?... אֶיפָּה (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
- ... a raining cloud?
- ... a water wheel?
- ... a LEGO boat marina?
- ... a set of musical water chimes?
- ... a big wall full of dryers?

Photo Challenge!
Take a picture of sitting together at a beautifully-set Shabbat or holiday dinner table. Shabbat Shalom/Chag Sameach/Good Yontif!

?... אֶיפָּה (AY-fo? Where is ...?)
- ... a jukebox (music machine)?
- ... an old-fashioned telephone?
- ... the place where you cook food on top of something?
- ... the place where you cook food inside of something?
- ... the place where you wash the dishes?