

JEWISH CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION (JCCA)

helps more than 12,000 children and their families every year. We work with those who need us most, from children who have been neglected or abused, to immigrant Jewish families facing life in a new country. Our clients come to us because they struggle with poverty, abuse and family crises or because they are without hope for the future. JCCA is consistently rated at the highest levels for the quality of our programs. In all our work, we are motivated by tikkun olam, the Jewish mandate to repair the world, and by our belief that every child deserves to grow up hopeful.

SERVICES TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

*Ametz Adoption Program
Bukharian Teen Lounge
Compass Project
Family Day Care
Forest Hills Child Care Center
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CMPASS PROJECT

A graphic element consisting of a silver compass rose with a white face and black markings for cardinal and intercardinal directions. Two blue arrows extend vertically from the center of the compass, one pointing upwards and one pointing downwards. The word 'PROJECT' is written in a large, grey, sans-serif font, with the compass rose positioned behind the 'P' and 'E'.

*Offering direction to
Jewish teens and college
students with autism
spectrum disorders who
are facing high school
and college transitions
or alternative options.*



**A RESOURCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL
AND COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND THEIR
FAMILIES, FACING TRANSITIONS**

Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA) brings 180 years of experience with children and youth to the Jewish community's critical need for services for young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

A successful transition from high school to college and the subsequent adjustment can be challenging. Finding the right direction is a difficult process for everybody. This period can be especially daunting to teens with learning disabilities and their families.

JCCA's Compass Project helps families during this difficult period by providing information about college or alternative school options through workshops, seminars and career assessment. Our experienced staff offers support and reassurance through individual and group counseling to help students make decisions, develop self-esteem, socialize with classmates and focus on their studies. We provide students with a warm, nurturing Jewish community that cares.

Services for High School Students and Their Families

How to Navigate the System: Planning for Transitions

◆ Workshops for parents

- College options in the tri-state area
- Referrals and resources
- Entitlements
- What to expect next
- Support

◆ Individual Psychological Assessment

◆ Individualized career assessment to determine

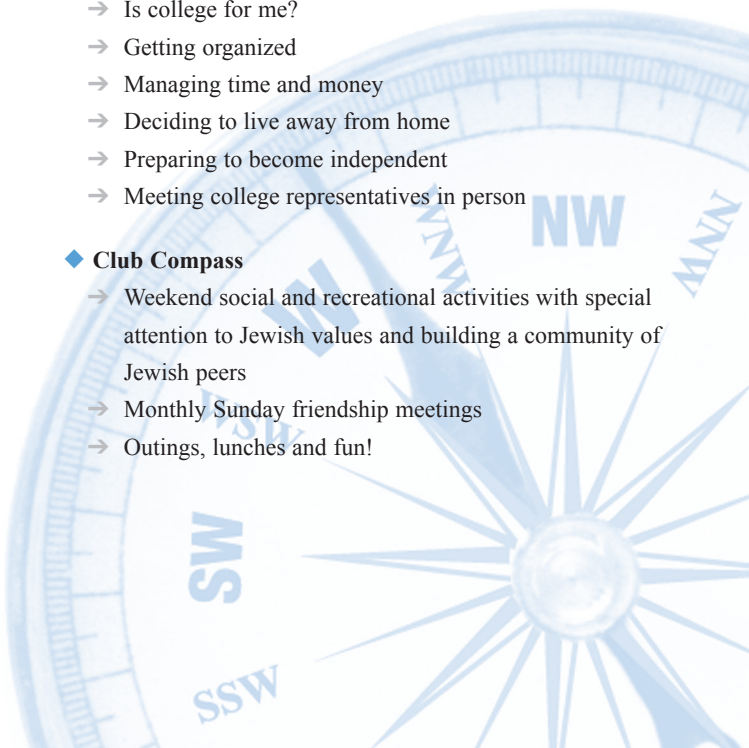
- Interests
- Skills
- Strengths
- Internship options

◆ Annual conference for graduating seniors, “Ready, Set, Go...”

- Is college for me?
- Getting organized
- Managing time and money
- Deciding to live away from home
- Preparing to become independent
- Meeting college representatives in person

◆ Club Compass

- Weekend social and recreational activities with special attention to Jewish values and building a community of Jewish peers
- Monthly Sunday friendship meetings
- Outings, lunches and fun!



Services for College Students

Compass Bridges

A bridge to independence for college students with autism and other learning needs

- ◆ **Workshops, group and individual counseling and social events to help with adjustment to college**
 - Developing a network of friends and relating to classmates
 - Balancing the academic workload, work and play
 - Individualized career assessment to determine a college major
 - Roommate relationships
 - Jewish holiday celebrations and Shabbat dinners
 - Deciding whether to live away from home or commute
 - Learning to live independently
 - Managing time and money

Programs in Long Island and Queens

Adelphi University

C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University

Dowling College

The Achilles Project at Nassau Community College

Queensborough Community College

Vocational Independence Program at

New York Institute of Technology, Islip, Long Island

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