



Weinberg Early Learning Center at The Temple

WELC: Don't Just Take it From Us!

When Sam Schoenbaum moved to Atlanta years ago with her family, she was a new mom, living in a new city, and had to rediscover everything—friends, community, synagogue, a supportive mom-groups, and a preschool for her youngest. Fast forward 8 years later, Sam shares her journey about finding a preschool that gave her all those things and how a deeply nurturing and loving place called WELC shaped her kids into confident beings today.

How many schools did you look at prior to your selection?

Just one. The stars were aligned. The end result was, I just got lucky. My first choice was the best choice. Not knowing much about WELC, the first thing that I was happy about was my short drive from Ansley to Peachtree Rd. Secondly, as soon as I stepped into WELC, I felt welcomed and experienced positive vibes from its environment. Simply put, I felt the love. The positive energy that WELC exuded gave me the confidence to make a quick decision. I knew at that moment that WELC was the place for Max. We started Max in a three day program.

Once you decided to join WELC how did it stand out for you?

WELC is an incredibly nurturing environment. The WELC PTA is exceptional. They have raised funds for the school and they also have groups that parents can join to get more involved. It is care that goes way beyond the norm. WELC- provided me with parenting help. I would have never gotten that anywhere else. The willingness to want to help parents as teachers is what stood out for me.

What made you the happiest in your selection?

I wasn't expecting to find such an amazing and strong community. WELC has become my center - my place of worship, connection to my community, my tradition and values and a nurturing environment for my kids.

- **Everlasting friendships:** My oldest two, who are now in elementary school, developed such fantastic friendships at WELC that they continues to grow even today.
- **Retention:** We love the continuity of interacting with the same teachers. The same teacher who taught my oldest is still there. We love the staff retention and the clergy.
- **Community:** I benefited so much from WELC personally. I met my mom friends here. I feel so incredibly lucky to have developed a great network of friends as a result. In addition, my family are members at The Temple.

How has WELC prepared your child to deal with his/her current school curriculum and/or program?

They were incredibly prepared for Kindergarten. They have great penmanship. They were, in fact, ahead of the game both academically and socially!