

# Me and My Dad



*"Dad, I love being with you at Me and My Dad."  
These are the words many dads hear after a Me and My Dad meeting.  
All a dad can do at that moment is smile.*

*Me and My Dad for a whole year - \$112.27\*  
JCC Children's membership - \$239.70\*  
Hearing your child say this was the best day of their life  
being with you at Me and My Dad- Priceless.*

.....**ME and MY DAD FACT SHEET**.....

The Me and My Dad program is a unique and flexible family oriented Jewish program affiliated with the JCC. The Me and My Dad goals are three fold:

- fathers spending quality time, one on one with their child
- children interacting with other children
- last but not least, Dads meeting other Dads in a social setting.

Me and My Dad groups meet once a month for one hour. Dads and their children are divided into a HOUSE consisting of 8-12 couples. The registration form you have, allows you to indicate friendship preferences. I will try to honor those requests as best as I can. You are also asked to indicate what evenings you are available to meet. Please indicate your choices by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. If you are unable to meet on a particular week night, do not include it in your choices. I will also work around your other children in the program.

Each group is assigned a JCC Group leader who will help facilitate the Me and My Dad program. All leaders are Me and My Dad trained professionals; many are teachers.

The dads will determine a meeting schedule and rotate hosting the meeting. Groups generally meet monthly for one hour. We encourage first year groups to schedule meetings in their homes. The host dad, child and group leader plan, prepare the meeting's activities and provide a kosher refreshment. The group will receive copies of the Me and My Dad Survival Guide and a craft box to aid in the planning and implementation of their activities. Your choice of activity need not be limited to the supplies or suggestions. Name tags are also included so you can familiarize yourself with other group participants.

One dad in your group will volunteer to be the Head of the House. This father is the liaison between the group and the JCC staff person. The Head of the House is asked to attend two Advisory Committee Meetings during the year for the purpose of evaluation and planning the special events.



**A typical meeting consists of:**

Me and My Dad Opening Ceremony  
Activity (craft, cooking, games, stories, songs)  
Refreshments  
Me and My Dad Closing Ceremony  
Announcements

We offer special optional events throughout the program year; for example, local community events, an Overnighter (in Wisc. or nearby hotel) and the Matzah Factory. Flyers with all the information including time, date, cost and registration procedures will be mailed and emailed to you in the fall. Please email me if your contact information changes during the year.

If you are choosing to sign up for the Me and My Dad program, please complete the registration form and return it by fax or mail. Know any other dads thinking about joining the program; have them call me as soon as possible, so I can assign them a group.

The annual fees for 2008-2009 1<sup>st</sup> Year Group members are:

Member - \$112.27\* Non-Member - \$153.47\*

The cost covers the expense of the groups' T-shirts, craft box, mailings, staff liaison, Me and My Dad Survival Guide and JCC internal expenses charged to the program. Payment should be made at this time by check, cash, or charge card (VISA, MasterCard or Discover).

Have you thought about a membership at the JCC? All JCC memberships are for 12 months beginning on the date membership is taken or renewed and can save money if you utilize the 'J' for other programs and classes. JCC offers many types of memberships for your family. A Child Program Only Membership is \$239.70\*. Please feel free to discuss membership options with me or Judy Miller the Membership Director.

For more information or a registration form, please check out our website: [www.gojcc.org](http://www.gojcc.org).

I hope to meet you at the **Information Night on September 8 at 7:30pm**. The program is the same at both locations. Please RSVP and attend in your geographic area.

B'Shalom,

Debbie Meyer

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*\* The program fee includes a 3 % energy surcharge to help offset increasing utility and fuel costs as well as fuel and energy surcharges being charged to JCC by its suppliers and vendors.*