

# 36th Annual Children's Scholarship Ball

BENEFITTING THE IRVIN KAPLAN CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT  
THE EVELYN RUBENSTEIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF HOUSTON

HONORING JOE KAPLAN AND MURRAY KALMIN

FEBRUARY 28, 2026



## The J Has Something for Everyone

The J serves children of all ages beginning at six weeks old, from all religious and ethnic backgrounds. Through our Children's Scholarship Ball, we raise funds each year to provide scholarships for our early childhood education and day camp programs.

Our early childhood education programs at the Bertha Alyce School in Southwest Houston and the Ellen Boniuk School in West Houston offer year-round infant care and full day preschool to approximately 205 children each year.

Within the Bertha Alyce School, the Sherry Merfish Family Infant Care Program focuses on providing a caring, safe and stimulating environment for students beginning at six weeks old, and the Karol Musher STARS Early Intervention Program provides an integrated, inclusion-based approach for preschoolers with developmental delays. The STARS program is the only program of its kind in Houston and is nearly four times the cost of traditional preschool programs.

J Camps is the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC's day camp program for children in preschool through grade 9 with options for art, culinary, dance, gymnastics, sports, tennis, theatre and so much more. In 2025, we served over 1,500 children through J Camps.

Since its inception, the Ball has raised more than \$13 million for more than 9,800 children.

## How to Help

**Corporate Sponsorship:** Purchase a corporate table or provide goods and services for the event.

**Tickets and/or Table:** Tables and individual tickets may be purchased starting at \$3,000 and \$300 respectively.

**Silent Auction:** Over 20% of the funds raised each year are from the silent auction. Donate an item, gift certificate or even a unique experience!

February 28, 2026

Westin Galleria Houston

7:00 PM

## Why Your Support is Important

The need for scholarships grows every year. Each donation improves a child's life!

**\$400 Donation** – Provides scholarship funds for one week of day camp.

**\$1,800 Donation** – Provides scholarship funds for one month of early childhood education.

**\$3,600 Donation** – Provides scholarship funds for one month of STARS program tuition.



For more information, visit [erjcchouston.org/csb](http://erjcchouston.org/csb) or email Pam Ellis at [pellis@erjcchouston.org](mailto:pellis@erjcchouston.org).



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