

Leon and Toby Cooperman JCC Renovation and Expansion JCC MetroWest

West Orange, N.J.



A new circulation spine and "Main Street" area connect new and existing building components.



The renovation and expansion of the JCC MetroWest involved renovating nearly the entire existing facility and creating a 365-space parking garage and 42,000 square feet of additional activity space — all within a narrow site that is, in effect, a mountainside.

The addition includes a 10,000-square-foot fitness center, group exercise rooms and a 20,000-square-foot early childhood center with classrooms, a playroom, a teaching kitchen and offices. The new circulation spine, including a two-story atrium with a café, links the

addition to the existing building and gymnasium. The new café includes Kosher dining in front of a large, Jerusalem stone fireplace. All major activities are located off of a "Main Street" area that serves to connect the new and existing components.

An upscale aesthetic and color palette create a warm, inviting environment, though durability and ease of maintenance are reflected in materials choices. The exterior of the building includes metal panel roofing that is consistent with the character of the original building. More saturated hues of the same color

family were used in the activity areas; for example, brick red and moss green from the central spine graduate to neons in the fitness center. Colors are enhanced by an abundance of natural light throughout the facility.

A 10,000-square-foot fitness center is among the additions.



ARCHITECT OF RECORD:
The Biber Partnership
Summit, N.J.

COST: \$15.5 million
SQUARE FEET: 163,485
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