

Kibbitzing Kids

The Newsletter of Temple Adat Elohim's Early Childhood Education Center

January 2012

Be sure to log on to www.adatelohim.com, click on Calendar under House of Gathering to view all activities at Temple Adat Elohim.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 ECC Resumes	4	5	6	7 First Shabbat 6:15 pm
9	10	11	12	13
16 School Closed MLK Day	17	18 Bake Sale - Sponsored by room 4	19	20 Coffee with Clergy 9:00-9:30am Family Shabbat Experience Pre -K and TK 10:00-10:30am
23	24	25	26	27 Coffee with Clergy 9:00- 9:30 am Family Shabbat Experience Rooms 1, 2, & 4

"The person within you and the person next to you- both are waiting for love and kindness."

Hassidic Teachings

Happy, Happy Birthday to You!!!



Person	Date	Room
Zachary	1/9	2
Jake	1/9	7
Riley	1/12	5
Kolton	1/19	4
Olivia	1/25	6



ECC FAMILY SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

Friday

January 20th - TK & PreK

January 27th - Rooms 1, 2, 4

Coffee with the Clergy- 9:00-9:30 am
Family Shabbat Experience- 10:00-10:30am

Come join your child for Shabbat service, challah and time with the clergy. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this fabulous annual activity with your child and unique opportunity to talk with the clergy in an informal gathering.



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Dear Parents:

Our ECC classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. We are looking forward to a wonderful semester at TAE.

The vision of our Mishpaha is to enrich your child(ren)'s and your preschool experience by building and nurturing relationships and working and growing together to make our school the best it can be. We invite you to be a part of re-envisioning the role Mishpaha plays in this mission.

This year alone, thanks to you, Mishpaha has

- Partially funded the music curriculum;
- Provided funding for our Jewish Values for Everyday Living program;
- Committed to fund the Outdoor Classroom, to be completed by Summer 2012;
- and much, much more!

Please join us, along with Marcy Goldberg, Director of Education and new staff liaison to Mishpaha, for our first meeting of 2012, on Wednesday morning, January 11th (**this is a new date**) at 9:00 am in the Chosen Cup.

We are excited about starting the new year together and look forward to hearing your ideas.

Sincerely,

Hayley Sinderbrand
Outgoing President

Renee Noy
Incoming President

Reminder!!!!

Conferences will be on **Tuesday Feb. 28th for T/Thurs. students only. School will remain open for all but room 1 students.**

Conferences will be on **Wed. Feb 29h for all other students and school will be closed.**

Child Care will be available for conference times only!

SAVE The Date: Grandparents' Day

Friday, Feb. 10th

Thursday, Feb. 9- Room 1 (T/Th)
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Invite all the grandparents (or special friends if there is no grandparent available). We look forward to honoring all of them on this very special day! Shabbat and classroom programs!!

December Diaper Drive

The preschool collected and donated over 1000+ diapers (along with wipes, etc.) to the Manna Conejo Food Bank.

The executive director said "these are like gold" and wanted to let us know how very much they are appreciated by families in need.

The local food banks are always accepting diapers which can be placed in the collection bin next to the social hall, or families can drop off directly at

Manna

(Just south of TO Blvd)

<http://mannaconejo.org/>

Thanks to everyone for making this a success!

Middah of the Month...Jewish Values for Everyday Living



Joy or Simcha in Hebrew **Contributed by Michelle Princenthal**

According to Alan Morinis the Hebrew word *simcha* has two meanings: happiness and a celebration together with other people. If your life experiences are in the presence of loved ones, and there's that sense of togetherness, then joy can be felt. Judaism teaches us that joy and happiness cannot be found by acquiring material things. If we believe that happiness depends on acquiring things and comes from getting what we want, then we will spend much of our lives chasing what we cannot grasp. How do we find joy and happiness? One of the most essential components of happiness is the presence of solid personal relationships. Family, friends and community are necessary in order to have joy in our lives.

In [Happiness RX: What Science Says](#) interview with *Sonja Lyubomirsky*, the question "Is happiness a value that's worth pursuing?" is presented.

Her answer is that there are benefits "including greater career success, better relationship functioning, increased creativity, enhanced physical health, even longer life expectancy."

Strategies we can model for our children to create a joyful life involve simply practicing the values we have studied in our community at TAE this past year! If we spend our lives focused on these values then we will have more joyful lives.

Gratitude: Count your blessings.

Kindness: Help others in need.

Forgiveness: Let go of anger.

Strength: strive to make the world a better place

Generosity: Give generously.

Enthusiasm: Strive for a goal

Welcoming: Offer warm hospitality.

Honor (ourselves and our bodies) Get enough sleep, exercise, meditate.

Smile and laugh with your children and help them cherish life's joys!



*We are hoping to add a new 2 year old class on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January!
Pass the word....Tell all your friends...call the ECC office for information!*

Preschool Prom Pictures



A Note from TAE ECC

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year!

As we move forward, we want to assure you of our commitment to a smooth transition for our Early Childhood Center, our children, our families, and our staff. This is the first in a series of regular communications to keep you informed as we begin the search for a new ECC Director.

- We are pleased that veteran ECC teacher and enrichment specialist Michelle Princenthal will act as interim director during the transition. Michelle brings over 30 years of experience in Early Childhood Education including 12 years as a teacher at TAE. Her main focus will be as the link between parents, teachers and children, assuring the needs of each are being met. Michelle can be reached at Director@adatelohim.com or the ECC office, (805) 497-6920.
- Assistant Director Nancy Acord will continue her regular duties, and, along with Michelle and our dedicated teachers, will begin crafting the Summer Camp Program. Nancy's email is nacord@adatelohim.com.
- Director of Education Marcy Goldberg will be working with the Mishpaha leadership to guide their invaluable support to our ECC. Marcy can be reached via email at mgoldberg@adatelohim.com or through the Religious School office, (805) 497-0361. The next Mishpaha meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4th at 9:00 am in The Chosen Cup; we invite you to join us.
- Executive Director Aliza Goland and Accounting Manager Arlene Bloom will continue to be available for any financial questions. Aliza can be reached at agoland@adatelohim.com; Arlene's email is accounting@adatelohim.com. Both can be reached via the temple office, (805)497-7101.
- The process of finding a new director has begun with the formation of a search committee representing parents, teachers, Mishpaha and the synagogue community. The committee will consider only the most experienced professionals for the position. We plan on reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates beginning late January.
- We will be announcing a date in mid- January for an ECC Town Hall meeting; we want to keep the lines of communication open. We invite your input and feedback.

We look forward to greeting you on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Sincerely,

Richard Jackman
Temple President

Cheryl Stark
VP Education

Denise Helfstein
Board of Education



