

PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

Preschool registration is underway. Applications are now being taken for children who will be three years old by September 1, 2008. Our program offers many options for the children. The basic program is three mornings a week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Every other week the children have a Hebrew lesson where they learn simple Hebrew words and songs. The other week Cindy Michelassi comes and teaches holiday, Shabbat and other Jewish songs. Shabbat is celebrated each Friday morning with candles, challah and grape juice.

We also offer one enrichment day on Fridays, where the children bring their lunch and stay until 2:45 PM. We alternate between cooking and art. Each cooking session has a lesson to be learned. Often the children will hear a story and do a project connected to it. Sometimes the cooking projects are holiday related. For every lesson, the children learn some math skills by measuring ingredients and counting, whether it be teaspoons or number of items going into the bowl. Each art session the children learn about various artists and their style of art. Each week there is a project to go along with the lesson.

If you are interested, please contact us as soon as possible. If you would like to schedule a visit to the classroom or if you have any questions, please call Anne Stein or Jamie Bernstein at (630) 627-3912.

REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name _____

Parents' name _____

Address/city/zip _____

Telephone # (_____) _____ Sex _____

Hebrew name _____

Birth date _____

Etz Chaim member _____yes _____no

3 mornings a week _____

Enrichment _____

A \$60 non-refundable fee must accompany this application. Car pool arrangements can often be made if necessary.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

FALL 2008

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

1710 S. Highland Ave.
Lombard, IL

PHILOSOPHY:

We seek to provide an atmosphere where children can learn about and celebrate their Jewish heritage. We provide a variety of experiences to promote growth in intellectual, social, physical and emotional capacities. We work toward helping a child build a positive self image so that he/she will enter kindergarten with eagerness and confidence.

FACILITY:

We have wonderful large and airy classrooms especially built for our preschool. Just outside the classroom door we have a spacious fenced in playground filled with child-ready equipment, as well as a soft surface for our climbing gym and playhouse.

TIMES:

Wednesday - Friday 9:00 - 11:30

Enrichment class Fridays where children bring their lunch and stay until 2:45

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Fantasy Trip to Israel

- © **Hebrew vocabulary is taught and reinforced through games and song.**
- Enrichment class on Fridays alternating cooking – for learning food groups, measuring & cooking skills, and art – for teaching about famous artists and all styles of art.**
- Hands on nature activities are a regular part of the program. When weather permits we use our outdoor wetlands area, as well as other outdoor property as a classroom.**
- Music Specialist**
- Shabbat is celebrated each Friday with a parent volunteer.**
- Yearly visit to a dentist's office for a tour.**
- Special ceramic workshop and drama workshop.**
- Family Holiday Celebrations**
- Foreign Culture Unit**

For more information, call Anne Stein at (630) 627-3912