

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT BET SHIRA

At Bet Shira Early Childhood Center, we educate our families as well as our students! We have several opportunities for Parent Education throughout the school year. In addition to regularly scheduled speakers at our P.T.A. meetings and Congregation sponsored Adult Education programs; our E.C.C. prides ourselves in our Director's Learn-ins and Family Education programs.

Director's Learn-ins is short, interactive lectures on child rearing issues and other topics of interest to our parents. We also find that these learn-ins present an opportunity for all involved to meet in small groups with other parents and make personal connections. We come away from each experience having learned something new from the dynamic men and women that choose to send their children to our school. We hope that you will join us at least one of the learn-ins this year. We look forward to getting to know you better. The dates for this years' Director's Coffees are as follows:

DATE	TIME	TOPIC
Thursday, September 10, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker: Speaker: Rabbi Micah Caplan "Appreciating those most important to me!"
Thursday, February 4, 2010	9:45 a.m.	Guest Speaker: Cantor Mark H. Kula "Do you Keep Kosher? I'll Bet You \$18 That You Do!"
Thursday, April 22, 2010	7:00 p.m.	"The Parenting Team" A Better Way to Parent

In addition to our Director's Coffees, we also host **Family Education Programs** scheduled throughout the school year. Parents and children come together during our Family Education Programs to explore an aspect of Jewish Life. The schedule for our Family Education Programs is listed below. We even educate our Grandparents at Bet Shira Early Childhood Center! Our popular "L'Dor V'Dor Generation's Day" will be held on Friday, January 29, 2010. We hope that you will choose to learn and grow with us throughout this New Year!

Sukkot	Friday, October 2, 2009	Pre-Kindergarten
Shabbat Part I	Friday, December 4, 2009	Kindergarten
Hanukkah	Friday, December 11, 2009	Pre-Nursery Classes
Purim	Sunday, February 28, 2010	Whole School
Yom Ha Atzmaut	Friday, April 23, 2010	Nursery Classes
Shabbat Part II	Friday, March 5, 2010	Kindergarten

In addition to our regularly scheduled ECC Family Education Programs, we have two joint programs on our calendar with our Jewish Education Center (JEC) families. This series, geared towards 3 and 4 year old children and their families, will promote family Jewish learning in a warm, interactive environment. Entitled, "**Mischpacha Mornings**" these programs are scheduled as follows:

November 8, 2009	"Shalom Sefer"	9:00-10:30 a.m.
April 25, 2010	"Shalom Yisrael"	9:00- 10:30 a.m.

Finally, this year we are introducing a new Parent Education program, "Holidays to Go! A Primer for the Next Generation." Designed to help our ECC parents prepare for holiday meals, the programs are scheduled as follows:

Holidays to Go: Purim	Wednesday, February 17, 2010	7:00 P.M. Kiddush Court
Holidays to Go: Pesach	Thursday, March 18, 2010	7:00 P.M. Kiddush Court