

EARLY CHILDHOOD HAPPENINGS - December 2009

Our preschool has been very busy over the past couple of months! We learned about *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah* and made some very cool projects while getting to know our friends and teachers Miss Elise Lipman and Miss Rachel McGinnis. We talked about new beginnings, all about me and my family, and tied into the Jewish Holidays, we learned about the season of Autumn and enjoyed watching the leaves change colors. Thanksgiving was a blast talking about the holiday and enjoying some yummy treats such as pumpkin pie and squash soup!

We are enjoying staying late for lunch bunch, as well as the new and exciting enrichment classes: Crazy Concoctions (science), Bookworms, and *B'Tayavon* (cooking). We have also been having a blast getting healthy in our newest enrichment class option, Dancercise Kids with Miss Cheri Rose.

Our youngest members of the preschool, the *Shalom Chaverim*'ers have been enjoying their class every Friday from 9:30-10:30, with their parents and Miss Cynthia Singer singing, playing, climbing, making music and enjoying *Shabbat* together in a special area of the *Chaveron* designed just for them! Come check it out if you haven't before! Space is still available for those of you with children 6 months old through 24 months old. Just contact Miss Trudi for more information and details!

Thank you to all of you who have signed up for our *Weekly Challah* program. This type of fundraiser is what enables the preschool to give out scholarships to help our school families. Without all of your support we would not be able to extend these scholarships, so thank you and we appreciate it greatly.

Our Cookie Dough Fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to Alison Hertz and Sachiko Nishida for coordinating what is probably the best tasting fundraiser we have!

We are looking forward to wrapping up 2009 with some exciting winter themed and Chanukah events and activities.

Important dates to remember:

- Preschool Chanukah celebration, Friday, December 11th (details to follow)
- Last day for winter vacation is Friday, December 18th
- Preschool resumes for Kofim class Monday, January 4, 2010
- Preschool resumes for Dagim class Tuesday, January 5, 2010
- New session of Lunch Bunch and Enrichment begin Monday, Jan. 4th
- Last day of current Shalom Chaverim class Friday, Jan. 15th
- First day of new session of Shalom Chaverim begins Friday, Jan. 29th

B'Shalom,

Trudi Krames, Director, BTC ECC

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