

# What's Up?

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August 26, 2010

(Ma Ha-inganim?)

16 Elul 5770

## ATTENTION PARENTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR NEW WHITE CARPOOL TAGS WILL TRAVEL

### Important Dates:



Friday, August 27

Dafna & Sandra's class lead  
Shabbat

Monday, August 30

Educare Begins

Friday, September 3

Barbara & Tobe's class lead  
Shabbat

Monday, September 6

LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 8

Erev Rosh Hashanah SCHOOL  
BUILDING CLOSSES AT 1:30  
NO AFTERCARE

Thursday, September 9  
Friday, September 10

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR  
ROSH HASHANAH

THROUGH ECC WITH YOUR CHILD UNTIL THEY MOVE ON TO KINDER-  
GARTEN.  
PLEASE BRING YOUR BLUE CARPOOL TAGS TO THE ECC OFFICE FOR RE-  
CYCLING

THANK YOU

## Notes from Sheryl...

We are officially off and running to a wonderful beginning of our 2010-2011 school year. Over the next few weeks, the children will feel more at ease, begin to transfer their trust to their teachers and acquire a feeling of ownership within their classroom environment. They are meeting new friends and are exposed to new routines as they experience new activities and learn new concepts. A new school year often makes children and parents feel apprehensive. This is a normal feeling and it is to be expected. Please remember that your child's transition and comfort level takes a little time—our staff has the experience to work with you and your child to do everything possible to get off to a great start.

It is vital to maintain open communication between home and school. The more information we know about your child the better. *The grandparents just left after a two week visit, mom or dad will be traveling for an extended time for work, or the dog ran away* are all examples of information that may be helpful to acknowledge and talk about with your child if you think it is appropriate. Levine ECC is your child's 'home away from home' and our staff can make a difference when we are made aware of pertinent information.

Conversely, our staff will be emailing weekly letters explaining the curriculum and activities planned for the class. My assistant, Gail Robinson will be sending a monthly newsletter with information and articles about early education, parenting ideas, monthly events and school news. You will also be receiving email blasts and calls from your teachers and administrators over the weeks ahead. And of course we will be happy to make arrangements to meet before or after school. Please remember that our teachers must be engaged with the children when they arrive and at dismissal time. Their first responsibility is to the children and therefore, they cannot hold lengthy discussions with parents at these times.

It is a true gift for us to share and work together as your child passes through this critical time for learning, trusting, and growth in the social, emotional, cognitive and physical domains. We are passionate about our work because we know how precious this time period is, how quickly the time passes and how your child's experiences in our ECC directly affect their futures. Thank you for your support and trust. I look forward to a wonderful year.

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Shalom,  
Sheryl

## Jewish Studies Update



Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. For those of you that are new to The Ann and Nate Levine Academy ECC, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Alyse Eisenberg and I am the [Jewish Studies Program Coordinator](#) for the Early Childhood Center. Getting to know all of the wonderful children and their families is of course my first goal! I look forward to [spending time](#) in the classrooms and being a part of our Havdalah and Shabbat services. Plans are underway for many enriching Judaic experiences and celebrations. We understand the importance of family involvement and seek your support and participation. I look forward to working, learning and celebrating with you and your children.

Alyse Eisenberg

### *MUSICAL NOTES...*



To my new Levine family, I am so excited and proud to be part of such an incredible school and especially the ECC. I am a native Dallasite and a mother of three grown children. I began teaching music at Akiba Academy's Preschool and for the Temple Emanu' El religious school in the early 1980's. I returned to school and completed my degree in music education in May of 2000 and during the past ten years I have taught high school choral music, elementary music, and entertained at numerous long-term care facilities. The past five years I have been blessed to provide music programs for the residents at Golden Acres and served as lay chaplain for the Jewish residents. I continue to lead Saturday Shabbat services each week and will be officiating at all holiday services as well. My dear friend Rabbi Yitzhak Cohen has been my mentor and teacher for many years guiding me in prayer and nusach (jewish melodies), and I hope to continue working with him as I pursue studies toward my Cantorate.

I look forward to getting to know all our students and working together with families and our incredible staff to provide the best possible music experiences.

Always with a song in my heart~

Sherrie Stohl

**shabbat shalom**  
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