EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
2013 – 2014

Temple Israel
14 Coleytown Road
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(203) 227-1656

The Early Childhood Center is licensed by the State of Connecticut and Department of Public Health. We offer a high quality program that provides a safe and nurturing environment while promoting the physical, creative, moral, social, emotional, and intellectual development of young children. We provide an age-appropriate, developmental approach that employs philosophy of learning through play while experiencing readiness activities in all areas.

OUR CURRICULUM ENCOURAGES:

- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Decision-Making
- Exploration
- Joy of Learning
- Positive Self-Awareness
- Problem Solving
- Respect for Others
- Spiritual Growth

OUR CURRICULUM INCLUDES:

- Art Experiences
- Block Building
- Cooking
- Emergent Literacy Activities
- Emergent Math Activities
- Free-choice Play
- Music and Movement
- Outdoor Play and Nature Walks
- Shabbat and Jewish Holiday Celebrations
- Water and Sand Play

OUR FACILITIES

- Newly constructed, open and inviting classrooms with the highest quality equipment to stimulate learning, discovery, socialization and play.
- A large, open space playground equipped to promote large and small motor skills. Two year olds have their own outdoor space.

OUR PROGRAMS

Our programs begin in September and conclude in early June. They include the following:

• 4 Year Old Classes	5 days	9:00-1:30 *Fri 9:00-12:00
• 3 Year Old Class	5 days	9:00-12:00
• 3 Year Old Class	4 days	9:00-12:00 *Tue-Fri
• 2 Year Old Class	3 or 2 days	9:00-12:00 *9:00 to 12:30 starting in January
• Temple Tots (12–24months)		Tue 9:15-10:30

* ***"Tov Time"*** is an opportunity for the 3's to eat lunch with their peers and participate in enrichment activities that may not be experienced in the morning.
Monday – Thursday 12:00-1:30pm.

WE ENRICH THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE

We reinforce the connection between your child and his/her Jewish heritage. Here, the unique traditions and values of the Jewish family are integrated into the curriculum. Jewish holidays are celebrated through stories, dramatic play, songs, cooking, art, and language experiences. Parents are invited to participate in these special events as well as our weekly Shabbat celebrations.

OUR PARENTING CONNECTIONS

Scheduled Parent-Teacher conferences are offered twice a year for Twos, Threes and Fours. Discussion groups on child development are offered throughout the school year. Parent orientations are scheduled for all classes at the start of school.

OUR STAFF

Our staff of experienced and degreed teachers is nurturing and supportive. The lead teachers with assistants and teacher aides work as a team. Our low teacher/child ratio provides each child with individualized attention. The Early Childhood Director supervises the programs and staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Early Childhood Center begins late November for Temple members and currently enrolled students. Registration is open to the community following priority registration. Please see enclosed information for registration dates for 2013–2014.

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