



### *What are the hours of the ECC?*

The ECC offers half day (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) and full day (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) programs in addition to a 3 day a week (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) option for two year olds. All four year olds are placed in a full day program with Hebrew Immersion.

### *Is there before and after school care even for my two year old?*

Once a two year olds transition is complete, we do offer day care as an option. Before school care is from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and after school care is from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and till 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Please see financial obligation sheet for rates.

### *Does my child need to be toilet trained?*

We believe that “toileting” is a learned process. Children learn how to use the toilet in a variety of ways. Either when they determine they are ready or by watching peers. Most two year olds and many three year olds have not yet learned to use the toilet but will likely do so once they start school.

### *Do you provide food?*

We provide a kosher, healthy snack every day. We offer an optional hot lunch program Monday – Thursday that offers a variety of menus (the costs range from \$4.25 - \$4.75 a day). In addition, we have a pizza program on Fridays for an additional fee. Families may send their own kosher dairy or pareve lunch for their child.

### *What is the drop-off/pick-up procedure?*

For children 3 and up we offer the option of a drop-off/pick-up car line in the underground garage. The garage opens at 8:45 a.m. and will close promptly at 9:00 a.m. There will be staff downstairs to bring your child up. The garage will open for pick up at 1:00 p.m. and close at 1:15 p.m. (3:00 – 3:15 for full day students). If you miss the garage, please park your car and come to your child’s classroom. If your child is younger than three in September, you may park in the synagogue parking lot (if space permits), on La Cienega Blvd. (after 9:00 a.m.), or in the tennis parking structure on La Cienega Blvd. and Gregory Way to drop-off or pick-up your child in his/her classroom.

### *How can I be involved?*

We encourage our parents to be involved at many levels. We have an active and ambitious Parent Association with many opportunities from support to leadership positions. In addition, our teachers love to have you in the classroom. Whether you help with baking, assist with an art project, read a story, charperone a field trip, or just lend an extra set of hands, your involvement is always welcome.

### *What is the religious atmosphere of the ECC?*

We offer a fully integrated program. Our curriculum units flow smoothly so that children feel an integration between their “Jewish” selves and their “general” selves. We celebrate Shabbat and the holidays in a way that is meaningful, age appropriate, and joyful. We encourage the children to experience God’s presence everywhere, from the classroom, to the synagogue, to the sandbox, raising their awareness of their own special place in God’s world. Our day begins with tefilah (prayer), ours snacks and meals begin with blessings, and our lunch ends with the reciting of the Birkat HaMazon (blessing said after meals). We enjoy a lovely Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday mornings in the Temple Beth Am chapel.

### *What is Hebrew Immersion?*

This is the process of introducing Hebrew as a second language using the natural approach. All research shows that the optimum age to introduce a second language is between the ages of three and seven when the first language is acquired. The system we use introduces Hebrew in the most natural, stress-free way; the same way they are acquiring English.

### *How does Hebrew Immersion work?*

Although Hebrew is introduced in all of our classes, our Pre-K (four year old) classes have 2 ½ hours a day of complete immersion and our three year olds have the option of taking a Hebrew Immersion “elective” in the afternoon.