

VBS ECC NEWSLETTER

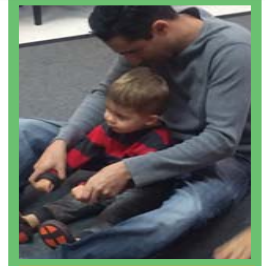
NOVEMBER 2016



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR ABBY MARS

Happy Fall. It has been a busy beginning to our year. Saying goodbye to the High Holidays and the Jewish month of Tishrei, we now turn our attention to Fall which provides us the opportunity to focus on gratitude and appreciation. Even our youngest children can begin to understand the meaning of "thank you," as they continue to develop their emotional core. Mitzvah Day (Sunday, Nov 6) and Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov 24) are the right time to ask yourself: *How do I model for my children the values of **tzedakah** (righteous,) and **gimelut chasadim** (deeds of love & kindness) in our home?* As educators we have been thinking about ways to integrate these ideas into the daily fabric of classroom routines and ritual: *How do we show appreciation for others differences? How do we account for individual needs? What are ways we can express our thanks?* Our tradition teaches us that we are to **ACTIVELY** pursue **tzedek** (justice.) Our hope is that, together - when teachers, children & families work together, we can all come a little closer to this ideal for the world.

Wishing you and your families a month of blessings.
With Gratitude,
Abby



ECC NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/4 ECC Community Shabbat- TK Classes featured 5:30PM
- 11/6 Mitzvah Day
- 11/9 VBS Day School Open House
- 11/10 PA Meeting 9:15AM
- 11/11 Veteran's Day - ECC CLOSED
- 11/12 Tot Shabbat 10AM
- 11/16 Preschool Parent Conferences 1PM DISMISSAL
- 11/17 Preschool Parent Conferences ECC CLOSED
- 11/17 (& 11/18) PA Color Me Mine Fundraiser
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Feasts - 1 hour before dismissal for Rooms 102-108
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Feasts - 1 hour before dismissal for Rooms 111-115
- 11/23 1PM Dismissal for Thanksgiving
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Break ECC CLOSED
- 11/25 Thanksgiving ECC CLOSED
- 11/26 Tot Shabbat 10AM

PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Both the Harvest Festival and the Festival of Paint Family Fun Day were so much fun! Thank you to all of our volunteers and committees for making these events so memorable. Everyone is invited to join in more fun this fall with dynamic programming to build our community, grow our friendships, enhance our programs for our children, and much much more.

We encourage every family to be involved with the ECC PA. Bring your ideas and energy as we plan to have lots of fun together this year! All are always welcome and encouraged to attend PA meetings. Our next PA Meeting is November 10th at 9:15 am in Sher Lopaty.

Come join us during parent teacher conferences for a fun time at Color Me Mine in Encino. All are welcome (you do not need to be an ECC Family) and when VBS is mentioned 25% of the sale comes back to the ECC PA.

Get your ECC T-Shirts and Sweatshirts at <https://squareup.com/store/vbs-ecc-parent-org>.

Stay tuned for Upcoming Events:

Community Shabbat Dinner - Everyone Welcome, TK Highlighted - Nov 4

Mitzvah Day - Nov 6

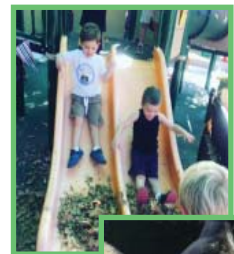
Family Fun Day and Basketball Tournament - Dec 4

Book Fair - Dec 6-8

Hanukkah Boutique - Dec 7

HARVEST FESTIVAL ROUND-UP

The ECC Harvest Festival was a joyful romp through autumn for our entire ECC community. A HUGE THANK YOU to Alisha, our Harvest Festival Chair and volunteers Elina, Leah, Dawn, Arezou, Amanda, Nancy, Jennifer, Monica, Aimee, Eric, Tom and EVERY parent who volunteered to make this day an extra special one for our children.



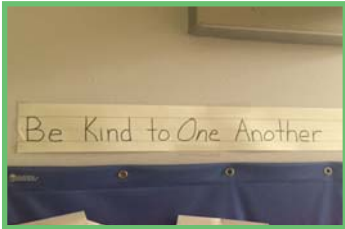
MITZVAH DAY 11/6

All ECC Classes are contributing to Mitzvah Day on November 6. There are collection bags in your classrooms to collect your mitzvah day donations. Each class is assigned an item that will be included in special bags that will be assembled for homeless veterans. Below are your class assignments. Each parent should bring in a multi-pack of your item. In addition to your assigned item, we ask each parent to bring in a SUNFLOWER SEED Butter and Jelly (kosher). WHOLE SCHOOL – SUNFLOWER Butter and Jelly (must be Kosher & NO PEANUT BUTTER) Rooms 102 & 103 – Socks, Rooms 104 & 105 – T-Shirts, Rooms 106 & 107 – First Aid Supplies (band-aids & alcohol wipes), Room 108 & 111 – Chapstick, Room 112 & 113 – Granola Bars, Room 114 & 115 – Pocket Size Tissues Mommy and Me, Toddler and Transition --Travel Size Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, ECC Staff - Hand Sanitizer Bring your entire family to VBS' Mitzvah Day on 11/6 for family-friendly opportunities between 9:30am and 12:30pm.

We have enough stuff in the world. It's just not
in the right places.
- Becky Morrison

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES - 11/16 & 17

Our ECC Parent-Teacher Conference offers you an invaluable insight into your child's day-to-day growth and development. Thank you for signing up ONLINE for your time slot. Your teachers are looking forward to this one-on-one time with you.



Tot Shabbat Family services are filled with joyful singing, story telling and family friendly prayers. Join fellow ECC families Saturday, November 12th and 26th @10:00am in Burdoff Hall.

VBS DAY SCHOOL & ECC PRESENT

Winter camp

VALLEY BETH SHALOM DAY SCHOOL

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

VALLEY BETH SHALOM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

VBS DAY SCHOOL

We will be doing sports, tournaments, color war, special events, New Years Eve party with our VBS coaching staff. We've aligned this camp with the ECC.

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
Monday, Dec. 19 through Thursday, Dec. 22	Tuesday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 30
Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM*	Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM*
Pricing:	
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8:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$320/week	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$320/week
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM \$380/week	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM* \$365/week
* Friday, December 30, camp ends at 3:00pm	
DAILY RATE	
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$90/day	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM \$105/day
REGISTER @ WWW.VBSDS.ORG/WINTERCAMP	

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No daily rate. Families must sign up for an entire week (same schedule. No Refunds after Dec 2, 2016. Registration closes at capacity of 32 children. Families will receive an email confirmation. Registration open only to currently registered ECC preschoolers.	
REGISTER @ WWW.VBS.ORG/WINTERCAMP	

ECC & DAY SCHOOL WINTER CAMP

The ECC and the Day School announces a winter camp for all VBS registered children. Our preschool winter camp runs two weeks from Monday, 12/19 through Thursday 12/22 and Tuesday, 12/27-Friday, 12/30. Our camp is limited to just 32 preschoolers and parents must register for at least one 4 day week. All registration is done online!

Here is the link:

www.vbs.org/wintercamp



There are two ways of spreading light - to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

-Edith Wharton

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION AT THE ECC

ECC preschoolers had a rare opportunity to view the Torah fully unrolled, up close and were treated to a story from Rabbi Hoffman about how a Torah is read and preserved for generations of Jewish families. Our Simchat Torah celebration inspired many questions from your children as they learned about their connection to the Torah. Biblical characters came to life, including Noah, Abraham, Moses and Miriam as children were surrounded by the sacred scroll.



OUR SENSATIONAL SUKKAHS

What better way to learn about Sukkot than to enjoy time with friends in your very own sukkah? Many ECC classrooms built their own and our playgrounds also featured larger ones for school wide celebrations. Thank you to all the families who gathered in our sukkahs. You illustrated the importance of family and community during this special holiday.



We've got a great page on Pinterest! Check out fun-filled activities, crafts, recipes and inspirational ideas specially selected for preschool parents. Search **VBS ECC Preschool** and join the fun.



Follow us on Instagram!
<http://instagram.com/vbsecc>



Please join our Facebook community!

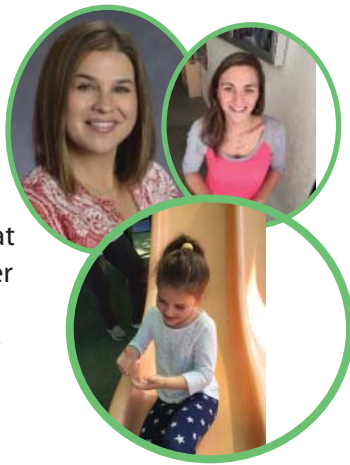
"Like" the Valley Beth Shalom ECC Preschool page.

Get a joyful glimpse into your child's day. This is a great way for you to share your child's preschool experience with loved ones across the world. We often post great candid shots that you can share friends and family. Remember, for security reasons, please don't tag any children with their names.

Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar.
- Bradley Miller

KIDTALK

Abby in Room 107 TK had an interesting observation. "There are a lot of *MEs* here at school. There's teacher Abby, me, and then there's Abby, the new officer."



valley beth shalom

hanukkah boutique

WED, DECEMBER 7TH | 8AM - 4PM

all proceeds will go to support the VBS ECC Parent Association

vbs.org/boutique

VALLEY BETH SHOLOM

ECC'S CHEF DANNY RECEIVES JEWISH FEDERATION GRANT

When the delicious aromatics waft from Room 107 & 108, chances are Chef Danny Corsun is in their rooms, teaching cooking with Judaism as a main ingredient. As founder and head Chef of the Culinary Kids Academy Chef Danny works with dozens of Los Angeles area Jewish school and camps to teach Jewish philosophy through cooking. Danny's love and extensive knowledge of Jewish cultures, traditions and recipes earns him love and respect from his students AND a grant this year from the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles. Mazel Tov Chef Danny!



Color Me Mine
The Paint-It-Yourself Ceramics Studio

Come support Valley Beth Shalom ECC
Wednesday, Nov. 16th. & Thursday, Nov. 17th.
Stop by Color Me Mine Encino with friends and family.
Have a great time and paint anything you like!
25% of your purchase will be donated back to school!

Studio/Painting Fee:
\$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under
(Cost of the ceramic items vary)

16350 Ventura Blvd #B, Encino, California 91436 www.encino.colormemine.com tel. 818-784-0400

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LINKS WE LOVE: DADDY-DAUGHTER MANI-PEDIS



"There are no boy colors or girl colors," proclaims 6 year old Sadie as she paints her dad's nails. This father-daughter ritual has been enjoyed by both since Sadie began painting her dad's nails when she was two years old. This precious time together means everything to this single dad who happily explains his colorful digits to anyone who asks. Watching this touching video here:

<https://www.upworthy.com/he-enjoys-wearing-nail-polish>

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

- Martin Luther King, Jr

VBS DAY SCHOOL NEWS



Day School and ECC Buddy Program

Children truly treasure the experience of having someone older to look up to. As part of our VBS tradition, Day School students are paired with ECC students to create a relationship of mentoring and community, and participate in activities during the year. The intermediate class is paired with the Day School 3rd graders, Pre-K with 4th graders and TK with 5th graders. Our ECC and Day School teachers plan programming throughout the year that will engage the little ones through art, reading, play and much more while our older students have a chance to sharpen their leadership skills, feel pride in their mentor roles, and share their love of learning with the preschool children. Last week the Day School students went down to the preschool classrooms to meet and greet their new buddies. Parents will be notified who their child's buddy is so that parents will be able to know more about the buddy program and see their child's buddy at community events. These buddy pairs last the entire year, but the bond and memories last well beyond the school year.

ECLC NEWS



ECLC GRADES 4-5
Performing Arts Academy
An Alternative Jewish Education Experience

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Performing Arts Academy Show

Sunday, December 11, 2016
at 2:00PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
SABRINA HILL WEISZ sweisz@vbs.org
or NOA DORI ndori@vbs.org

VBS OPEN HOUSE
DAY SCHOOL for Prospective Parents
NOV. 9
JAN. 11



vbsds.org/admissions

HAROLD M. SCHULWEIS
DAY SCHOOL
GRADES K-6
Tal Barak, Director of Admissions
618.786.2199

Happy Thanksgiving!

Make some delicious memories
with treasured family and friends.
Gobble! Gobble!

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Please contribute to the ECC Newsletter!
Email your thoughts, suggestions, interesting links and
adorable pictures to cberger@vbs.org
We value all your contributions.

Cultures don't just change when you cross a border.
They cross when you enter someone's home.

- Polly Letofsky