

VBS ECC NEWSLETTER

MAY, 2016



TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

VALLEY BETH SHALOM
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GOLD GALA PARTY

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

honoring

Nancy Sher Cohen
VALLEY BETH SHALOM PRESIDENT

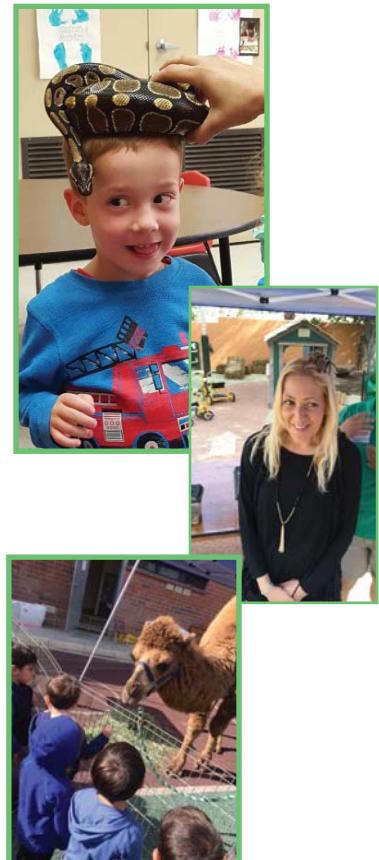
Michele Warner
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER DIRECTOR

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VISIT:
www.vbs.org/goldgala
FOR MORE INFO

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5/2 ECC Resumes
- 5/8 Mother's Day
- 5/10 PA Meeting 9:15AM
- 5/14 Tot Shabbat 10AM
- 5/15 VBS GOLD GALA!
- 5/17 New Family Tea 9:30AM
- 5/20 VBS All School Shabbat 5:30PM
- 5/22 Step-Up Class Mitzvah Project
for Rooms 104-108
- 5/28 Tot Shabbat 10AM
- 5/30 Memorial Day- ECC Closed



A hug is like a boomerang -- you get it back right away.
- Bill Keane

CAMP SHELANU- THE BEST PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP IN SFV!

Summers are filled with laughter, sunny days and Camp Shelanu memories. Camp registration is now available in the ECC Main Office . Enrollment is limited so don't delay. Enjoy the peace of mind knowing that your children will be campers in the best preschool summer program in the San Fernando Valley with REAL preschool teacher you know and love. You children will feel safe and comfortable in our familiar environment. Everyone is welcome! You don't have to be a temple member to attend our camp so invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun! Give your children an opportunity to make their very own memories this summer at Camp Shelanu.



ECC 2015-16 REGISTRATION NOW DUE

Registration is required for new AND returning families.

2015-16 ECC registration is filling up fast! If you haven't already done so, Please complete your registration forms and return them to Claire as soon as possible. ***You will not be guaranteed a spot next fall without your deposit and your completed registration forms.***

GET INVOLVED WITH THE 2016-17 ECC PARENT ASSOCIATION!

You are invited to join the fun, fellowship, fundraising and friends with the ECC PA. There is an opportunity to get involved, regardless of your work schedule. Please email Andrea and Nikki, your Co-Chairs to learn more:

Nikki: nikkieigler@gmail.com
Andrea: akipnis@gmail.com

The next
Parent Assn.
Meeting :
Tuesday,
May 10th
9:15AM

Don't just teach kids how to count. Teach them what counts most.

--Karen Salmansohn

GOLD GALA SILENT AUCTION BONANZA!

There are many reasons to come to the VBS Gold Gala on May 15th. We'll be honoring our wonderful ECC Director Michele Warner for her 36 years of loving devotion to the ECC AND there will be a record-breaking, eye-popping, silent auction filled with extraordinary items generously donated from local businesses, friends and ECC families. For tickets and additional info, VISIT: www.vbs.org/goldgala



AND SO MUCH MORE!

ECC ALL SCHOOL FAMILY SHABBAT-MAY 20TH

The Annual All-School Family Shabbat is a great opportunity for families of ALL VBS SCHOOLS to come together for a joyous, rockin', family-friendly Shabbat. Sample delicious food catered by Starlite, run and play on the Day School yard, have some soapy fun with the Bubble Lady and enjoy a special musical Shabbat service that features something for every generation in your family. Adult tickets are \$13.50 per person and Children (3-12 yrs) are just \$8.00 per child. Order your tickets online here: www.vbs.org/allschool-shabbat



Tot Shabbat family services are filled with joyful singing, story telling and family friendly prayers. Join fellow ECC families **MAY 14th & 28th @10:00am in Burdoff Hall.**

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.

-Sydney J. Harris

PRE-K AND TK FAMILIES: SAVE THE DATES FOR STEP-UP



We celebrate the passage of preschool to kindergarten with Step-Up, a joyful, touching ceremony that celebrates our preschoolers through songs and reflection on **June 16th at 10am**. Every Pre-K and TK family is encouraged to attend, along with friends and extended family. Each Pre-K and TK family gets two reserved seats and any other guests are welcome to open seating. All guests are invited to a beautiful reception hosted by your PA Step-Up committee immediately following the ceremony.

Also plan to attend a special Step-Up Mitzvah Project on **Sunday 5/22** here at the ECC which benefits Children's Hospital Los Angeles.



LINKS WE LOVE: 15 WAYS TO SAY THANK YOU

THANK YOU are two of the most powerful words in the English language. When your children see you expressing gratitude you are setting a lifelong impression of gratitude in your children. This link gives you some simple, thoughtful suggestions of ways to express thanks: <https://www.happier.com/blog/15-ways-to-say-thank-you-and-make-someones-day>



If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.

- Meister Eckhart

PASSOVER AT THE ECC

Passover celebration came early to our preschoolers. During the month of April they made matzoh from scratch in their very own Matzoh Factory, learned all about the pyramids and the horrible treatment of the Jews as slaves in Egypt ("No, No No I will not let them go!"). They imagined a life in the desert through the animals who live there and learned the songs and prayers for the seder. Thanks to all the parents who participated in the classroom seders! Please let us know if your children joyfully participated in your own family's seder. We are guessing they played a very important role in your Passover festivities.



You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

- Jane Goodall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ISRAEL

Yom Ha'atzmaut is a magical day of flight, food, flags and Israeli fun!



ECLC NEWS

VALLEY BETH SHALOM ETZ CHAIM LEARNING CENTER

Aliyah 2015

TRANSITION FROM ONE MOMENT TO ANOTHER...

VBS Etz Chaim Learning Center is proud to invite you to
The ECLC Aliyah
For grades kindergarten-7th, Family and Friends
Sunday, JUNE 5, 2016 28 Iyar 5776
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Niznick Sanctuary

Refreshments
Etz Chaim Student Project Fair and Open House immediately following the Aliyah Ceremony

LET'S CELEBRATE!
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VBS DAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

VBS Day School 6th Graders Drum at Opening Ceremony of Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide

On Sunday, April 17, Valley Beth Shalom Day School 6th graders participated in the opening ceremony of the Jewish World Watch 12th Anniversary Walk to End Genocide. Rabbi Schulweis, our namesake, founded the Jewish World Watch and we are carrying on his legacy by being a leader in these efforts. For the ninth year in a row, the sixth grade class provided a drumming demonstration as part of the pre-walk program. All students in 6th grade spend the year learning rhythms with a drum specialist on a weekly basis and perform at various events including Generations' Day and graduation. This year, 6th grade students raised thousands of dollars in support of Jewish World Watch as part of their grade level mitzvah of supporting world issues and helping to make our world a better place. Yasher Koach to all!



VBSDS 6th Grade Class at Generations' Day.

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.



Be inspired by our pins!

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Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

- Warren Buffett