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Preschool Calendar 2014-15

Preschool Begins: Tuesday, September 1st

Last Day of Preschool: Friday, May 13, 2016

Preschool meets Tues, Thur., & Friday 9:15-12:15.

We will follow the D-11 schedule for Fall, Winter, and Spring Break, except :

Rosh Hashana-No Classes on Tuesday, Sept. 15

Passover—No Classes April 26, 28, & 29.

Please check the Temple Shalom website and click on the calendar for up to the minute information.

www.templeshalom.com

The monthly Preschool Newsletter will also let you know of important upcoming dates and breaks, and will be sent to your personal email at the first of each month.

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Parent Involvement- We need you!

Parents are encouraged to become involved by supporting the school needs in programs, holiday and event preparations. We ask each family to volunteer for one of the following:

Holiday helpers:

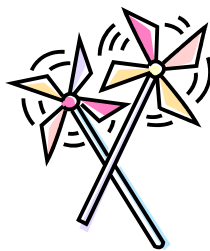


Shabbat Coordinator on Fridays
Sukkot
Thanksgiving Celebration
Hanukkah Celebration
Purim for Preschool
Passover Seder

Additional Help:

Picture Day

Fundraising/Fun Days



Box Tops for Education
Campbell Soup Labels

Preschool End of Year Shabbat/Program
(evening potluck)
Read Across America

All parents are encouraged to join the Temple Shalom PTO, Parent Teacher Organization, and be actively involved in their child's educational programming.

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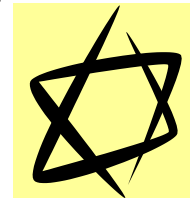
Welcome to Temple Shalom Preschool! Our preschool is a unique school, with smaller class sizes than most other schools in our area. Our small size gives us a close knit atmosphere and allows our children to grow in a comfortable environment. Enhancing our program is the Jewish Values component of our curriculum. This handbook will acquaint you with the way the school is organized and operates. Please read it and refer to it as questions arise during the school year.

Our Philosophy

The purpose of the Temple Shalom Preschool is to enhance the uniqueness and creativity of each child within a warm, loving and secure environment. Children of all faiths are welcome at our Preschool. Our program is balanced to encourage physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development while providing a comfortable Jewish identity for those of the Jewish faith. Learning at the Temple Shalom Preschool is fun, motivating, stimulating and exciting. It is a joyful experience, occurring in a warm, positive, accepting classroom environment.

Why a Jewish Preschool

We consider a Jewish preschool to be the very best selection available to young children. Our program is balanced to encourage physical, intellectual, emotional and social development, while instilling a warm, emotional feeling of Jewish identity. Special activities in art, music, literature and cooking are used to introduce the children to the Sabbath, Jewish holidays, customs, and traditions. Basic moral and spiritual values are introduced as the children work together in the Temple environment.



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Our Hours

School Hours are
9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Tuition and Fees

An annual registration fee is due with your child's registration packet. Tuition rates are quoted on the application. Tuition is due the first of every month. Checks written for payment should be made out to the Temple Shalom Preschool and should be mailed to the Temple, or given to the Office Staff directly.

Monthly payments will not be prorated or refunded due to absences caused by, including but not limited to, illness, weather or vacation. Tuition is based on the full school year and is divided into nine equal parts for your convenience.

School Supplies

The annual education supply fee is due in the first month of enrollment will cover all of the school supplies your child will use through out the school year. This fee is in lieu of you spending your time purchasing the basic supplies which are needed at the beginning of each school year.

Occasionally, the Preschool Director or your child's teacher may ask for donations of items for a certain class project. Most of these donated items will be recyclables which you would normally discard. Other items, may be something the class may need which can be donated in honor of a special occasion in your child's life.

day your child attends. We will also communicate by email.

Short, informal chats with your child's teacher or school director are appropriate on any class day. Please make an appointment with a teacher or the director if you have any concerns and wish to confer at length. Please do not detain a teacher or the director before or after school without an appointment. Appointments can be made by calling the Education office 634-7194

Fundraising Opportunities

The Temple Shalom Preschool has ongoing fund-raisers, which require very little effort on your part.

Each Friday, Challah is available for \$4.00 a loaf. If you wish to order, please let Eileen know. You may pay by the week, month, semester or year.

We collect used ink cartridges and cell phones, to **recycle**. Each unit recycled earns us money towards recreational equipment. We also collect **Campbell's labels** and **Box Tops** for Education. The Campbell labels will be used to earn the school a variety of items. The Box Tops earn our school cash rewards accumulated throughout the year. The containers for these items are located in the lower social hall.

There may be other fundraising opportunities throughout the year, please watch the Preschool Newsletter and/or Temple Shalom Bulletin for more information or our website: www.templeshalom.com.

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Parking Lot Safety

Our drive is one-way only. Please enter on the west by the playground and exit east—closest to the Sanctuary. Please do not stand in the parking lot and talk to other parents unless your child is safely in the car. Never allow your child to go across the parking lot alone. Help us teach your child that he or she must not leave the building or the playground unless accompanied by a teacher, parent or designated adult.

Snow/Weather Policy

If District 11 schools are closed, Temple Shalom Preschool will be closed. I D-11 has a late start, Temple Shalom school hours will be 10:00 am-12:15 pm. In the event of school closure due to snow, each family will check the televised/announced closures for D-11, the Temple Shalom website, the voicemail in the Education office, 719-634-7194, or your personal email. Because our students come from all over the city, factors determining the closure include road conditions all over Colorado Springs. Our primary interests are the safety and well being of our students and our staff, and we must take the proper precautions. Snow makeup days will be at the discretion of the staff.

Communication with Parents

Notes, newsletters, artwork, and projects will be sent home in your child's school bag. Please check this daily. We appreciate your cooperation in sending their school bag each



Toys, Gum and Candy

Please do not allow your child to bring toys, games, stuffed animals, etc. to school. The exception to this are "show and tell" items. Gum and candy are not allowed at school. Thank you for abiding by the NO TOYS, NO GUM, NO CANDY rule at Temple Shalom Preschool.

Backpacks

Students are welcome to bring a backpack or school bag to carry their papers and communications from teacher home. Children may also bring their own water bottle. In the Two-Three Year Old Room, backpacks should contain an extra set of clothing, a couple diapers, and wipes.



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Health and Safety

Children's Files

Each child's file must contain:

- A current registration packet
- A developmental form
- A current medical form signed by your doctor
- A copy of your child's immunizations with dates



Other Health and Safety Issues

Fire, Evacuation and Emergency Drills will be conducted on a regular basis.

We need to be aware of any health information that could affect our care of your child. Please alert us about allergies (food or otherwise) and any other concern you may have.

Please **do not send your child** to school if he/she has:

- A fever or has had one during the previous 24 hours
- Nasal discharge
- A persistent cough
- An unexplained rash
- Had diarrhea and/or vomiting occurring within the previous 24 hours
- Any infectious disease that requires antibiotic treatment. Children may return to school following a full 24 hours of antibiotics.
- Red, pink or crusted eye(s)
- Has symptoms of a possible communicable disease (sore throat, headache, stomach ache, fever, earache, etc.)



Arrival and Departure

The drop off and pick up procedures are to help ensure the safety of the children. Please share these procedures with those who will be dropping off or picking up your child.

Children may not arrive early. Our Lower door will be open from 9:10-9:20 a.m. each morning, and again for dismissal at 12:10-12:20 pm. Each child must be signed in by the adult who is bringing them to school. During the school day our Preschool door will be locked, so if you wish to enter the building in the middle of the morning, please use the upstairs parking lot door where our video camera is in place.

Children must be picked up promptly when school is over. Please go to your child's classroom to pick up your child and sign them out. If you are unavoidably detained, please call the school immediately. All children who remain in the classroom after 12:15 p.m. will be brought to the director's office. Late pick up fees will be assessed to parents who are consistently late. Your cooperation with arrival and departure is greatly appreciated as our teachers deserve the appropriate amount of time to set up the morning's activities as well as clean up and prepare for the next day of school.

If you arrange a carpool for your child please advise the teacher as to the members and their driving schedule. In addition, when friends plan to go home together after school, all children involved must bring a note to school that day showing authorization for this dismissal agreement.

The Preschool will not permit any child to leave with an



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Shabbat

Every Friday the Preschool celebrates Shabbat together. The children sing songs to welcome Shabbat and then both classes gather together to celebrate. What a special treat!

Each week a different child is selected to be the Shabbat Mommy or Daddy. He or she will help the teachers light the candles, lead the blessings, and provides the Challah, Juice, and snack for the week. The Challah and juice is included in the snack fee if you have signed up for the option to pay a snack fee rather than bring the snack for your child's week. Each week the Shabbat Mommy or Daddy also gets to take home the Shabbat basket, with everything your family needs to celebrate Shabbat at your Friday evening meal.

A Challah that the children have made is sent home with them each Shabbat as well.

We also have Challah recipes and dough suggestions-just ask!



Health and Safety (Continued)

Please alert your child's teacher immediately as to any communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox. etc.) your child has been diagnosed with. Also, please notify the school if your child will not be in class. We have a voice mail system on which you may leave a message before, during or after normal school hours.

Keep in mind that the children go outside daily except on the coldest or wet days. Appropriate clothing and layering options should be sent with your child each day. There will not be an adult to remain indoors with your child while the rest are outdoors. Please keep your child home if you do not want him/her to play outdoors.

Children who have symptoms of illness will be sent home. In the event that neither parent can be reached we will try the emergency numbers listed on the emergency contact form. Please remember to update these forms throughout the year should your contacts or telephone numbers change. Change sheets, attendance information, and pick-up notification forms are located in the binder behind the sign-in desk.

Good Sleep is important!

Teething or up during the night? If your child has been sleeping poorly, or is recovering from an illness, please consider giving them the extra day at home to rest and recuperate.

Comfortable Clothing & A Spare

Children should wear casual, comfortable clothes that do not inhibit their freedom to play outdoors or do messy art projects. We recommend that children wear clothes that are completely washable, and that "special" clothes be saved for special occasions. We encourage all children to wear shoes with rubber soles, such as sneakers. Sandals, jellies, and clogs are unsafe for outdoor play. Please avoid overalls, suspenders, belts or other clothing that is difficult for children to manage themselves.

We will go outside whenever the weather permits, so please be sure your child is dressed appropriately—and brings hats and mittens on cold days, boots when the playground may be a little snowy, etc. It is wise to label all items of clothing that will be taken off such as coats, hats, sweatshirts, mittens, boots, etc.

Please bring a complete and fully labeled change of clothes in a zip-lock plastic bag with your child's name clearly marked on it. This will stay at school "just in case." If the clothing has been worn home, parents should send another outfit the following school day.

If your child is in diapers, or training, please bring a good supply of diapers and baby wipes. We will keep them in school for their use as needed, and will let you know when more are needed. Each child has their own supplies.



Snacks

Parents are asked to take turns providing a nutritious snack for one week during the year. This is the same week that your child will be the Shabbat Mommy or Daddy. Your child's teacher will notify you of snack day assignments and the number of snacks needed. Snack is an important time to learn sharing, manners, Hebrew blessings, nutrition and responsibility, so we appreciate your help. If you would prefer that we purchase the snack for your turn, please check with your child's teacher for the cost.

We would like to have snacks that are healthy. Some suggestions are applesauce, cheese and crackers, cereal, raisins, celery and peanut butter, and fruit cut in small pieces. Please no grapes or popcorn as these are "chokable" foods. Please watch for the OU or K symbols on labels.

Celebrations for Special Events

We do welcome "special" snacks in honor of your child's birthday. Please coordinate with your child's teacher on these arrangements prior to your child's birthday.

A wonderful way to celebrate your child's birthday in a meaningful way is to donate a book to the classroom. A special bookplate with your child's name and the occasion will be placed in the book. There are wonderful books that we would enjoy having in our classrooms. Each teacher has a 'wishlist', ' just ask!

