



ZIMMER
preschool at the chabad jewish center



SUMMER CAMP



**AN OUTDOOR
EXPERIENCE**

**For children
18-months to 5 years**



- ◆ NATURE WALKS IN THE WOODS ◆
- ◆ SPORTS ◆
- ◆ WATER PLAY, INCLUDING A WATER SLIDE ◆
- ◆ CRAFTS ◆
- ◆ FOOD ACTIVITIES ◆
- ◆ “SPECIAL” VISITORS ◆
- ◆ WOOD WORKING ◆
- ◆ PLANTING ◆
- ◆ CHALLAH BAKING & SHABBAT PARTY ◆



CAMP!



Please note that your child's camp tuition (less your \$200 deductible) of \$ _____ is due in full by Wednesday, June 25, 2008. Your child is enrolled in the following program for the following weeks:

\$105 per week /18 months 3 year old program 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 \$150 per week/ 3 years old 5 year old program 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Weeks enrolled: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4 and 8/11

Dear Parents of

Welcome to the Zimmer Preschool Summer Camp!

This summer we are very excited to open our new **OUTDOOR CLASSROOM**, which is fully equipped for a variety of fun and interesting activities. The warm weather will encourage outdoor exploration for our campers in both the sun and the shade. Your child will enjoy nature walks, gardening, picnics, sand creation, special visitors, etc.

Your **CHILD'S TEACHER** will be contacting you the week before summer camp begins and the classroom assignments are as follows:

18 months - 3.5 year-old: Classroom #104

3.5 - 5 year-old: Classroom #105

Both classrooms open directly to the outdoors.

We're happy that Morah Macki and Morah Samantha will be joining us again this year, as assistants to our teachers. They have been with us for the past three summers and have been a wonderful addition to our program.

Each day, please **DRESS YOUR CHILD** in a bathing suit, water shoes and a sun hat. Your child will also need to bring a towel and lunch. Please apply sun block at home and teachers will reapply accordingly.

The first day of camp your child will need the following items to leave in the classroom:

- diapers and wipes (if applicable)
- change of clothing
- crib sheet for rest mat (older children)

Please **LABEL EACH ITEM** with permanent marker.

Please refer to the Enrollment Information packet for more information about our **SCHOOL POLICIES**. As always, communication is very important to us; if you have any questions, please call (908) 604-8844, ext. 115.

We look forward to sharing an exciting summer with you and your child!

*Batsheva Mouly
Daren Driscoll*

*Linda Engel
Malkie Herson*

PrOGRAM

MONDAY:

9:00 Welcome and Center Play
9:45 Organizational Time
10:00 Circle Time - Music or Story
10:15 FUN FOOD!
10:45 Outdoor/Water Play
11:45 Lunch
12:15 Story
End of ½ day Program
12:30 Rest Time
1:10 Sports
1:40 Afternoon Snack
1:50 Good bye!

WEDNESDAY:

9:00 Welcome and Center Play
9:45 Organizational Time
10:00 Circle Time - Music or Story
10:15 Snack
10:30 GUEST VISITOR!
11:00 Outdoor/Water Play
11:45 Lunch
12:15 Story
End of ½ day Program
12:30 Rest Time
1:10 Sports
1:40 Afternoon Snack
1:50 Good bye!

FRIDAY:

9:00 Welcome and Center Play
9:45 Organizational Time
10:00 Circle Time - Music or Story
10:15 Snack
10:30 CHALLAH BAKING!
11:00 Outdoor/Water Play
11:45 Lunch
12:15 SHABBAT PART
End of ½ day Program
12:30 Rest Time
1:10 Sports
1:40 Afternoon Snack
1:50 Good bye!



Psychologists have found that humans... [have a strong] affinity for the natural outdoors. They call this love of the outdoors biophilia. Numerous studies of outdoor experiences have shown that natural outdoor environments have an impact on humans. They **reduce stress** and create a feeling of well-being. And small children consistently prefer the natural landscape over built environments. But not all small children have the chance to **explore the natural world**, and they risk developing an aversion to nature. This impulse, called biophobia, can make them uncomfortable in natural places and likely to regard nature as nothing more than a disposable resource. There is much evidence that concern for the environment is based on an affection for nature that only develops when children have **unregulated contact** with it. It is children's developmental tendency to empathize with the natural world. To nurture that tendency, children need **free access to a natural area** in which they can spend an extended amount of time.

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