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SHIRLEE



GREEN



PRESCHOOL

at SHaare  
EMETH



Dear Parents:

I am thrilled that you are considering Shirlee Green Preschool at Shaare Emeth for your child's Early Childhood Education. Preschool is where your child's enthusiasm for learning begins and we believe there is no better place for your child to build that foundation than here with us.

Our play-based environment provides a nurturing atmosphere for children, which fosters imaginative play and exploration. The experiences children have at Shirlee Green Preschool help build self-confidence, a love for learning and the creation of life-long friendships. Our program includes small group activities as well as individualized learning times that cater to different learning styles. All of this while Jewish values, rituals and principles are carefully woven into daily classroom life; and the celebration of Shabbat and holidays is integrated into curriculum through art, music, drama and dance.

For these reasons and more, your child will flourish at Shirlee Green Preschool. Please call me or come by to take a tour of our school at any time. You will see why so many families select our preschool to help create a love for learning in their children.

Shalom,

*Cheri*

Cheri Winchell

*Director of Early Childhood Education  
Shirlee Green Preschool*

# SHIRLEE GREEN PRESCHOOL

## WHAT SETS US APART?

### EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Our interactive play-based philosophy, together with Jewish values and customs, provide the core principles of our approach to early childhood education. We use a Constructivist philosophy, guided by developmentally appropriate practice and believe that it is through play that children focus on their interests and make meaning of the world. We organically integrate Jewish values, traditions and customs into the curriculum through music, art, literature, language, cooking, science, dance and play. Our mission is to encourage young learners to grow at their own individual pace as they develop socially, spiritually, physically and cognitively in a Jewish environment.



# TEAM OF EDUCATORS

The success of our program is due to the guidance and dedication of our teachers and staff. Our exceptionally qualified and experienced teachers understand child development, and have a deep respect for each child's unique attributes. We take great pride in hiring teachers who are warm and caring individuals who nurture and inspire our children. We have a variety of specialists who enhance our learning experiences in Music, Movement, Science, Jewish Enrichment and Special Resources. In addition, our Rabbis and Cantor interact with our children frequently; joining us for holiday celebrations, and many other meaningful occasions.

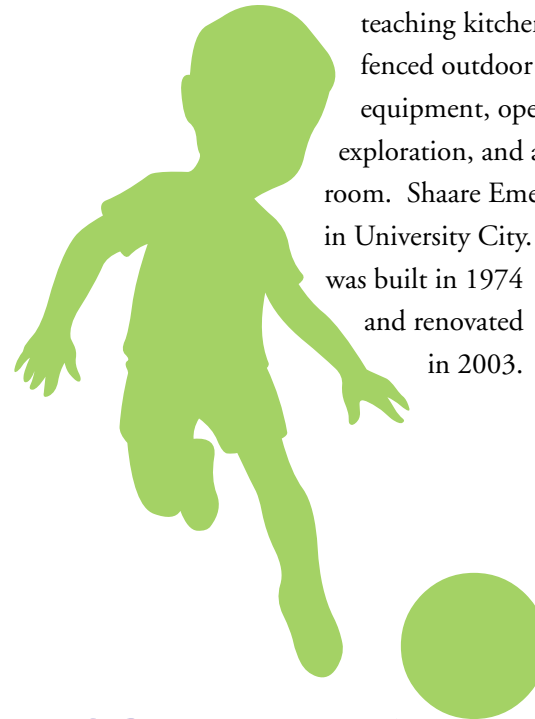


In order to stay on the cutting edge of early childhood education, we encourage professional development through workshops, conferences and on-going learning.



# LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Shirlee Green Preschool offers a dedicated art studio, teaching kitchen, multi-purpose gymnasium, fenced outdoor playscapes with age-appropriate equipment, open space for nature walks and exploration, and a newly renovated resource room. Shaare Emeth opened its preschool in 1964 in University City. Our state-of-the-art building was built in 1974 and renovated in 2003.



# COMMUNITY

Shirlee Green Preschool offers a creative, values-oriented, educational environment that is open to the entire community. When a child joins the preschool, we welcome and support the entire family. Monthly parent meetings provide a forum to meet with the Preschool Director and plan community events. We offer an informative parent education workshop series, Tot Shabbat and other special events to keep parents engaged and connected with other preschool families.

# OVERVIEW OF CLASSES

PLEASE NOTE: We reserve the right to cancel any class if minimum enrollment is not met.

## K'TANIM (LITTLE ONES)

### CHAMUDIM (Cute Ones)

*1 to 2 years old*

A parent-child class for children turning *one* before January 31 during the upcoming school year.

This parent/child class meets once a week on Wednesdays from 9:15 am - 10:45 am. Children and parents enjoy free play, music and creative experiences together in a warm, safe environment. Children become familiar with the idea of preschool and the Shirlee Green Preschool environment. Parents have the opportunity to experience time with their child as well as the chance to get to know parents of their child's future classmates.



### M'TUKIM (Sweet Ones)

*18 months to 2 years old*

A Monday and Friday class, 9:15 am - 11:45 am\*, without parent/care-giver for children turning *18 months* before August 1 of the upcoming school year. M'tukim provides *one* and *two* year old children with an opportunity to socialize in a warm, safe environment, without the presence of their parents. These children, along with their teachers, enjoy music, art, movement and Shabbat and begin to become familiar with school routine.



\*When the children become acclimated, dismissal time moves to noon.

All classes have a curriculum based on the Constructivist philosophy using Project Construct as its base. Learning is play-based and contains the principles of Developmentally Appropriate Practice as developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).



“My child is making friends that

I hope will last a lifetime.”

—MARISSA ROSEN, PARENT

### GINNAH (Garden)

*2 to 3 years old*

For children turning *two* by August 1 of the upcoming school year.

**2-Day Class:** Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

**3-Day Class:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

**5-Day Class:** Monday through Friday, 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Children in Ginnah begin socialization through play with an emphasis on awareness of self and others. Children experience gross and fine motor activities, music, art, creative movement and much more. We talk about the world around us, focus on our classroom community and introduce our wonderful Jewish holidays, including Shabbat.

# T'ZIPPORIM *(Birds)*

*3 to 4 years old*

For children turning *three* by August 1 of the upcoming school year.

**3-Day Class:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

**5-Day Class:** Monday through Friday, 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Children in T'zipporim focus on the increasing development of their social skills in group settings and their ability to expand their learning through play. The T'zipporim children explore emerging literacy, pre-math and communication skills. The children enjoy full participation in our Jewish holidays and Shabbat celebrations.



“The nurturing teachers spark the curiosity and imagination in my children.”

— RENÉ ZAR, PARENT



# CHAVERIM *(Friends)*

*4 to 5 years old*

For children turning *four* by August 1 of the upcoming school year.

**5-Day Class:** Monday through Friday, 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

During their final year as Preschoolers, the Chaverim children continue to improve upon their ability to interact with others in preparation for Kindergarten. Continued emphasis is placed on problem solving, categorizing and task completion. We help the children refine communication, fine motor and gross motor skills and continue to expand their abilities to be a part of a classroom community. A full program of literacy, Jewish enrichment, science and pre-math includes developmentally appropriate activities such as cooking, music and, of course, play. This special year serves as a wonderful stepping stone to Kindergarten.



“My daughter’s kindergarten teacher said that she has observed over and over that kids from Shirlee Green Preschool are well prepared for kindergarten.”

— JAMI COHEN, PARENT



# OPTIONAL PROGRAMS

## EARLY BIRD AND POST CARE

are available five days a week from 8:00 am to 9:05 am and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm respectively for any child enrolled in our Ginnah, T'zipporim and Chaverim classes.

## LUNCH BUNCH

is offered five days a week for any child enrolled in our Ginnah, T'zipporim and Chaverim classes. Children bring their own lunch and drink. Pick-up for Lunch Bunch is at 1:00 pm.

“My daughters love *Discovery* so much, they want to know why it is only two days a week and not everyday.”

— KAREN LOITERSTEIN,  
PARENT

# AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

Programs are offered in the afternoon to any child enrolled in our Ginnah, T'zipporim and Chaverim classes. Children attend the Lunch Bunch program and then participate in one of the special programs described below. Pick-up for afternoon programs is at 3:00 pm. There are four different afternoon programs:

## ALPHABET AFTERNOONS *for Ginnah, T'zipporim and Chaverim*

Children may sign up for any or all of the “Alphabet Afternoons.” This program includes children of all ages and is programmed with the Alphabet as its guide. Each week's activities and snacks are based upon a given letter of the Alphabet.

## DISCOVERY *for T'zipporim children*

“Discovery” meets two afternoons a week and is available to our T'zipporim children only. Discovery sessions include “Curious George,” “Under the Big Top,” “Into the Jungle” and many more. Children register for an entire session which includes between eight and ten afternoons depending upon the calendar. Children may register for any or all “Discovery” sessions each school year.



## ADVENTURES *for Chaverim children*

“Adventures” is held two afternoons a week and is available to Chaverim children only. Children explore Astronomy, Zoology, “The Masters” of the arts and many other themes. Children register for an entire session which includes between eight and ten afternoons depending upon the calendar. Children may register for any or all “Adventures” sessions each school year.

## AROUND THE WORLD *for Chaverim children*

“Around The World” is held two afternoons a week and is available to Chaverim children only. In each session, the children travel to a new country to learn about the culture, music and food of that country. Children register for an entire session which includes between eight and ten afternoons depending upon the calendar. Children may register for any or all “Around the World” sessions each school year.



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CONGREGATION

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*Founded in 1867*

## REGISTRATION POLICIES

Once Registration begins, it is open exclusively to current Preschool families for two weeks. Registration is then opened to Shaare Emeth members for two weeks prior to opening to the public.

All families of students enrolled in the preschool must be current in their financial obligation to the preschool.

Shaare Emeth member families must be current in their financial obligations to the Congregation, including Membership Responsibility, Building Fund and any other charges. An approved payment plan will satisfy this requirement.