

# Camp Bee Jay 2018: A Summer of World Exploration

**June 11 - August 2, 2018**

We at Beth Jacob Preschool are very excited about our upcoming Camp season which will be held from Monday, June 11, 2018 through Thursday, August 2, 2018. Our theme for the summer is “A Summer of World Exploration” where each week we will delve into our world and all that is in it. It is a summer filled with creative and out-of-the-box discoveries where every day there is a new adventure. Each week features a special dress up day to coincide with the week’s theme, a festive party as well as our ever-popular Shabbat Party. This eight-week camp is full of fun and creative programming for children age infants through rising kindergarten.

We will continue to offer an easy weekly registration process. You can sign up your child(ren) for as many weeks as you wish. We will continue to offer flexible hours to complement our busy parents’ schedules. We’ll have early care from 7:30am until 8:45am and after care from 3-5:30pm Monday through Thursday and 3-4:00pm on Fridays.

This summer we will be offering a specific camp experience for our rising Kindergarten children which will not only include tons of summer fun activities but also a “learning through play” component. This fun, age-appropriate learning part of their day will support all the Pre-K learning they attained during the school year, making sure that your child(ren) will be ready for their upcoming Kindergarten experience.

Extra care is taken in placing our campers with the friends and teachers they will have for the following school year. More good news - many of our year-round teachers are returning for the summer camp program, which makes these placements and transitions especially easy for our children who have been here with us during the summer and for the children who will be returning to us for the next school year.



Between an excited staff, amazing programs and flexible schedules, we are confident that Camp Bee Jay 2018 will be a wonderful experience for your child(ren).

If you have any questions or want to discuss any specifics, please feel free to contact our Preschool Director, Robyn Grossblatt at [rgrossblatt@bethjacobatlanta.org](mailto:rgrossblatt@bethjacobatlanta.org) or Judy Thomas at 678-244-6659 or [bjpreschool@bethjacobatlanta.org](mailto:bjpreschool@bethjacobatlanta.org).

## More Information About Camp

### **Week 1: June 12-16 Let It Grow! Let it Grow! Can't Hold It Back Anymore!**

Campers will experience our valuable land by making their own garden to take home as well as to make their own terrarium. We'll make our own art projects using spices and other natural items. Other projects include learning about chlorophyll, how we get food on our table, places in the world with the most vegetation-jungles, and more. We'll enjoy a special guest who will explain farm to table. We'll enjoy a special fruit and veggie jungle feast when the children dressing up like your favorite jungle animal!

## **Week 2: June 18-22 A Breath of Fresh Air**

Bee Jay campers are in for big fun as we learn about air and how air moves. We'll play with awesome bubbles, large and small. We'll make windsocks and beautiful pictures using blow dryers and campers will jump to their hearts content in our inflatable bounce house. If that weren't enough, we'll learn how to move air in our lungs with plenty of singing and dancing at our dress up crazy "air guitar dance party."



## **Week 3: June 25-29 "Water, Water Everywhere!"**



We will explore our world as it relates to water discovering life under the sea, rain and humidity and condensation. Of course, making rain sticks to celebrate our natural sprinkler system is a must! We'll have fun art using water colors and science experiments relating to water and enjoy a day full of splash fun with our water slide. And there's more – on Thursday we'll have dress up day for a special luau party as we celebrate life at the beach!

## **Week 4 July 2-6 (not the 4th) "I Feel the Earth Move Under My Feet"**

The earth is continually moving and what a great way to teach children about gravity, volcanos and deserts. We'll make our own volcanos and learn about how heat and fire are pushed through the earth to create a volcano. The campers will explore "hot spots" like deserts and the animals that live there and different housing in a desert. "The Science Guy" returns this summer, back by popular demand, to help us learn more about our changing earth.

## **Week 5 July 9-13 Animal Kingdom**

Campers will explore animals around the world of animals as we bring in kangaroos from Australia, monkeys from Africa, llamas from Peru and more. We'll learn fun animal dances and songs, make interesting animal print art as well as masks and dress in our favorite animal on our Crazy Zoo Day party.



### **Week 6 July 16-20 – Tikkun Olam – A Week of Mitzvot**

Each day we will explore the many ways to heal our world, including doing mitzvot for our world and for our people inhabiting the world. We'll explore the mitzvah of visiting the sick, being kind to others, feeding the poor and more. Our special celebration day will include inviting others to help us make gift baskets for the poor. We'll cap off our week with a fun puppet show which talks about being kind to others and healing the world.

### **Week 7 July 23-27 Let's Travel Around the World**

This week the campers will become global travelers as we explore the food, science, art, customs and cultures around the world. We'll begin our travels to Brazil then travel down under to Australia, head north to Russia and west to Ireland. We'll end our world journey on Friday in Israel and enjoy a Shabbat Party like none other when everyone dresses in all white and we'll eat Israeli salad and falafel and rugelach or *fill in the blank for the popular Israeli sweet treat* and enjoy Israeli dancing!

### **Week 8 July 30-Aug 2 Recycling: Taking Care of Our Planet**

What better way to cap off the summer than to learn ways how we can help the earth at home, in school and in our daily routine. We'll create beautiful art projects using recycled products, learn how items are recycled and learn about the other two R's – reduce and reuse. We'll wear hand-me-down clothes at our party of leftovers and "throwback" music. We'll have a special artist come in to show us some tips in making beautiful presents with recycled products.