



January, 2024

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share with you our 2024-25 Temple Sinai Early Childhood Center application. We are looking forward to another wonderful year of exceptional early childhood education in the most nurturing Jewish setting. In addition to the programs you know and love, we will continue to offer our infant and toddler programs and extended hours, which will be 7:30am-5:30pm.

Just as every child's learning profile is unique, we also recognize the diverse childcare needs of every family. Whether you are looking for a full-day experience for your child, or a part-time opportunity to enhance social skills, or something in between, TSECC has an engaging and meaningful option for your family.

Each class is led by enthusiastic, state-qualified, creative and talented teachers who implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum geared toward each child's individual needs and academic level. We welcome you to follow us on Instagram (@templesinaiecc), like us on Facebook (Temple Sinai Early Childhood Center) and take a look at our website (mysinai.org/ecc) to see the quality of our staff, the richness of the program, and the smiles on the faces of our students.

In addition to our wonderful programs for children, we also welcome our families to participate in Sharing *Shabbat* celebrations, weekly *Shabbat* with our clergy in our newly renovated sanctuary, parent workshops, and temple-wide activities. Complimentary membership to Temple Sinai of Roslyn is available for TSECC families; ask me for details!

Because the safety of students and staff is our greatest responsibility, at Temple Sinai, we are continuously implementing best practices as advised by our security consultants, who are experts in their field. Many of our systems and upgrades are not immediately visible, others are more evident. The cost of our strengthened security measures is substantial, and we appreciate our families' partnership in achieving our mission of safety. Accordingly, we require all families to pay a security assessment of \$350 per school year. Although our families security assessment is a small portion of our TSECC security expense, these funds ensure that we continue to implement security enhancements. These funds are held separately from tuition and are used only for expenses such as security agents on-site during all hours of operation, as well as measures recommended to us by our professional security consultants. For just about one dollar a day, each family's participation is vital to the safety of our entire TSECC.



Remember that space is limited! Act now to secure your child's spot.

- Registration for CURRENT ECC FAMILIES begins Thursday, January 18, 2024
- Registration for TEMPLE MEMBERS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED begins Tuesday January 23, 2024
- Registration for the BROADER COMMUNITY begins Thursday, January 25, 2024

We can't wait for another great year of learning, laughter, and love.

Warm regards,

Lindsay Dayan
Temple Sinai of Roslyn
Director of Early Childhood Education

what can you expect at temple sinai early childhood center?

TSECC is a safe, supportive and positive environment for play-based learning and exploration. Infused with and inspired by Jewish traditions and values, though children from all faiths are welcome, our engaging curriculum fosters curiosity, confidence and growth. Our teachers meet or exceed state standards and take pride in the excellence of their work. Our team recognizes the individual strengths and abilities of every child and differentiates instruction to meet their needs. All classes spend time on the playground and indoor gross motor room, and enjoy music and movement classes as well as weekly visits from our clergy for Shabbat. The teachers support children through small group activities, allowing them to learn through play and by introducing language, writing, science exploration and math. The Culinary Arts Studio enables children to explore both art and cooking by creating masterpieces to admire and delicious foods to enjoy. We implement exceptional curricular components such as *The Letter People®*, *Handwriting without Tears®*, *Fundations®*, *Math in Focus®* and STEAM programming that aligns with curriculum in the local public schools. Parents may supply their own packed lunch or purchase lunches designed by our licensed nutritionist. Families are invited to Temple Sinai's Sharing Shabbat services (for children ages 2 - grade 3) and are warmly welcomed as part of the larger congregational family. Parents will receive daily updates and photos as well as digital portfolios and assessments periodically throughout the year.

Just as every child's learning profile is unique, we also recognize the diverse childcare needs of every family. Whether you are looking for a full-day experience for your child, a part-time opportunity to enhance social skills, or something in between, TSECC has an engaging and meaningful option for your family.

infants

This program offers a true partnership in the care of your baby – providing a wonderful, safe and nurturing environment that respects the needs of your whole family. You will find a warm and welcoming setting for your baby to grow and thrive, and for you to feel relaxed and at ease. Our infants enjoy Shabbat celebrations with our clergy and are exposed to the festivities of all Jewish holidays. Every day is a new adventure and our programs are designed to accompany your family as your baby grows from a bundle of joy to a bundle of curiosity. Teachers provide one-to-one moments of caring, play and communication. Each baby has a personalized care plan to support daily schedules, nutritional guidelines and other unique needs. Sensory rich spaces, outdoor time (weather permitting), stringent safety, security and cleanliness standards are all part of this special program. Infant teachers receive specific Health and Safety Training for this age group.

toddlers

This program is designed for toddlers who are inquisitive by nature. These newly mobile explorers are natural learners, eager for new skills and on the cusp of major steps forward in their language, physical, social-emotional and cognitive development. With warm, nurturing teachers by their side, we offer children the opportunity to reach their greatest potential in all areas. We pay special attention to the changing needs of children at this age, encourage individual growth and independent choices, opportunities to engage with peers and to be part of a group. Learning centers include language, reading, construction, math, fine motor, art, dramatic play, outdoor learning (and more!) in a relaxed environment that fosters self-confidence. Shabbat and holiday celebrations are a joyous part of the weekly curriculum. Stringent health and safety standards are a critical element of our program.

dreamers & me

Help to spark your child's imagination and learn how to optimize play with your little one as we engage in music, movement, literacy, a child-friendly mini-Shabbat experience and play-based activities designed with bonding in mind. This program is uniquely designed to encourage multi-sensory experiences that stimulate emerging language skills, motor development and socialization. This is a nurturing and structured environment with an opportunity for connection to other families at the same stage of parenting. Wonderful friendships are created in our programs (and not just for the children!). This program is designed to begin with partial separation ultimately leading to full separation as a way to prepare your child for independent school time. Dreamers & Me is offered by Temple Sinai of Roslyn as a guided path to our formal ECC.

twos

The children are ready to begin a more structured day. We encourage language and early literacy skills, early math and science concepts, and large and small muscle skills, as well as social and emotional development. The children are introduced to "Mat Man" from *Handwriting without Tears*® as a foundation for developing literacy. Equally important, at TSECC, parents are our full partners. Together, our goals are to inspire your child; to make sure each moment of childhood is one of wonder, joy and learning; and to ensure milestones today pave the way for a lifelong love of learning. An important component of the TWOS' experience is learning social skills that include sharing, taking turns, asking for help and using words to express themselves. As part of the curriculum, we incorporate music & movement classes and secular and Judaic learning.

threes

This wonder-filled age group's curriculum consists of academics, socialization, cooperative learning, independence skills and Judaic education. These children are more adjusted to the structure of a school day and are eager to continue learning. The national program *Handwriting without Tears®* is a resource to prepare our little learners for the future. The exploration of math concepts truly comes alive through the implementation of *Math in Focus®*. Teachers and children work one on one and in small groups, ensuring that students achieve their personal academic goals and reach social-emotional milestones. Mindfulness is a cornerstone of THREES' program, a simple practice of bringing a gentle awareness to the moment, in an effort to enhance focus and concentration. Socialization and cooperative learning are emphasized along with self-help skills and independence. Our celebration of Shabbat and Jewish holidays as a class community draws children even closer together.

pre-k

Our PRE-K classes work hard at preparing for Kindergarten by diving deep into academics. While strengthening social skills, we also continue working on vital academic skills using resources such as *Foundations®*, *Math in Focus®* and *Handwriting without Tears®*. Math, science, social studies and emergent reading are emphasized through an age-appropriate, developmentally sound approach. Judaic learning is also a central part of our curriculum. Our PRE-K students perform Chanukah and Passover plays, enabling them to act out these important stories while learning the meaning behind them. Creative expression and emotional intelligence are key elements of this age group's program. Preparing children both academically and socially for kindergarten is an important task, and one we take very seriously. Principals in the surrounding districts tell us that Temple Sinai ECC students enter their schools extremely well prepared for a successful learning journey.

infants 6 weeks-18 months
Expanded*
9:00am-5:00pm
3 days - \$1765
5 days - \$2350

*Our infant program is 12 months

toddlers 18-24 months	
Classic	Expanded
9:15am-12:30pm	9:15am-5:00pm
3 days - \$825	3 days - \$1675
5 days - \$1195	5 days - \$2295

twos	
2-years-old by Dec. 1	
Classic	Expanded
9:15am-12:30pm	9:15am-5:00pm
3 days - \$800	3 days - \$1630
5 days - \$1175	5 days - \$2240

threes	
3-years-old by Dec. 1	
Classic	Expanded
9:00am-1:30pm	9:15am-5:00pm
5 days - \$1350	5 days - \$2140

pre-k 4-years-old by Dec. 1	
Classic	Expanded
9:15am-3:00pm	9:15am-5:00pm
5 days - \$1575	5 days - \$2095

daily specials (subject to change)
all included in your monthly tuition!
Matt the Music Man • Yoga
Musical Theatre • Enrichability
Tumble & Tuck • ShinShin
Judaic Story Time

early bird

Infants

7:30-9:00am

3 days - \$300

5 days - \$400

Toddlers & 2's

7:30-9:15am

3's & Pre-K

7:30-9:00am

3 days - \$250

5 days - \$350

late owl

A cartoon illustration of a yellow owl with large, round eyes and orange beak, perched on a brown, textured branch. There are several green leaves on the branch.

Infants

5:00-5:30pm

3 days - \$200

5 days - \$250

Toddlers, 2's, 3's, Pre-K

5:00-5:30pm

3 days - \$150

5 days - \$225

tsecc perks!
• Complimentary Temple Sinai membership
• 10% sibling discount
• For Toddlers-Pre-K: Register by January 31, 2024 for the 2024-25 school year AND Summer 2024 and receive a \$350 registration credit
• Pay in full by August 15 and receive a 5% tuition discount for the academic year

A \$350 registration and processing fee is required. Registrations are fully refundable when notice of withdrawal is provided in writing on or before April 12, 2024. There will be no refunds or credits for registration fees given after April 12, 2024. Monthly tuition and security assessment fees are due on the 25th of each month in ten (10) equal monthly payments beginning August 25, 2024 through May 25, 2024. Additional care is available as needed and is charged at a rate of \$25/hour.