



February 9, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share with you our 2021-2022 Temple Sinai ECC 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 that you know and love, we will continue to offer our infant and toddler programs and extended hours.

Temple Sinai will also be offering a "Dreamers and Me" (Grown-up and Toddler) class 3 days a week from 9:30am-11:30am.

As you know, each class is led by enthusiastic, creative and talented teachers who implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum geared toward each individual child's 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 to see the quality of the 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 via zoom, parent workshops and Temple-wide activities.

Enclosed in this packet are the school registration forms and information about the variety of programs we offer. Please review carefully and call the ECC office if you have any questions.

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

- **Registration for CURRENT ECC FAMILIES begins 02/09/2021.**
- **Registration for TEMPLE MEMBERS, NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED, begins 02/11/2021.**
- **Registration for the BROADER COMMUNITY begins 02/15/2021.**

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

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Dayan".

Lindsay Dayan
TSECC Director



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*®, *Foundations*®, *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.

FOURS

Our FOURS 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 FOURS' 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.



2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR - MONTHLY TUITION SCHEDULE

INFANTS 6wks-18mos			
Program	Time	3 Days	5 Days
Expanded	9am-5pm	\$1,395	\$1,895
Early Bird	7am-9am	\$250	\$375
Late Owl	5pm-6pm	\$150	\$225

TODDLERS 18-24mos			
Program	Time	3 Days	5 Days
Classic	9:15am-12:30pm	\$595	\$895
Expanded	9:15am-5pm	\$1,295	\$1,795
Early Bird	7am-9:15am	\$200	\$325
Late Owl	5pm-6pm	\$125	\$175

TWOS 2yrs by 12/1			
Program	Time	3 Days	5 Days
Classic	9:15am-12:30pm	\$595	\$895
Expanded	9:15am-5pm	\$1,295	\$1,795
Early Bird	7am-9:15am	\$200	\$325
Late Owl	5pm-6pm	\$125	\$175

THREES 3yrs by 12/1		
Program	Time	5 Days
Classic	9am-1:30pm	\$1,095
Expanded	9am-5pm	\$1,695
Early Bird	7am-9am	\$325
Late Owl	5pm-6pm	\$175

FOURS 4yrs by 12/1		
Program	Time	5 Days
Classic	9am-3pm	\$1,295
Expanded	9am-5pm	\$1,725
Early Bird	7am-9am	\$325
Late Owl	5pm-6pm	\$175

DREAMERS & ME		
Offered by Temple Sinai of Roslyn (Toddler with Grown-Up)		
Program	Time	3 Days
M+W+F	9:30-11:30am	\$575

A \$500 Deposit is required upon registration. Deposits are fully refundable when notice of withdrawal is provided in writing on or before April 15, 2021. There will be no refunds or credits for deposits given after April 15, 2021. Your deposit will be applied to your May 2022 tuition. **Proof of non-refundable deposit/registration at another location (up to \$500) will be credited to your first month's payment at TSECC.** Tuition is due on the 25th of each month in equal monthly payments beginning August 25, 2021 through May 25, 2022.

As-needed additional care is charged at a rate of \$25/hr, subject to availability. Advance notice is required to utilize this option.



ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

Child's Name: _____

Welcome to Temple Sinai Early Childhood Center (TSECC)! We look forward to a wonderful and enriching relationship with your family. To ensure safe and smooth operations, the following policies have been created for our community. All families are required to commit to this agreement to enroll their child(ren).

- A deposit of \$500 will reserve your child's spot at TSECC. This deposit will be deducted from your May 2022 tuition. Deposits are due annually and subject to change.
- Deposits are fully refundable when notice of withdrawal is provided in writing on or before April 15, 2021. There will be no refunds or credits for deposits given after April 15, 2021.
- **Proof of non-refundable deposit/registration at another location (up to \$500) will be credited to your first month's payment at TSECC.**
- If you are registering a second child, 10% will be deducted from the lowest tuition.
- You are required to give one month's notice in writing of any reduction in your child's schedule. Tuition will be reduced to the new rate thirty (30) days after notice is received.
- Tuition is payable in advance according to the following schedule:
 - Tuition is due on the 25th of each month in equal monthly payments beginning August 25, 2021 through May 25, 2022.
- If the full tuition is not received when due, a late fee of \$20 per day will be added until the tuition is paid in full. Tuition is due regardless of a child's absence from the program for any reason and is required to hold a child's space.
- A \$25.00 fee will be charged for a check returned for insufficient funds. If this occurs more than once, TSECC may require payment by another method for enrollment to continue.
- Tuition includes a security fee.
- The rates do not include lunch charges since families may choose to send packed lunches. For those families that choose to purchase lunches through the ECC, menus and prices will be provided in detail before the start of the school year.
- The rates do not include enrichment prices. For those families that choose to enroll their child in enrichments, options and pricing will be provided in detail before the start of the school year.
- To withdraw your child, you must give at least thirty (30) days' written notice prior to withdrawal. You agree to pay all tuition and fees for the thirty (30) days' following your notice to TSECC, even if your child is not in attendance.



- A late pick-up fee of \$1 per child is payable for each minute your child(ren) remains after closing. This fee is subject to change.
- TSECC is generally open from 7am to 6pm, Monday-Friday. Hours and holiday schedule are set and posted annually but may be changed at any time with thirty (30) days' notice.
- Families will be notified of closures or late openings due to severe weather or other conditions by email/SMS/phone. If it is necessary to close early, it will be your responsibility to arrange for your child's early pick up. There will be no tuition credit for any time TSECC is closed.
- Family members' names, address, telephone numbers, and emails will be included on class list(s) and in TSECC's emergency notification system.
- TSECC legally cannot deny access to or release of a child to either parent/guardian, unless there is an active restraining order, a specific schedule of court-ordered visitation rights, or other Court Order in place.
- Prior to the first day of school, you must provide TSECC current medical and immunization records for your child(ren), which must be updated annually. Children without appropriate, current medical records may not attend.
- For the safety of all our children and families, TSECC requires that all children be fully immunized and does not accept exemptions due to personal or religious reasons.
- If TSECC is concerned that your child's needs are not being met in our program, we will involve you in the process of identifying the issues and working toward resolution. If after reasonable and appropriate interventions, TSECC determines that the program is not in the best interest of you, your child, or TSECC, we may require that your child be withdrawn from the program.
- If TSECC believes, in its sole discretion, that the actions of a parent or guardian are disruptive, inappropriate, or inconsistent with TSECC's best interests, it may elect to end a child's enrollment.
- Class and teacher placement are at the sole discretion of the ECC Director.

This Enrollment Agreement is not intended to be all inclusive. TSECC policies and procedures may change from time to time.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Signature of ECC Director: _____ Date: _____



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

AUGUST

Monday, Aug 30

Teachers Return: Parent Orientation

Tuesday, Aug 31

Children's Visitation

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept 1

First Day of School

Monday, Sept 6

Labor Day + Erev Rosh Hashanah, TSECC Closed

Tuesday, Sept 7 - Wednesday, Sept 8

Rosh Hashanah, TSECC Closed

Wednesday, Sept 15

Erev Yom Kippur, TSECC Closes at 1pm

Thursday, Sept 16

Yom Kippur, TSECC Closed

OCTOBER

Monday, Oct 11

Columbus Day, TSECC Closed, Vacation Program

NOVEMBER

Thursday, Nov 11

Veterans Day, TSECC Closed, Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, Nov 25 - Friday, Nov 26

Thanksgiving, TSECC Closed

DECEMBER

Wednesday, Dec 22 - Friday, Dec 24

Winter Break, TSECC Closed, Vacation Program

Monday, Dec 27 - Friday, Dec 31

Winter Break, TSECC Closed

JANUARY

Monday, Jan 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, TSECC Closed

FEBRUARY

Monday, Feb 21

Presidents' Day, TSECC Closed

Tuesday, Feb 22 - Friday, Feb 25

Presidents' Week, TSECC Closed, Vacation Program

MARCH

Tuesday, Mar 29

TSECC Closed, Parent Teacher Conferences

APRIL

Thursday, April 14 - Friday, Apr 22

Spring Break, TSECC Closed, Vacation Program

MAY

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day, TSECC Closed

JUNE

Friday, June 10

Pre-K "Stepping Up" Celebration

Friday, June 17

Last Day of School for TSECC

Monday, June 27

Summer Adventures at TSECC

**Please be aware that TSECC will follow the Roslyn School District calendar, including weather closures. Calendar may change with adequate notice.*



VACATION DAY PROGRAMS 2021-2022
 All Ages 😊 9am-1pm 😊 \$100 daily

Monday, Oct 11	Columbus Day
Monday, Dec 20 - Friday, Dec 24	Winter Break
Monday, Jan 17	MLK, Jr. Day
Tuesday, Feb 22 - Friday, Feb 25	Presidents' Week
Monday, Apr 11 - Friday, Apr 15	Spring Break

*Lunch additional (Menus will be sent out closer to date.)