

EARLY LEARNING CENTER
By Laura Sher, Director



Rosh Hashanah is a time for new beginnings, and this New Year brings an exciting change for me as I begin my new role as Director of the Early Learning Center. I am honored to continue the tradition of a warm and nurturing Jewish early childhood educational experience for our young children and their families. I am also glad to be working with Elian Tackeff, who has been with program for many years.

Jewish values and concepts are the essence of a Jewish early childhood program, and the challenge is to teach these virtues in everyday activities. This past summer during a day of camp, the children ventured to Prescott Park, on a quest to find various leaves, flower petals and other natural objects. In addition to sorting and classifying, the children were learning the Jewish concept of "Hoda'ah," (appreciation). They were seeing the wonders of G-d's creations.

Finding joy in living "Jewishly" is another important element of the Early Learning Center. True to tradition, we ended our camp week with the mitzvah of "Lichvod Shabbat," (honoring Shabbat), with prayer, candles, and juice and of course, challah with nutella!

The first day of school begins on September 7, 2011 and I am hopeful that I will instill in our preschool children the same sense of wonderment and life long love of learning that I possess.

Wishing you a sweet and good New Year, "LShana Tova!"

B'Shalom,

Laura

