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Before coronavirus prevention efforts led to “social distancing” and shuttered classrooms, Early Learning Center students enjoyed our Purim Family Celebration. Our celebration included a play of the Purim story with each child playing a part. When parents arrived, they were given masks to wear and groggers to shake.

They did a very good job drowning out Haman’s name each time it was said during the performance. We then sat down with our families to eat our lunch and some yummy hamantaschen that Ellen McQueeney had previously helped us bake.



Moving into “remote learning” mode with other New Hampshire school programs, the Early Learning Center is conducting virtual preschool with our students each day for 30 to 40 minutes. I am sending weekly curriculum-related instruction to parents, along with age-appropriate online resources to use when we cannot be together in person.

Wash your hands and stay healthy.

Shalom,

Tammy

## **\*\* Special appeal for outreach \*\***

### **Registration now open for the fall 2020 - 2021 preschool program**

In this unprecedented time of social distancing, it is impossible for me to get out into the community and showcase the Early Learning Center to prospective new families as usual for this time of year. I’m asking *Doorpost* readers for help.

**Could you consider reaching out to friends, colleagues, and neighbors with preschool-age children (2.9 months to 6 years old) to see if they attend a preschool program?** While keeping your physical distance, perhaps you could

- make a phone call
- send an email, or
- post about our school on your social network. If you use Facebook, please “like” the Early Learning Center’s page and share it with your friends. If you have an Instagram account, follow us at the [earlylearningcenternh](https://www.instagram.com/earlylearningcenternh) (yes, all one word).

Information about the Early Learning Center can also be found on the Temple website: [www.templeisraelnh.org](http://www.templeisraelnh.org), or by calling Tammy Labonté at 603-380-5589 or emailing me at [preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org).

*The ELC is a unique preschool in the seacoast area, the only place Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement. We provide numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community.*

— Thank you!