

National Jewish Early Childhood Network



Conference 2005 Program Information

From the Presidents

Dear National Jewish Early Childhood Network Members,

It is with pleasure and the great anticipation of joining together with you in Washington, DC, that we write this welcoming message to you. Our National Jewish Early Childhood Network Conference has always provided the venue for connecting with colleagues and friends in an exciting collegial atmosphere. Our Network group has offered a comfortable setting for us to learn together while building relationships with other early childhood Jewish professionals nationally and internationally! We look forward to seeing you in Washington!

We are extremely excited about our two days of outstanding programming. On Tuesday, we will visit several of our outstanding local schools and the Philip Ratner Museum. After our open membership meeting we will have a festive reception with an "Israeli Accent". On Wednesday, the National Jewish Early Childhood Network is proud to welcome Dr. Stanley Greenspan and a panel of experts for an enlightening day focusing on successful students. The complete program schedule is included in this newsletter.

Shabbat Dinner will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington on Friday evening, December 9th and our closing meeting and Havdalah service will be on Saturday, December 10th at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel.

L'Shana Tova and see you in Washington!

Margie Zeskind and Vicki Perler



Tuesday, December 6th

Tour Day

Bus pick-up and drop-off at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel. 7:45 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Morning Activities

Visit two schools and learn about the following programs:

Hebrew Immersion

with **Frieda Robins**, Lead Educator, Ma'alah—Early Childhood Hebrew Immersion Network Project, Jewish Theological Seminary.

Israel in our Minds, Souls, Hearts, Gan

with **Orly Kenneth**, Shlichah from the Jewish Agency for Israel to the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning.

Time will be spent observing classrooms and learning ways to implement these programs in your school.

Afternoon Activities

Visit the **Phillip Ratner Bible Museum**

See the original works of world renowned artist Philip Ratner and learn about his efforts to help children really understand bible stories. A school group of four-year-olds will be participating in a workshop for us to observe. A speaker will discuss other ways to make bible stories come alive for preschoolers.

\$60 Registration fee includes bus, breakfast and lunch

Registration is required, deadline November 15

Join us Tuesday evening, December 6th for the

Open Membership Meeting

7:30 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel

A reception will follow the meeting. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

A Night in Jaffa

Enjoy Israeli foods, Israeli trivia game with prizes, shop in the "marketplace" of Israeli and Judaic artists, with presenters Orly Kenneth and Kol Sasson (University of Maryland Jewish a capella choir)

Visit and catch-up with colleagues and do your Hanukkah shopping!

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington

No fee for reception Reservations are recommended

Wednesday, December 7 Pre-conference Session

Washington Convention Center -Room 146B

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Registration, bagel nosh, visit the vendors

9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

D'var Torah by Avi West

Education Officer, Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Christina Adams, Author

A Real Boy: A True Story of Autism, Early Intervention, and Recovery

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Dr. Stanley Greenspan

Success for Everyone: Encouraging Social-Emotional Growth in Young Children with Special Needs

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Dr. Serena Wieder

Understanding Emotional Development Through Children's Symbolic Play

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Rabbi Joel Tessler

Raising Children According to Their Needs in the Jewish Tradition

Kosher box lunches available for purchase \$38 each registration is required, deadline November 15

Meet the Speakers

Stanley I. Greenspan, M.D., is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Behavioral Sciences, and Pediatrics at the George Washington University Medical School and a practicing child psychiatrist. He is also a supervising child psychoanalyst at the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute in Washington, D.C., and was previously chief of the Mental Health Study Center and director of the Clinical Infant Development Program at the National Institute of Mental Health. He has received numerous national awards for his work, including the American Psychiatric Association's highest award for child psychiatry research.

Dr. Greenspan is the author of numerous scholarly and popular books, including *Infancy and Early Childhood*, *Intelligence and Adaptation*, *The Development of the Ego*, and *The Challenging Child* (with Jacqueline Salmon).

Christina Adams is the author of *A Real Boy: A True Story of Autism, Early Intervention and Recovery*, and a commentator for National Public Radio's "Day to Day". Her work has appeared in many publications nationwide and she hosts a show on the Autism One internet radio network. When Adams' son was diagnosed with autism, she assembled and ran a comprehensive treatment program for him, which she details in her memoir *A Real Boy*.

Meet the Speakers continued

Serena Wieder, PhD, clinical psychologist, has pioneered creative approaches to treating children with complex developmental problems. With Stanley Greenspan, MD, she developed the DIR/Floortime Approach, founded the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders (ICDL), and co-authored *The Child with Special Needs; Encouraging Intellectual and Emotional Growth*. Dr. Wieder is the Director of the DIR Institute Certificate Program, and a board member of ZERO TO THREE: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families. She is a founder of the Floortime Foundation and speaks frequently on its web-radio program. She publishes widely and is a frequent lecturer and consultant.

Rabbi Joel Tessler has a B.A. in history from Yeshiva College, a M.S.W. from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work and Ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1982. Rabbi Tessler is a past Vice President of the Rabbinical Council of America, and a member of its Executive Board. He is the Senior Rabbi of Beth Sholom Congregation in Potomac, Maryland and has been Beth Sholom's Rabbi for twenty one years. Rabbi Tessler has done extensive work with the elderly, adolescents and families. He is the author of *The Rabbi's Role as Caregiver* for the book *The Rabbinate - A Calling and Vocation*. Rabbi Tessler co-hosted, with his wife Aviva, a weekly radio show "Torah Talk WithTheTesslers".



Shabbat Events



Friday, December 9

Shabbat Dinner

Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel
7:00 p.m. Independence Ballroom F-1

Join us for an evening of celebration and friendship with music, stories and more

Candlelighting available at sundown

\$75 per person—members

\$85 per person—non members

Registration is required, deadline November 15

Saturday, December 10

Kosher box lunches available

12:30 p.m. pickup, Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel

\$35 per person

Registration is required, deadline November 15

Closing meeting and Havdalah Service

Led by Pam Gorin

Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel
5:00 p.m. Lafayette Room

Membership Categories

\$18 Teacher Host City Membership Entitles teachers from the NAEYC convention host city to join for one year for convention. This will enable them to attend all of the Network activities for the upcoming conference. Included are: meetings, attendance at workshops, breakfast, Havdalah services and the ability to attend tours, and Shabbat dinner, some of which require additional fees.

\$25 Teacher Yearly Membership Entitles teachers to all of the above privileges plus mailings and e-mail notifications, including early notification of next year's conference plans and hotels. Special information sent to members throughout the year. Privilege to become eligible as a Board member.

\$36 Director Yearly Membership Entitles directors to all privileges mentioned above.

\$36 Supporter Yearly Membership Entitles other supporters of Network to all privileges mentioned above.

\$50 BJE/Agency Membership Entitles BJE/Agency directors to all privileges mentioned above.

\$100 Vendor Membership Entitles vendors to all privileges mentioned above, as well as the opportunity to display their goods and services during the pre-conference day.

Special Membership Categories

These special membership categories include all privileges mentioned above.

Contributor	Friend	Patron	Angel	Benefactor
\$75	\$100	\$150	\$500	\$1000



Reservation/Membership Form

Please complete **BOTH SIDES** of this form to register for the following Network activities and membership.

1. School Tour Day, Tuesday, December 6

\$60 per person Includes breakfast and lunch

@ \$60 each = \$ _____

Name of *each* participant _____

2. Open Membership Meeting, Tuesday, December 6 (NO CHARGE)

I plan to attend _____yes _____no

Name of *each* participant _____

3. Reception, Tuesday, December 6 (NO CHARGE)

I plan to attend _____yes _____no

Name of *each* participant _____

4. Pre-conference Session Wednesday, December 7 (NO CHARGE)

I plan to attend _____yes _____no

Name of *each* participant _____

5. Kosher Box Lunch, Wednesday, December 7

Cost of \$38 per person

Please reserve _____ number of lunches

@ \$38 each = \$ _____

Name of *each* participant _____

6. Annual Shabbat Dinner, Friday, December 9

Cost of \$75 for members/\$85 non members

Please reserve _____ number of members

@ \$75 each = \$ _____

Please reserve _____ number of non-members

@ \$85 each = \$ _____

Please indicate meal choice _____ chicken _____ vegetarian

Name of *each* participant with meal choice _____

7. Shabbat Kosher Box Lunch, Saturday, December 10

Cost of \$35 per person

Please reserve _____ number of lunches

@ \$35 each = \$ _____

Name of *each* participant _____

Subtotal for activities \$ _____

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8. Membership Dues* (September 1, 2005–August 31, 2006)

- Teacher Host City @ \$18 each = \$ _____
- Teacher Yearly @ \$25 each = \$ _____
- Director Yearly @ \$36 each = \$ _____
- Supporter Yearly @ \$36 each = \$ _____
- Board of Jewish Education/Agency Yearly @ \$50 each = \$ _____
- Vendor Yearly @ \$100 each = \$ _____

Name of *each* participant _____

9. Special Membership Categories* (September 1, 2005–August 31, 2006)

- Contributor @ \$ 75 each = \$ _____
- Friend of Network @ \$ 100 each = \$ _____
- Patron @ \$ 150 each = \$ _____
- Angel @ \$ 500 each = \$ _____
- Benefactor @ \$1000 each = \$ _____

Name of *each* participant _____

Permission to publish name in newsletter? _____yes _____no

*See newsletter for detailed description of membership categories

10. I would like to make a contribution to NJECN to help offset the costs of programming \$ _____

Subtotal for membership and additional contributions \$ _____

Subtotal for activities \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

(Checks should be made payable to "NJECN". If paying with school/agency check, participant's name should appear on check)

Permission to share name with other Jewish early childhood organizations? : ____yes ____no

Please Print Clearly!

Name _____

Address _____

Business phone _____ Home phone _____

Fax _____ Email address _____

Please provide the following information: Your position _____

Synagogue Affiliation and type _____ *or* Agency Affiliation _____

Types of programs offered _____

Thank you for your support!

Please mail form and payment to: **Helaine Groeger, 11 Wonder View Court, N. Potomac, MD 20878**
Questions? Call 301-354-3203 or email laineYG@aol.com

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