

National Jewish Early Childhood Network



Conference 2006 Program Information

From the Presidents

Dear National Jewish Early Childhood Network Members,

It is with pleasure that we anticipate joining you in Atlanta at the NJECN conference. Our National Jewish Early Childhood Network meeting has always provided the venue for connecting with our 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 early childhood Jewish professionals from all over the world. NJECN is as strong as ever. This year's conference promises to be exciting and to offer us content which will give us much food for thought and concrete practice to follow.

Our Tuesday program will provide us with insight into a variety of Jewish early childhood programming. We are grateful to our colleagues in Atlanta for all of their help and support in planning and offering such an exciting day of activities.

We hope that all of you will attend our open membership meeting and our festive welcome reception where we really have the chance to "network" and re-connect. We are thrilled to have Diane Levin join us on Wednesday as her reputation in the early childhood field is superb and her reflective and serious views on children who are growing up in today's world are of specific relevance to us. The program is packed with important Jewish and secular segments. The complete schedule is included in this newsletter.

We invite you to join us at our annual Shabbat dinner which is always filled with warmth and peace. It will be held at the Omni Hotel. We look forward to seeing you there as it is a wonderful experience for all who participate.

Until then, L'Shana Tova.

Vicki Perler and Nina Chaitin

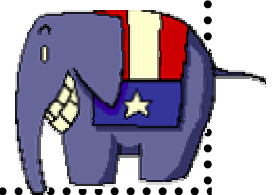
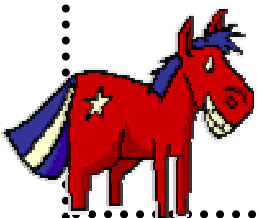
Co-Presidents, National Jewish Early Childhood Network



Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day.

Remember to get your absentee ballots

To obtain voter registration and absentee ballot information for your state, visit www.naeyc.org/policy/toolbox and click on "State-by-State Voter Registration Information."



Tuesday, November 7th Tour Day



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

Stop 1

The Temple Early Learning Center

A Reggio inspired school located downtown in Atlanta's oldest synagogue. Receive a historical tour of the synagogue and observe the school in action with Director, Edey Summerfield. Breakfast will be provided.

Stop 2

Marcus Jewish Community Center

Tour this NAEYC accredited school that uses an Ethical Start curriculum (based on Pirkei Avot). Visit the Sophie Hirsh Srochi Jewish Discovery Museum, a hands-on, interactive museum geared for children ages 11 and under and their families.

Enjoy a catered lunch along with a presentation by Stacey Shapiro, School Director.

Stop 3

Chaya Mushka Preschool

Visit this Montessori based Chabad preschool. You will have an opportunity to tour the school, observe in the classrooms and share in an open dialog with Dassy New, School Director.

\$65 per person – Members

\$75 per person – Non-members

Includes bus transportation, breakfast and lunch

Registration is required, deadline November 1

Tuesday evening

Omni Hotel International Ballroom E, 8:00 p.m.

Open Membership Meeting

followed by a reception

Come Play With Me!



Webster defines play as: "To engage in sport or lively recreation: to amuse or divert oneself; to frolic."

As we begin our week of hard work, join your Jewish Network friends and colleagues at a reception honoring the art of play, lively recreation and frolic. Come to schmooze, nosh, drink, see old friends, make new friends.

National Jewish Early Childhood Network is your **Havurah** (friendship group) in Atlanta!

No fee to attend meeting

\$5 per person for reception

Wednesday, November 8

Pre-conference Session

Georgia World Congress Center -Room B308

Variations on Play: How Many Ways Can Children Make Sense of Their World?

8:00 a.m. Registration, bagel nosh, visit the vendors

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks by Vicki Perler and Nina Chaitin
NJECN Co-Presidents
D'var Torah by Paul Flexner
Executive Director, Center for Jewish Education and Experiences, Atlanta, GA

9:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker Dr. Diane Levin
Professor of Education, Wheelock College, Boston, MA
Beyond Banning War Play: Play with Violence- Meeting Children's Needs

11:30 a.m. Dr. Sandy Waite-Stupiansky
Professor of Elementary Education, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Communicating with People who Think Play is a Four-Letter Word

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Shira Ackerman Simchovitch,
Department of Jewish Zionist Education of the Jewish Agency for Israel
**Chalav-u' Dvash-Ivrit le Yaldey Hagan": A New Hebrew Language
Instruction Program for Early Childhood Programs in the Diaspora**

1:30 p.m. Amy Freedman
Speech Pathologist, Center for Outreach in Education, The Ivymount School, Potomac, MD
Judi Greenberg
Occupational Therapist, Center for Outreach in Education, The Ivymount School, Potomac, MD
Playground Success: Developing Competent Playground Play

3:00 p.m. Rabbi Shalom Lewis
Rabbi, Etz Chaim Congregation, Atlanta, Georgia
The Holiness of Playing Games

Kosher Box Lunches are available for purchase – \$38 per person

Registration is required, deadline November 1

Meet the Keynote Speaker



Dr. Levin is an internationally recognized expert, and helps professionals and parents understand and counteract the harmful effects of violence, media and commercial culture on children. She is the founder of the Coalition for a Commercial-Free Childhood (www.commercialfreechildhood.org) which works to educate the public about and end the commercial exploitation of children. Currently Dr. Levin teaches human development and early childhood education courses on children's play, working with children in violent times, and media literacy. She has consulted to the American Psychological Association, PBS web sites and is the author of six books with another one in progress. Her work has been covered widely in the media including: The Boston Globe, BBC, Good Morning America, National Public Radio, NBC Nightline, Time Magazine, New York Times, USA Today, and the Washington Post.



Shabbat Events



Friday, November 10

Shabbat Dinner

Omni Hotel
7:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom A

Join us for an evening of song
and celebration

Candlelighting available at sundown

\$75 per person—members

\$85 per person—non members

Registration is required, deadline November 1

Saturday, November 11

Kosher box lunches available

12:30 p.m. pickup, Omni Hotel

\$38 per person

Registration is required, deadline November 1

Closing meeting and
Havdalah Service

Omni Hotel
5:45 p.m. Redwood 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, November 7

Includes transportation, breakfast and lunch. Cost of \$65 for members/\$75 non-members.

Please reserve _____ number of members @ \$65 each = \$ _____

Please reserve _____ number of non-members @ \$75 each = \$ _____

Please indicate lunch choice _____ egg salad _____ Asian chicken salad

Name of *each* participant _____

2. Open Membership Meeting, Tuesday, November 7 (NO CHARGE)

I plan to attend _____ yes _____ no

Name of *each* participant _____

3. Reception, Tuesday, November 7

Cost of \$5 per person @ \$5 each = \$ _____

Name of *each* participant _____

4. Pre-conference Session Wednesday, November 8 (NO CHARGE)

I plan to attend _____ yes _____ no

Name of *each* participant _____

5. Kosher Box Lunch, Wednesday, November 8

Cost of \$38 per person

Please reserve _____ number of lunches @ \$38 each = \$ _____

Name of *each* participant _____

6. Annual Shabbat Dinner, Friday, November 10

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, November 11

Cost of \$38 per person

Please reserve _____ number of lunches @ \$38 each = \$ _____

Name of *each* participant _____

Subtotal for activities \$ _____

Please note—all program fees are non-refundable after November 1, 2006

8. Membership Dues* (September 1, 2006–August 31, 2007)
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| 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, 2006–August 31, 2007)
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|---|--------------------------|
| Contributor | @ \$ 75 each = \$ _____ |
| Friend of Network | @ \$ 100 each = \$ _____ |
| Patron | @ \$ 150 each = \$ _____ |
| Angel | @ \$ 500 each = \$ _____ |
| Benefactor | @ \$1000 each = \$ _____ |
| Permission to publish name in newsletter? | _____yes _____no |

Name of *each* participant _____

*See newsletter for detailed description of membership categories

10. Contribution to help offset the costs of programming _____ \$ _____
- Permission to publish name in newsletter? _____yes _____no

Subtotal for membership and additional contributions \$ _____

Subtotal for activities \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

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

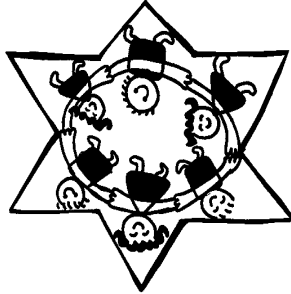
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Permission to share name with other Jewish early childhood organizations? : ____yes ____no			
Name _____			
Address _____			
Street address	City	State	Zip code
Business phone _____		Home phone _____	
Fax _____		Email address _____	
Please provide the following information: Your position _____			
Synagogue Affiliation and type _____ <i>or</i> 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 laine@groeger.com

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