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New Jewish Preschool to Open in September
Tuition-Free Spaces Make Early Childhood Education Accessible

Needham, MA: Temple Aliyah in Needham, MA is pleased to announce that it will open a new half-day Jewish preschool in September 2014 called Gan Aliyah Preschool, which will welcome two and “almost two” year olds into a joyful, Jewish learning environment. Three and four year old classes will begin in September 2015. Gan Aliyah Preschool is offering a number of tuition-free spaces during its inaugural year, made possible by the generosity of donors who are committed to making Jewish preschool education available from the earliest age possible, and to encouraging synagogue affiliation.

“The opening of a Jewish preschool has been a long-standing dream of our community, to plant the seeds for early Jewish education,” said Beth Moskowitz, Chair of the Advisory Board of Gan Aliyah Preschool. “Gan Aliyah Preschool is the product of the hard work and determination of our lay leaders, clergy and staff, and it’s quite fitting that this falls during the celebration of our synagogue’s 50th anniversary.”

“The Gan Aliyah Preschool program is based on our belief that each child is a unique individual who develops at his or her own pace,” according to Jennifer Rudin, the Director of Education at Temple Aliyah. “Learning at Gan Aliyah is child-initiated, child-directed and teacher supported. Our nurturing environment fosters each child’s social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual development. We believe it’s the partnership between educators and parents that provides an atmosphere where families and children can grow and learn within a supportive Jewish community.”

When asked why the creation of a preschool at Temple Aliyah is so important, Rabbi Carl Perkins responded: “It’s simple. One of our key missions as a congregation is education. We are here to educate everyone in our community, from the very youngest to the most senior. During their earliest years, children are learning important values and skills that will inform the rest of their lives, and they’re developing emotional connections with the world around them. These are precisely the years when we would like them to learn that Jewish living is joyful, and to see the world through Jewish eyes.”

About Temple Aliyah: Temple Aliyah is a contemporary and egalitarian Conservative synagogue in Needham, MA, celebrating its 50th anniversary. Led by Rabbi Carl Perkins and Cantor Gastón Bogomolni, it has 425+ families from Needham, Wellesley, Dover, Newton, Medfield, Westwood, Dedham and other communities in the greater Boston area. www.templealiyah.com

About Gan Aliyah Preschool: Gan Aliyah Preschool is a new and exciting part of the educational programming at Temple Aliyah. Its Toddler Program of two and almost two-year olds is welcoming and open to all families who wish to attend. Three and four year old classes will begin in September 2015.
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