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San Diego Jewish Academy To Open Preschool In The Fall Of 2011

SDJA will open a preschool later this year and expand its course offerings so the school can educate students ranging from infants to high school seniors.

San Diego, CA – January 25, 2011 – After providing over 30 years of educational excellence, San Diego Jewish Academy (SDJA) will expand its education program in the fall of 2011 by opening a Jewish preschool designed to offer an enriching, hands-on learning environment that enhances social, emotional and cognitive development, announced Executive Director Larry Acheatel.

“Our objective is to extend the warmth of a child’s home into the classroom and provide a stimulating, active environment that helps children develop in a caring environment,” said Acheatel. “At SDJA, we strive to create classroom environments where all children are valued for their unique abilities. Our goal is to foster respect for diversity and instill values that guide students throughout their lives.”

Acheatel noted that with the addition of the preschool, SDJA fills a gap between its very successful *Beit Yeladim* program, which serves students six weeks to 24 months old, and its outstanding kindergarten program. “With the preschool’s opening, SDJA will now provide a seamless, high-quality Jewish education to students ranging in age from six weeks old to high school seniors,” continued Acheatel.

According to Acheatel, the new preschool will initially offer a five day, three day and two day a week program for young students. “If there is enough interest, we also plan to offer a program for four-year-olds,” explained Acheatel. “A limited number of spaces will be available initially so we anticipate enrollment to fill-up quickly.”

To enhance the school’s affordability while helping families further enrich their children’s education, SDJA is announcing incentives to local families. “For each year a child is enrolled full-time in SDJA’s preschool program, he or she will be credited with a 25% tuition discount for a corresponding number of years beginning in kindergarten. For example, enroll one year in preschool, get 25% off kindergarten; enroll two years in preschool, get 25% off kindergarten and first grade; and so on.”

The philosophy of the new preschool will continue SDJA’s pluralistic mission, which has successfully guided the school for many years. “Our goal is to provide a high-quality secular and Jewish education to as many students as possible,” continued Acheatel. “SDJA’s guiding principles will be a driving force in our new preschool’s educational philosophy, which makes me confident in its success, as our alumni have become leaders in their respective communities.”

About SDJA:

San Diego Jewish Academy challenges infants to high school seniors to achieve their full academic potential and become individuals of strong character, while inspiring them to make Judaism a vital and relevant aspect of their lives.

For more information about San Diego Jewish Academy, visit www.sdja.com.

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Photo caption: SDJA kindergarten student Ariela Mussali writes about the new preschool in chalk.