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Early Childhood Institute

Monday, March 4, 2024

24 Adar 5784

“Chazakim B’Yachad – Stronger Together”

In collaboration with  *the paradigm project*

Dear Colleagues,

I am thrilled to invite you to register for our 43rd annual Early Childhood Institute in special collaboration with The Paradigm Project. We are excited to offer high quality, innovative workshops from presenters, coming locally and from across the country, including, Jenna Turner, Veronica Maravankin, Denise Moyes Schnur, Wes Chernin, and Rabbi Rebecca Schatz. The full list of conference presenters and workshop topics will be shared in the weeks leading up to the conference and in a change from previous years, participants will have the opportunity to choose the workshops that feel most relevant and inspiring to them on the day of the conference.

This year’s conference will look a little different than last year. We will be hosting our conference at a new site, HAMAKOM (6025 Valley Circle Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367). The schedule this year has also been updated. In lieu of a full keynote address this year, we will once again offer an extended dairy breakfast buffet followed by three workshops from our esteemed presenters, lunch, and a closing reflection session. This year’s lunch is made possible thanks to a generous donation by Sanford and David Weiner in memory of their beloved wife and mother, Karen Weiner^{z”l}.

We want to thank the Early Childhood Directors’ Network President, Alisha Sela, and the Institute Planning Committee: Angie Bass, Chana Blugrind, Claudine Douglas, Avital Etehad, Renee Hutchings, Alana Levitt, Abby Mars, Robin Masnicoff, Valerie Segall, and Tatiana Zaidman for providing guidance, input and direction in shaping and planning this special day.

Warmly,

Carly Rosenstein

Director, Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Education and Special Projects

IMPORTANT PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION POLICY

Registration is available **online only** at <https://www.tfaforms.com/5098163> and must be completed by **Friday, December 22, 2023**, in order to qualify for early bird registration fees. After the early bird deadline, we will be opening up any additional spaces to the out of towners joining us from The Paradigm Project. We are giving priority to BJE-affiliated schools during the early bird period. After that time, you will be considered a walk-in registration, fees will increase and we will only be able to register additional participants if space allows and space is limited.

Schools should designate one representative to register all of their participants at the same time. Please have the names and emails for all of the educators you are registering ready before beginning the registration process. When filling out the registration form, if you are registering more than 20 participants, please indicate the 20 participants you are registering at the base price and then however many additional teachers you are registering at the discounted rate.

REGISTRATION FEES

BJE-AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

Early Bird Registration (before December 22)	First 1 to 20 participants	\$65/each
	21st participant and up	\$55/each
Walk-In Registration (after December 22)	First 1 to 20 participants	\$75/each
	21st participant and up	\$65/each

NON-AFFILIATED (WITH BJE) SCHOOLS **Need to register on a separate form after December 22**

All Registration	any # of participants	\$175/each
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BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Registration fees include a full breakfast buffet and dairy lunch (dietary laws observed).

PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICY

Payment **MUST** be made by credit or debit card online at time of registration. Refund requests must be made in writing directly to Carly Rosenstein at crosenstein@bjela.org and will be issued in the form of a check from BJE. A 50% refund can be granted until December 22, 2023. **NO refunds will be allowed after December 22, 2023.** You may, however, send a substitute participant.

For further information, contact Carly Rosenstein, crosenstein@bjela.org, (323) 761-8623.

BJE builds and secures a vibrant and enduring Jewish future through education. BJE works with more than 130 affiliated schools and 2,500 educators to provide high quality education to nearly 22,000 students in the greater Los Angeles community. As a unifying force in the community, BJE links a diverse educational system comprising a full spectrum of Jewish ideology and traditions. Through programs, services and scholarships, BJE enhances educational quality, encourages participation of children and families in Jewish education and helps make Jewish education more accessible.

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	TRANSITION TIME
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	WELCOME & AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	TRANSITION TIME
9:45 AM - 11:00 AM	WORKSHOP BLOCK 1
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	BREAK
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM	WORKSHOP BLOCK 2
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	LUNCH
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	WORKSHOP BLOCK 3
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	REFLECTION SESSION