

Peninsula Jewish Community Center
Preschool Calendar
2011 - 2012

AUGUST

1 Mon. **Forms Due** In Preschool Office
19 Fri. End of Summer Camp Yeladim
23-26 T-F Preschool Staff Returns for In-Service
28 Sun. **New Family Welcome Breakfast Playdate**, 9:30-11:00 on Playground
29 Mon. Staff Orientation
30 Tues. **Open House for T/Th and M-F Classes**, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
30 Tues. **Tiny Tots Begins**, Regular Schedule
30 Tues. **Parent Orientation Meeting for all K'ton ton and Tiny Tot Classes**
(2 year old and Toddler Classes), 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Parents Only)
31 Wed. **Open House for MWF Classes**, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
31 Wed. **First Day of School for M-F Classes**, Regular Schedule, Bagel Nosh for Parents at Drop-off

SEPTEMBER

1 Thurs. **First Day of School for T/Th Classes**, Regular Schedule, Bagel Nosh for Parents at Drop-off
2 Fri. **First Day of School for MWF Classes**, Regular Schedule, Bagel Nosh for Parents at Drop Off
5 Mon. **Labor Day, PJCC Preschool Closed**
7 Wed. **First Pizza Day**
12 Mon. Fall Enrichment Registration Begins On-line
16 Fri. **Room Parent Keshet Information Meeting**, 9:15-11:00 a.m.
18 Sun. **PJCC Open House**
21 Wed. **Keshet Back to School Night** (3 year old classes) 7:00-8:30 p.m./ 6:30 for Stay & Play Info
22 Thurs. **Kee Tov Back to School Night** (4 year old classes) 7:00-8:30 p.m./6:30 for Stay & Play Info
23 Fri. **Jewish Holiday 101 Workshop**, 9:15-10:30 a.m.
26 Mon. End of Enrichment Registration
28 Wed. **Erev Rosh Hashanah, Stay & Play Closes at 5:00**
29 Thurs. **Rosh Hashanah, PJCC Preschool Closed**
30 Fri. **Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day, PJCC Preschool Closed**

OCTOBER

7 Fri. **Erev Yom Kippur, Stay & Play Closes at 5:00**
8 Sat. **Yom Kippur**
10 Mon. Fall Enrichment Session Begins
12 Wed. **Erev Sukkot, Stay & Play Closes at 5:00**
13 Thurs. **Sukkot - PJCC Preschool Closed**
19 Wed. **Erev Sh'mini Atzeret, Stay & Play Closes at 5:00**
20 Thurs. **Sh'mini Atzeret, 8th day of Sukkot - PJCC Preschool Closed**
21 Fri. **Simchat Torah - Parade at 9:20 - Open**
26 Wed. **Positive Discipline Workshop, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**
28 Fri. **Parent Keshet Breakfast Meeting**, 9:15-10:30

NOVEMBER

1-4 Tues-Fri **Class and Individual Photos** by Vince Tarry Photography
1-30 M-F Parent Teacher Conferences
11 Fri. **Veteran's Day, PJCC Preschool Closed for Staff Retreat**
14 Mon. **Parent Keshet Meeting**, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
24 Thurs. **Thanksgiving Day, PJCC Preschool CLOSED**

25 Fri. Day After Thanksgiving, **PJCC Preschool CLOSED**

DECEMBER

5 Mon. Winter Enrichment Session Registration Begins On-line
8 Thurs. Family Event, December Dilemma, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
12-16 M-F Last Week of Fall Enrichment Session
18 Sun. **PJCC Hanukkah Latzkepalooza Celebration**, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
20 Tues. 1st Candle of Hanukkah
21-27 T-W **Hanukkah**
19-30 M-F **PJCC Winter Break**
19-23 M-F **PJCC Winter Camp-Session 1**
26-30 M-F **PJCC Winter Camp-Session 2**

JANUARY

1 Sun. New Year's Day
2 Mon. New Year's Holiday, **Preschool CLOSED**
3 Tues. **PJCC Preschool Resumes**
9 Mon. Winter Enrichment Session Begins
16 Mon. Martin Luther King's Birthday, **PJCC Preschool CLOSED**
20 Fri. **Preschool Parent Keshet Meeting**, 9:15-10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY

6 Mon. **Parent Keshet Meeting**, 7:30-9:00 p.m. - Preview of Book Fair
6-10 M-F **Banana Seed Book Fair**
8 Wed. **Tu B'Shevat** - Celebration of Trees
9 Thurs. **Pizza and Pajama Party**, Book Fair Event
17 Fri. **Staff ECE Conference, PJCC Preschool CLOSED**
20 Mon. Presidents' Day, **PJCC Preschool CLOSED**

MARCH

1 Tues. Spring Enrichment Registration Begins On-line
8 Thurs. Purim
8 Thurs. **Purim Costume Parade for T/TH Classes at 9:20**
9 Fri. **Purim Costume Parade and Carnival for M/W/F and M-F Classes, 9:20**
15 Thurs. **Spring Enrichment Registration Ends**
19 Fri. **Preschool Parent Keshet Meeting**, 9:15-10:30 a.m..
19-23 M-F Winter Enrichment Session Ends
26 Mon. Spring Enrichment Session Begins

APRIL

6 Fri. Passover Begins, 1st Seder, **Preschool Closes at 5:00**
9-13 M-F Spring Passover Vacation, **PJCC Preschool CLOSED**
16 Mon. Preschool Resumes
23 Mon. **Preschool Parent Keshet Meeting**, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
26 Thurs. **Yom Ha'atzmaut**, Israel Independence Day, Preschool Parade, T/Th Classes, 9:20
27 Fri. **Yom Ha'atzmaut**, Israel Independence Day, Preschool Parade and Shuk, 9:20

MAY

1-4	T-F	Spring Photo Session, Vince Tarry Photography
1-31	T-Th	Parent Teacher Conferences
10	Thurs.	Lag B'Omer
13	Sun.	Happy Mother's Day!
18	Fri.	Ruach Worksheets are Due in the Preschool Office
18	Fri.	Parent Keshet Thank You Brunch, 9:15-10:30 a.m.
28	Mon.	Memorial Day, PJCC Preschool CLOSED
28	Mon.	Shavuot, PJCC Preschool CLOSED

JUNE

1	Fri.	Last Enrichment Class
6	Wed.	Last Day of School for MWF
7	Thurs.	PJCC Last Day of School, Picnic, Concert and Celebration at 12:00; No Stay & Play, Open Family Swim
8	Fri.	Clean-up Day for Staff
11-15	M-F	Camp Staff Training
17	Sun.	Happy Father's Day!
18	Mon.	Camp Yeladim Begins
19	Tues.	Camp K'ton ton Begins

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JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Shabbat

SABBATH

Commemorates God's rest on the seventh day of creation and the Exodus from Egypt. Weekly, from just before sundown Friday to just after sundown Saturday.

Rosh Hashanah

JEWISH NEW YEAR

Celebration of the beginning of the Jewish calendar year. Begins the Day of Awe, a 10-day period of repentance and prayer that ends on Yom Kippur. Celebrated with festive meals, including apples dipped in honey.

September 29-30, 2011

1-2 Tishrei 5772

Yom Kippur

DAY OF ATONEMENT

The holiest day on the Jewish calendar, marking the end of the Days of Awe. Spent in fasting and prayer. The sounding of the shofar, the ram's horn, signals the end of the holiday.

October 8, 2011

10 Tishrei 5772

Sukkot

FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Named after the huts the Jews lived in while wandering in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt. Marked by building sukkot to eat meals in during the festival, and processions with the lulav (palm branch with myrtle and willow) and etrog (citron fruit).

October 13-20, 2011

15-22 Tishrei 5772

Shemini Atzeret

EIGHTH DAY OF ASSEMBLY

Either the final day of Sukkot, or a distinct holiday immediately following Sukkot, depending on which interpretation is followed. Historically, it allowed an extra day in Jerusalem for Jewish pilgrims to the Temple. *Tefillat geshem* (the prayer for rain), *hallel* (psalms of thanksgiving and joy), and *yizkor* (memorial prayers) are recited.

October 20, 2011

22 Tishrei 5772

Simchat Torah

REJOICING FOR THE TORAH

Annual cycle of reading the Torah is concluded and a new cycle begun. Singing and dancing with Torahs and often with flags.

October 21, 2011

23 Tishrei 5772

Chanukah

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Celebrates victory when the Maccabees regained Jerusalem. One day's oil for the Temple's light lasted eight days. A *chanukiah* (memorah) is lit for eight nights, and *latkes* (potato pancakes) are fried in oil to commemorate the story. Children play with dreidels, gifts are exchanged.

December 21-28, 2011 (first candle is lit on December 20)

25 Kislev-2 Tevet 5772

Tu B'Shevat

NEW YEAR OF TREES

Marks springtime in Israel. Celebrated with picnics, fruit and planting trees.

February 8, 2012

15 Shevat 5772

Purim

FEAST OF LOTS

Celebrates rescue of the Jews in ancient Persia. Celebrated by reading the Book of Esther with costumes and *groggers* (noise-makers). Hamantaschen are eaten.

March 8, 2012

14 Adar 5772

Pesach

PASSOVER

Eight-day festival celebrating Exodus of the Jews from Egypt. At the seder (literally "order"- of the ritual meal, stories and prayers) the Haggadah ("the telling - the text of the seder) is read, and the story of the Exodus is told. Matzah is eaten.

April 7-April 13, 2012 (1st seder on April 6)

15-22 Nissan 5772

Yom HaShoah

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Marked by memorials for those who perished in the Holocaust.

April 19, 2012

27 Nissan 5772

Yom Hazikaron

ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day for all who died serving Israel. Concludes with a siren blast as stars appear and Independence Day begins.

April 25, 2012

4 Iyar 5772

Yom Ha'atzmaut

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrated by Jews around the world. Israel celebrates with parades, singing, dancing and fireworks.

April 26, 2012

5 Iyar 5772

Lag B'Omer

THIRTY-THIRD DAY OF OMER

The Thirty-third day of the Omer, breaking up the seven weeks of semi-mourning between Passover and Shavuot. Celebrates either the end of a plague among Rabbi Akiva's students or the victory of BarKakhba's soldiers over the Romans 2,000 years ago. Celebrated with picnics and sports.

May 10, 2012

18 Iyar 5772

Shavuot

FESTIVAL OF WEEKS

Marks the end of the counting of the omer, a 49-day period that begins on the second night of Passover. In biblical times fell at the end of the spring harvest. Recalls receiving of the Torah at Sinai. Confirmation ceremonies, dairy foods, honey and floral decorations. An all-night study session called a *tikkun*, originally a mystical practice, has become increasingly popular.

May 27-28, 2012

6-7 Sivan 5772

Tisha B'Av

NINTH DAY OF AV

Day of fasting to commemorate the destruction of the First and Second Temples, the loss of Jewish sovereignty, and numerous other tragedies said to have fallen on this day. The book of Eicha (Lamentations) is read.

July 29, 2012

9 Av 5772