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## SEPTEMBER 12 2014 NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Parents,**

We would like to welcome all the new, as well returning students to the Jewish ELC family! We are looking forward to having a great year!

We, Morah Debbie and Morah Tamari, have so enjoyed our first two weeks and are looking forward to getting to know all of your children even better throughout the year.

The school year has started out very smoothly and has been full of excitement. We have a full day curriculum planned with many hands-on learning opportunities in and out of the classroom.

Our focus these past two weeks has been on simple routines. In circle time we all say our names, sing songs about the calendar and days of the week and excitedly do the mitzvah of giving tzedakah (charity).

As part of our Rosh Hashanah theme, we are also reading 'Sammy Spider's First Rosh Hashanah', by Sylvia A. Rouss. The children are really enjoying it.

We learned that on Rosh Hashana we blow the shofar. We also learned about the special foods we eat on Rosh Hashana, starting with apples dipped in honey for a sweet new year. We've been working on some special projects for the new year.

### Here's an exciting song we've been singing in the classroom:

Dip the apples in the honey  
Make a bracha (blessing) loud and clear  
L'shana Tova U'metuka  
May you have a sweet New Year!

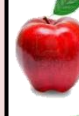
As we are adjusting to all new changes of a brand new school, the Morahs have kept the students very busy. This year the children will have a structured alphabet curriculum in conjunction with the Judaic curriculum. We have been working on practicing how to write our names. The children played an ABC game and they really had lots of fun. After the chagim (holidays), the children will begin learning a letter every week.

We end off our week on Friday making our own challah and enjoying a wonderful Shabbat party. We enjoy singing many new shabbat songs!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year together.

**Shabbat Shalom!**

**Morah Debby and Morah Tamari ☺**





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