



Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism



Who we are...

ECE-RJ is an organization of early childhood professionals who are passionate about Reform Jewish early childhood education. We are a national organization that includes directors, teachers, and leaders involved in early engagement. Our members welcome families into our synagogues and are often an entry point for congregational membership.

Membership Information

7.1.16 - 6.30.17

Benefits of Membership...

REFORM PENSION BOARD

Being able to plan for your future is extremely important! Early Childhood Directors and Assistant Directors are eligible to participate in the Reform Pension Board (RPB) if they are FULL DUES PAYING MEMBERS of ECE-RJ and work in a URJ affiliated institution. When making application please be sure to indicate ECE-RJ as your primary affiliation. The RPB provides a variety of programs and services, including a 403(b) pension plan, rabbi trust plan, life insurance, long-term disability insurance and pension continuance protection. For participation information, contact RPB at 212.681.1818 x228 or visit www.rpb.org for enrollment.

automatically enrolled, and can immediately begin conversations with colleagues throughout North America.

Professional Support

If you have a question, concern, need advice, assistance with troubleshooting, help is an email away. Email board@ecerj.org and a board member will personally respond and offer support and guidance.

Monthly Meet Up Calls

Monthly Meet Ups are conference calls hosted by ECE-RJ Members with designated topics. Each session is one hour in length. Calls will include rich discussions about the topic at hand. All you have to do is dial in!

ECE-RJ Email Discussion List

Our ECE-RJ email Discussion List is for Directors, Assistant Directors and those in Supervisory Positions. This Discussion List provides you an opportunity to network with other professionals as you gather information and resources. Conversations will arrive directly into your email inbox. All supervisory members of ECE-RJ, have been

Professional Development

ECE-RJ plans and hosts an annual learning opportunity for educators. Opportunities for meaningful professional networking, mentoring and personal growth are complimented by trips to local venues along with many opportunities for fun and free time all of which are built in to the learning experience. We offer two formats in alternating years as follows:



"Who is wise? The one who learns from everyone, as it is said."

-Psalms 119:99



A Proud Affiliate of the URJ

Our Mission

Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism (ECE-RJ) is committed to building vibrant, contemporary and inclusive Jewish early childhood educational communities. We support and promote the professional growth of our colleagues. As members of ECE-RJ, we work to bring people together within our congregations, between our congregations and in the Jewish community at large.



Wherever children are learning, there dwells the
Divine Presence. -Yiddish Proverb

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Benefits of Membership...

Professional Development...

National Conference

Held in odd numbered years in a city with multiple early childhood centers, conferences provide opportunities for local educators of all affiliations to come together to study and collaborate. A cutting edge topic is chosen as the theme and learning is enhanced through a prominent keynote speaker, special guests, and a variety of workshops. Conference attendees will strengthen their partnerships, classroom and school management skills, specific teaching strategies, spiritual growth and Judaic knowledge.

Intensive Kallah

Held in even numbered years, a kallah is a more intimate learning experience hosted in an exciting venue. A Scholar in Residence leads this smaller community of learners. Attendees explore the kallah theme on a deep and meaningful level in this supportive setting. Guest speakers facilitate additional exploration of the kallah theme as well as opportunities for meaningful application.

Private Teacher Facebook Group

All teacher members of ECE-RJ are invited to join our private Facebook page, just for teacher conversations. This is a platform where teachers can share ideas, pose and answer questions, share successes and challenges, post interesting articles or curriculum ideas and engage with colleagues throughout the country. Teachers can join the conversation themselves by going to <http://tinyurl.com/ecerj-fb-teachers>.

ECE-RJ Facebook Page

All members of ECE-RJ are invited to visit and 'like' the Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism Facebook page. This is a platform where we share current information, articles and information related to early childhood, early engagement along with

ECE-RJ organizational updates. Please visit our page, Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism, often & invite your colleagues and teachers to 'like' our page.

Reduced ARJE Membership Rate

Early Childhood Directors who are full dues paying members of ECE-RJ and whose primary job responsibility is early childhood and family engagement may join ARJE (formerly NATE) at a reduced complimentary rate. Visit www.natenet.org for more membership information.

Postings of National Job Opportunities

As a service to our membership and their supporting congregations, ECE-RJ is proud to share job openings in Early Childhood Centers supported by a Reform Congregation. Postings and pertinent information related to the position are made via our email Discussion List as well as in ECE-RJ's site on The Tent.

URJ Knowledge Network Access (The Tent/Yammer)

ECE-RJ's site on The Tent is a digital community, uniting early childhood professionals via discussion boards and a searchable resource library. All conversations on the ECE-RJ site are private.

National Referrals for Relocating Staff and Families

ECE-RJ helps your staff and families who are relocating. It is a tremendous benefit to have high qualified staff members as well as engaged families within our network of programs. Through ECE-RJ, you can help your staff members who are moving find a new position and you can assist families find exceptional early childhood program in their new city or town. Relocation announcements are made via our email Discussion List as well as in ECE-RJ's site on The Tent.