

## Full Circle Preschool



August marks three years of OZ Full Circle Preschool! These past three years have been filled with so much growth among our learning community. While we continue to focus on the developmental growth of our community's youngest, it is also important to note the growth we have experienced as educators, parents, friends, and advocates.

This has certainly been an unprecedented time for many of us, but as we continue to adjust to the changes, our strength as a community continues to prevail. As we look forward to opening our synagogue doors sometime in the distant future, we remain filled with joy and hope as the hallways, gardens and playgrounds continue to echo with the sound of children. Though it seems that many aspects

of life have come to a halt for some, we are still growing, still laughing, singing, dancing, and playing through the sadness and joy.

In the midst of the pandemic, we have not lost sight of the importance in talking to our children about inclusion. We teach that different is not bad, it is special. That the world is like a big house with so many different people living inside of it. We teach that it is important make sure we welcome everyone, because we all share the same earth and there is room for each of us to be whomever we wish to be. The children have walked the front lawn and examined the many signs that show our community's solidarity with the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color), near and far. They are being taught to raise their voices, to advocate for themselves and those around them, because now more than ever it is crucial that we raise healers of the earth.

With the ending of another preschool year, we would like to send a heartfelt mazel tov to our graduating students: Maya Edson, Lola Traverse, Hudson Oclatis, and Zeal Yaramishyn, who have been part of Full Circle since our very first day! Other students moving on include Amos and Zusa Lightberg, who are exploring alternative learning experiences, and Dalia Orman whose family will be moving to Philadelphia at the end of October.

This is such a bittersweet time for us as we transition our oldest children to kindergarten and welcome new families. Our Infant room welcomes Hazel Bieber-McFadden, younger sister to Sandy; James Haslett, younger brother to Lillian; Margo Fuller, younger sister to Finn; and Bella Bennum, daughter of members Carrie Alexander and George Bennum. Our Older Toddler room welcomes Nina Aronson and Zacky Hoffnung, and our Pre-Kindergarten class welcomes Matthew and Merrett Price and London DeCristo!





We are excited to begin this new school year and enter a new Jewish year! Sending you all love and light.

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