



# Beth Ami Community Nursery School

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## NURSERY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Beth Ami Community Nursery School (BACNS) is located at Congregation Beth Ami (CBA) in Santa Rosa. Our preschool is committed to quality Early Childhood Education; we believe each child is unique and approaches learning in a variety of ways. Our program teaches the whole child - socially, physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

BACNS welcomes all families: Jewish, non-Jewish, interfaith, no faith, multi-generational, single-parent, and same-sex parent families; you do not need to be a member at CBA to belong to our preschool community. We focus on universal Jewish values with an emphasis on care for one another, the community and our environment. We celebrate Jewish religion and culture with holiday festivities and celebration of Shabbat (Sabbath) including music, dance, stories, art, play, cooking and baking challah (braided bread), all in developmentally appropriate ways. Our curriculum is inspired by the Reggio Emilia method, embraced by educators for its child-centered philosophy.

- BACNS has four self-contained classroom programs, taught by teams of two to three teachers each: a “Twos” class, a “Threes” class, a “Fours” class, and, “Older Four & Five-yr-old” class. Both “Fours” classes prepare children for Kindergarten. Parents are encouraged to speak with 4’s teachers to learn details.
- BACNS teacher-to-child ratios are low: 4 children to 1 teacher in the Twos class, 6 to 1 in the 3’s class, and 7 to 1 in the 4’s classes.
- BACNS teachers are highly experienced and educated. Many have advanced degrees in education or related Early Childhood fields. On average, they have taught at our school for ten years, and several for more than 20 years.
- NEW: We offer before-school and after-school Extended Day Care starting at 7:30 a.m., lasting until 5:30 p.m., (preschool hours are 9:00am - 1:00pm for Threes, Fours & Fives, and 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. for Twos.)
- NEW: During the Jewish holidays of Sukkot and Passover, we offer Yom Tov Holiday Camps to accommodate family work schedules and childcare needs.
- BACNS provides after-school enrichment Classes for three and four-year-olds in areas such as Gymnastics, Art and Music.
- BACNS is a California state-licensed facility and conforms to California state childcare facility standards and reporting requirements.
- BACNS is a recipient of a First Five Kindergarten Readiness Grant for Early Literacy and grants from the Jewish Community Federation.
- We have an active Parent Committee and provide Parent Education opportunities throughout the year. We welcome parent involvement!

Please visit our website at: [www.bethamir.org/education/nurseryschool](http://www.bethamir.org/education/nurseryschool) for all your Nursery School needs

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