



# Beth Ami Community Nursery School

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## NURSERY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

The Beth Ami Community Nursery School is located at Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa. Our nursery school is committed to quality Early Childhood Education. We believe each child is unique and approaches learning in a variety of ways. We strive to present a program that teaches the whole child - socially, physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. We are open to all, no or interfaith families as well as families of all configurations and centralize on universal Jewish values with an emphasis on care for the community and our environment. We celebrate the Jewish religion and culture through joyous holiday festivities and by celebrating the end-of-the-week Shabbat (Sabbath) through music, dance, stories, art, play, cooking and baking challah (braided bread) - all in a developmentally appropriate way. Our curriculum is inspired by the Reggio Emilia method embraced by Jewish educators for its child-centered philosophy, and for its parallels to Jewish values.

- We have four self-contained classroom programs, taught by teams of two to three teachers each: a Twos class, a Threes class, and 2 Fours classes.
- Our child-to-teacher ratios are low: 1 to 4 in the Twos class up to 1 to 7 in the Fours.
- 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, with some over 25 years.
- We offer before-school and after-school Extended Day Care half an hour to an hour before and up to 3 hours after school, based upon enrollment.
- We provide after-school enrichment Classes for three and four-year-olds in areas such as Gymnastics, Art and Music.
- We are a California state-licensed facility and conform to California state childcare facility standards and reporting requirements.
- We are recipients of a First Five Kindergarten Readiness Grant for Early Literacy and Grants from the Jim Joseph Foundation.
- We have an open Parent Committee and offer Parent Education or referrals to further parent education.

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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