

Beth El Nursery School (BENS) in North Berkeley seeks a qualified teacher to join our afternoon, *Gan Shemesh* (Sun Garden) team of early childhood educators. Our Jewish play based program for children ages 2-5 uses an emergent curriculum approach that incorporates developmentally appropriate practices to help children learn about themselves and the world around them. Much of our afternoon program takes place in our Outdoor Classroom and incorporates learning in nature. Our site boasts several gardens, a mud kitchen, an art studio and a nature nook.

Teachers at BENS are well versed in child development, passionate about teaching and bringing process oriented, hands on learning to their students. We are looking for warm, creative and collaborative team members with strong leadership skills. Our afternoon teachers work as a team to create a vibrant program for our mixed age group. The hours of the *Gan Shemesh* program are from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Monday through Thursdays and Fridays 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

The ideal candidate will be able to create a consistent learning environment that provides for emotional, cognitive, social and physical growth in children. They will be able to observe children playing and learning and identify what children are curious about. An ideal teacher will be able to prepare learning spaces that maximize opportunities to inspire curiosity, creativity and compassion. Knowledge of Jewish holidays, values and customs are desired but not required.

Competitive salary, benefits, and friendly/supportive staff.

Qualifications:

- Experience working with young children in a preschool setting
- Experience working in an outdoor setting
- Minimum 12 units in early childhood education or child development
- Site Supervisor certification desired
- Live Scan, TB clearance and Immunizations
- Ability to lift 40 pounds
- Positions available beginning in August 2018.

If you are an interested candidate, please describe in a cover letter, why you are uniquely qualified for this position, attach a resume and send to: [jobs@bethelberkeley.org](mailto:jobs@bethelberkeley.org)