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**MICAH CHILDREN'S ACADEMY NAMES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,**

**TO BE INTRODUCED AT JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> OPEN HOUSE**

NASHVILLE -- Micah Children's Academy, a new pre-school for children ages six weeks to five years, will hold an Open House 1 p.m. Sunday, June 13. The event will give interested families the opportunity to meet the school's new Assistant Director and teachers, and to learn more about the Academy's philosophy and practice of early childhood education.

Micah Children's Academy, owned and operated by Congregation Micah, a Reform Jewish synagogue, welcomes children of all faiths and cultures. With a capacity for 83 children, the school will open August 16. Applications are available at [www.micahchildrensacademy.org](http://www.micahchildrensacademy.org).

Theresa LePore has been named Assistant Director of the Academy. She has been a preschool teacher for 11 years, nine at Hillwood Playcare, operated by Hillwood Presbyterian Church in West Meade. LePore holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hearing Impaired Education. The mother of three daughters, she is an active member of St. Ann Catholic Church and School and a community volunteer.

"In addition to her solid experience in the pre-school arena, LePore has a background that will help her meet any special needs our students may have," said Lynn Heady, formerly Williamson County Director of Instruction and Curriculum and now Micah Children's Academy Director.

The Open House will include a sing-along led by Micah Music Director Lisa Silver; welcome by Micah Rabbi Laurie Rice; information about the school's Jewish curriculum by Micah Education Director Julie Greenberg; and Heady's overview of the vision for and operation of the Academy's programs.

Heady will present an update about the facility, depiction of its rooms and outfitting and of its all-natural playscape, designed to encourage imaginative play. LePore and newly hired teachers will be introduced.

Heady will also announce one of the Academy's after-school electives: *Making Music Together*, an early childhood music and movement program for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers, kindergarteners and the adults who love them. A national, research-based program, *Making Music Together* originated at the Princeton Lab School ([www.makingmusictogether.com](http://www.makingmusictogether.com)).

Straddling Williamson and Davidson County lines, Micah Children's Academy is located in Brentwood and Nashville. The pre-school is minutes from I-65 and I-40, providing easy access for families from Franklin, Brentwood, Oak Hill, Green Hills, Bellevue and surrounding communities.

The Academy offers flexible schedules to accommodate the needs of at-home moms or dads and dual income families. Schedules and tuition are available at [www.micahchildrensacademy.com](http://www.micahchildrensacademy.com).

Serving nearly 500 families under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Laurie Rice and Rabbi Philip (Flip) Rice, Congregation Micah, renowned for its musical orientation, warmth and inclusiveness, is a vibrant Reform Jewish synagogue offering creative and diverse ways to celebrate Jewish life.

For more information about Micah Children's Academy, call Lynn Heady or Julie Greenberg, (615) 377-9799 or visit [www.micahchildrensacademy.org](http://www.micahchildrensacademy.org).

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