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MICAH CHILDREN'S ACADEMY, NEW PRE-SCHOOL,
HIRES TEACHING STAFF, INSTALLS HIGH-TECH SECURITY SYSTEM

NASHVILLE/BRENTWOOD -- Reflecting its commitment to provide a “best practices” early childhood education, Micah Children’s Academy has hired a cadre of teachers with diverse expertise and skills that will enrich the new pre-school, according to Lynn Heady, Academy Director.

Owned and operated by Congregation Micah, a Reform Jewish synagogue straddling Williamson/Davidson Counties, the Academy is for children ages six weeks to five years. Youngsters of all faiths and cultures are welcome. Applications and tuition and schedule information are available at www.micahchildrensacademy.org.

Construction is on schedule for the Academy’s August 16 opening. A state-of-the-art biometric security system has been installed, featuring a fingerprint recognition system for parents and staff. The facility will also have monitored video cameras in all rooms and in other campus areas.

Heady, Academy Director and formerly Director of Instruction and Curriculum for Williamson County Schools, intentionally hired teachers with varied talents and teaching

methodologies. “Our teachers, senior education staff and rabbis will collaborate to hone a custom language, science, math and art curriculum that capitalizes on children’s natural love of learning. The curriculum will also embrace Judaic tradition, values, holidays and observances,” said Heady.

Newly hired teachers are:

Hannah Woodson (pre-K), formerly at Woodmont Christian Preschool. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in science, Woodson is skilled in weaving science into literacy, math and art.

Allison Cayne (ages 3-4), from the National Child Research Center in Washington, D.C. , where she is cited for her exemplary work with children. She holds a double major in Elementary Education and Music from Washington University in St. Louis. Cayne has performed with several symphony orchestras.

Rebecca Millman (ages 3-4) holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Ohio State University and a Master's degree in Special Education from Bowling Green University. Millman has completed post-graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Carol Howard (ages 1-2), from Nashville’s Martha O’Bryan Center, graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education and Child Development. She has worked with the Kennedy Center on research and development of a “thinking curriculum” for pre-schoolers. She is a Certified Educator in Infant Massage.

Erinne Richter (ages 1-2) holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Georgia and an Associate's degree in Childhood Development from Nashville State Community College. She has taught in several pre-schools, including the Primrose School of Five Forks and the Belle Meade United Methodist Children's Center.

Robin Sauvie (Infant), from the Jewish Community Center Pre-School. Sauvie majored in Early Childhood Education at California State University Northridge and holds an AA degree in Psychology from Pierce Junior College.

Bobbi Komisar (Infant) holds an Associate's degree in Art from Columbia State College and has trained with the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance. She taught at Hillwood Playcare Center for 11 years, and was an art assistant at Metro's Julia Green Elementary School. Her art skills include clay creations and faux painting.

Serving almost 500 families under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Laurie Rice and Rabbi Philip (Flip) Rice, Congregation Micah is known for its inclusiveness, warmth and musical orientation.

Micah Children's Academy and Congregation Micah are located at 2001 Old Hickory Boulevard, near the intersection of Hillsboro Road and minutes from 1-65 and 1-40.

For more information, phone Academy Director Lynn Heady or Assistant Director Theresa LePore at (615) 377-0799 or visit www.micahchildren'sacademy.org.

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