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JCC EARLY LEARNING CENTER IN ACTON EARNS NATIONAL NAEYC ACCREDITATION

ACTON, MA – The JCC Early Learning Center in Acton has earned re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals. The preschool opened in 2002 and currently serves 68 children ages 15 months to preschool age.

“We are proud to be recognized by NAEYC for our commitment to achieving the highest professional standards in early childhood education,” said Ronit Benshir, director of the preschool. “This is a credit to the hard work and daily dedication of our teaching staff who have created a program that is recognized by NAEYC as providing the highest quality early learning experience for our children and families.”

To earn NAEYC accreditation, the JCC Early Learning Center (133 Prospect Street at Congregation Beth Elohim), went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. NAEYC’s standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. The program received NAEYC accreditation after a site visit by NAEYC assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the ten program standards.

The NAEYC accreditation system was created to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality preschools, child care centers and other early education programs. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period. Almost 8,000 programs representing 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs nationally are currently accredited by NAEYC.

“Our goal is to stimulate intellectual curiosity, build self-confidence and respect and promote each child’s cognitive, physical, social, spiritual, and emotional development,” said Benshir. “This accreditation is proof positive that we are achieving this goal.”

The JCC Early Learning Center is one of six area preschools operated by the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston. The centers are open to all children regardless of ethnicity or religion. For more information on the JCC Early Learning Center in Acton, contact 978-266-9988, acton-elc@jccgb.org or visit www.jccearlylearning.org.

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