

# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL LAKEWOOD RESIDENTS

On Thursday evening, ח' תמוז תשס"ח, a large group of playgroup morahs, met at the home of the Mashgiach, Harav Matisyohu Salomon שליט"א, to discuss the issue of **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**. With the Brocha and guidance of the Mashgiach שליט"א, it was decided that preschool registration for **ALL Lakewood Preschools** should take place in שבט. This year again with the continued ברכה of the משגיח, registration will take place in שבט.

## Among the reasons for opening registration in Shevat are the following:

1. Currently, registration has been occurring at the beginning of the school year, a time at which, it is difficult for parents to properly gauge what their children's academic, emotional and social growth will be in a full year. Often, children are registered in groups, and only later on, as the children develop do parents realize that the placement was inappropriate. Then, the "switching" begins and parents scramble to place the children again according to their actual needs, causing unnecessary Machlokes and even Dinei Torah, because the child was already registered and the parent has already given a commitment.
2. Additionally, teachers cannot give solid advice to their student's parents at the start of the school year, as to what type of educational framework would be best for the child for the upcoming school year. By Shevat, the teachers will know their students well and be able to give sound advice to the parents to enable them to make the appropriate choice of preschool.
3. Thirdly, if registration is at the beginning of the year, changes often have to be made during the year due to families moving, including teachers and students, and job schedule changes for parents.
4. Lastly, many children require some form of special education or therapeutic intervention (which may not be evident in September or October) and may therefore be placed in special programs. Decisions about placement in special programs, are not usually determined a full year in advance.

**In light of the above, we kindly ask ALL PARENTS and TEACHERS of Preschool children to adhere to the dates in שבט which will be publicized closer to שבט for Preschool Registration. In the zechus of working באחדות for the sake of our children, may we have סיעתא דשמיא in the chinuch of our children and increased Shalom in our עיר התורה.**

**Please note: Dates will be set in Shevat for siblings and nonsiblings. Any constructive suggestions as to the technicalities of organizing registration to be user friendly can be faxed to 732-905-4170.**

**Mrs. Ziva Kriger  
on behalf of the Morahs**