Dear Noreen Cook Center and Har Zion Temple Community,

My name is Sandi Toben and I am delighted to be your new NCCECE Director.

Early childhood education is my passion. I received my B.S. in Early Childhood Education from the College of New Jersey and my M.S. in Nonprofit Leadership from the University of



Pennsylvania. I have previously taught in Camden and Philadelphia. Most recently, I have served as the ECC Director at Adath Emanu-El in New Jersey.

I believe a strong Jewish curriculum and secular curriculum can enhance and strengthen each other to create a unique learning experience that will serve as a lens in which children view their world. Early childhood education holds some of the most precious years of a child's life. Children learn through doing and discovering. As educators, we are responsible to giving children intentional play and discovery opportunities. I believe in fostering confidence in curiosity and a love for the classroom.

I look forward to getting to know you and your children. I will be working with Rabbi Shawn to create opportunities for us to connect and get to know each other very soon. I am excited to meet everyone and start creating community and memories together. Please know that I am always available for any questions, concerns, or just a hello.

The Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education program and Har Zion Temple community are special and unique in so many ways. I am honored and enthusiastic to join you.

Best regards,

Sandi Toben

I currently live in Philadelphia with my husband, Aaron, and two children, Ezra and Michaela. As a family we love to go for walks in the city, explore local nature parks, root for all Philadelphia teams, and watch F1 racing. I am excited for my family to be part of Har Zion and for my children to experience the NCCECE!

