# 92 Y Wonderplay early childhood learning conference

# **Upholding the Core Principles of Early Childhood: Building a Strong Foundation for Life Long Learning**

Friday, November 16, 2012 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Conference Fee:** \$225 per person **Group Rate** for 10 or more participants: \$215 per person

# **MORNING KEYNOTES**

What Should Children Be Learning?
Lilian Katz

The Integrity of the Young Child: Recapturing the Essence of Early Education

Joan Almon & Christopher Clouder

# **LUNCHTIME LECTURE**

The New Anxiety: Handling Today's Stressed-Out
Parents and Children
Ron Taffel

## **SESSION A**

#### **AFTERNOON LECTURES**

#### **Marcy Guddemi**

Today's Children: Caught in a 3-Way Pressure Cooker

#### **Gillian McNamee**

Young Children Meeting The Common Core State Standards in Vivian Paley's Classroom

#### **Lydia Soifer**

Are you Talking to Me? The Development of Language Skills in Young Children

#### **Susan Linn**

The Early Childhood Classroom as a Safe Haven: Nurturing Children in a Commercialized, Screen Saturated World

#### **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

#### **Drew Alexander**

Global Citizenship Begins at an Early Age: What Does Global Education Mean to a Young Child?

#### **Joan Avallone**

Recognizing and Supporting Sensory Needs in a Classroom Setting

#### **Marina Bers**

Playful Learning with Technology: Making Little Robots to Explore Big Ideas (Part 1)

#### **Ruth Bettelheim**

Honing Your Observational Skills: For the Child Who is Developing Differently

#### **Christina Bingel**

Clay & Little Hands: Introducing Clay to Early Childhood Classrooms

#### **Tracy Birkhahn & Dena Warren**

Starting the Conversation with Parents About Early Intervention

#### **Lella Gandini & Amelia Gambetti**

When Children Are Helped to Perceive Themselves as Authors or Inventors

#### **Barry Goldberg**

Another Way of Thinking: Art Projects for Young Children

#### **Gaby Greenberg & Wendy Goldstein**

Bringing the Kitchen into Your Classroom: Cooking with Threes and Fours

#### Nina Jaffe & Asher Delerme

'Tam ni pú! Tam ni bé!': Magic and Wonder in Children's Songs, Games and Folklore

#### Steve Kurtz

"I Would If I Could, But I Can't (Yet)" Helping Children Get Past Anxiety

#### **Richard Lewis**

Be the Air, Be the Wind: Teaching Through the Language of Wonder

#### Jean Mandelbaum

Building a Responsive Early Childhood Program Through Observation & Recording

#### **Gail Rose**

Making Assessment a Reflective Practice

#### Ann Schaumburger

Collage and Construction for Young Children

#### **Jean Schreiber**

The Imagination Playground Blocks: Learn How These Blocks Provide Endless Possibilities for Open-Ended Play

#### **Caren Shayne**

Materials in a Reggio Inspired Art Studio

#### **Alison Snow**

Circle Time for Twos & Threes: Developing Inquiring Minds While Building Language and Community

#### **Ron Taffel**

Creating School Community 21st Century Style: For School Directors

#### **Salvatore Vascellaro**

Out of the Classroom and into the World: The Essential Role of Trips in the Curriculum

#### **Sara Wilford**

Supervising Student Teachers: What Does it Mean to be a Mentor?

#### **Roberta Willenken & Heather Kaplan**

Learning Activities for Group Times & Transitions: For 4 and 5 Year Olds

#### **Paul Williams**

The Why & How of Music, Instruments, and Movement in the Early Childhood Classroom

#### Katie Winter & Patricia Zuroski

Designing a Classroom Environment: Which Comes First: The Furniture or the Program?

#### Jennifer Zebooker

All About Me: A Unit About Growing (Geared to 3-4 Year Olds)

#### **Karina Zilberman**

Getting Ready for Shabbat with the Shababa Approach

## **SESSION B**

#### **AFTERNOON LECTURES**

#### **JoAnn Deak**

Research Update: Latest Findings on Brain Development in the First Five Years of Life

#### **Vivian Paley**

Is Kindergarten Still For Little Children? 'The Runaway Bunny' Goes to School

#### **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

#### **Joan Avallone**

Recognizing and Supporting Sensory Needs in a Classroom Setting

#### **Marina Bers**

Playful Learning with Technology: Making Little Robots to Explore Big Ideas (Part 2)

#### **Ann Biddle, Deborah Damast & Jennifer Katz**

WonderDance: Dances & Kinesthetic Explorations for Your Early Childhood Dance Curriculum

#### **Christina Bingel**

Clay & Little Hands: Introducing Clay to Early Childhood Classrooms

#### **Betsy Blachly**

Singing, Songs, and What You Get For Free When Children Play With Music

#### **Rose Coffield & Michael Weiner**

Rough and Tumble Play: Using Video as a Tool to Build Self-Awareness and Empathy

#### **Patricia Cooper**

Bringing Vivian Paley's Approach to Your Staff and Your Classroom: A Discussion for Administrators, Curriculum Directors, and Head Teachers

#### **Beverly Falk**

Investigations in the Classroom: Strategies for Supporting Teaching and Learning

#### Celia Genishi

Bilingual Education for Young Children: Windows of Opportunity and Realistic Options

#### **Betsy Grob**

Block Building - A Core "Building Block" of Early Childhood Learning

#### Nina Jaffe & Asher Delerme

'Tam ni pú! Tam ni bé!': Magic and Wonder in Children's Songs, Games and Folklore

#### Jessica Klein

Building Community: Best Practices for Preventing Hurtful Behaviors

#### **Susan Linn**

Puppets: Self Expression, Mastery and Modeling

#### **Ann Schaumburger**

Collage and Construction for Young Children

#### Jean Schreiber

Building Bridges with Parents: Developing Supportive and Trusting Relationships

#### **Caren Shayne**

Materials in a Reggio Inspired Art Studio

#### Lydia Soifer

Expanding Language: Making Room for Conversation in the Classroom

#### **Elaine Winter**

The Book Corner: Creating and Maintaining a Dynamic Classroom Book Corner

#### Katie Winter & Patricia Zuroski

Designing a Classroom Environment: Blurring the Line Between Indoors and Outdoors

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