

## **Congregation Beth Shalom Preschool Pesticide Policy as stated by DCFS Regulation 407.370n**

### **Pesticide Application:**

Chemicals for insect and rodent control shall be applied in minimum amounts and shall not be used when children are present in the facility.

No child will ever be present in the facility until a minimum of two hours (DCFS requirement) has passed, or specified on the pesticide label, whichever time is greater. It is the Preschool's policy to perform pesticide treatments after children have left for the day or when school is not in session.

Commercial chemicals, if used shall be applied by a licensed pest control operator and shall meet all standards of the Department of Public Health.

Integrated Pest Management requires that parents or guardians have prior notice of pesticide applications. The Preschool complies with this request.

Prior notice of pesticide application is not required if the application is due to an immediate threat to health or property, in which case the pesticide must be immediately applied. Children shall not be present during the application and shall not return to the treated area within two hours after the pesticide application, or as specified on the pesticide label, whichever is greater. If such a situation arises, the Preschool Director will sign a statement describing the circumstances that gave rise to the health threat and ensure that written notice is provided to parents and guardians as soon as possible.

Pesticides subject to notification requirements shall not include antimicrobial agents such as disinfectants, sanitizers, or deodorizers, or insecticide baits and rodenticide baits.

\*Please note we have an organic garden that is pesticide free.