

November 11, 2013 Home for Dinner Learning Lab Launch

Read below to hear all about the Learning Lab launch at Congregation Rodef Sholom in Berkeley, CA in their own words:

On Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, 13 families who participate in the *Kol HaMishpacha* family school program at Congregation Rodef Sholom joined to launch a year of study based on the Hazon Min Ha'Aretz and Home for Dinner curricula. We welcomed 23 adults, including a visiting grandma and aunt, and 21 children to the Learning Lab Launch!



Staff greeted families at the synagogue entrance and nametags were made together. Healthy snacks were set out in the courtyard so children and adults could gather and schmooze. Kol HaMishpacha veteran families and newcomers enjoyed refreshments and introduced themselves to one another.



Cantor Margulies led everyone in singing *Shehecheyanu*, the blessing on new things, to begin our new year and program. Then we made the blessing "*La'asok b'dvrei Torah*" which starts each session.



After the blessings, parents left for adult orientation and learning. Meanwhile all children introduced themselves and shared their favorite ice cream flavor. Even the youngest had a favorite!

Adults met with Claire and Irene who welcomed new parents to the group with a go-round about family dinner memories. They shared information about the goals of family education, *Kol HaMishpacha*, and an overview of the *Hazon* curriculum. Study *b'chevruta* using Parent Thought Cards provided food for discussion.

Parents and students were reunited in the Social Hall and asked to stand



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