

*The Primary Program:
Growing and Learning in the Heartland*

is dedicated to

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*You can either be the candle that lights the room
or the mirror that reflects it. Edith Wharton*

Lilian Katz is both for the early childhood profession. For years she has provided light and guidance for young practitioners. She has asked provocative questions to mature ones.

Lilian is famous for the stories that she has given back to us as points of clarification and as examples of our practice.

She has lighted the path for so many of us. We are fortunate to have been in her company and learned through her guidance.

We expect to continue to do so for many years to come.

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