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WELCOME TO NewCAJE2!
B’RUCHIM HA-BA’IM!

July 31, 2011  29 Tammuz 5771

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the second annual conference of NewCAJE. We are at the American Hebrew Academy—a Pluralistic Jewish college preparatory school. This school was the dream of Maurice “Chico” Sabba and his wife Zmira. They wanted to create a beautiful school that felt and acted like a family— a unique Jewish educational experience—the only one of its kind in North America. In September of 2001, the school opened to the first group of about 80 students, and 10 years later it is thriving with a student body of 150--80% of whom are boarding students. NewCAJE is grateful to Executive Director, Glenn Drew, who graciously opened his school to the NewCAJE community. “Of course, we will welcome Jewish educators to our campus,” said Mr. Drew. “We welcome them to Greensboro to see what is possible and hope they will leave here inspired to tell their communities about the opportunities available at AHA.”

We are grateful to the community of Greensboro for welcoming us. Rabbi Fred Guttman, a talented Jewish educator in his own right, has made Temple Emanuel available for our evening programs, and is also teaching at NewCAJE. Rabbi Eli Havivi of Beth David was my consultant on matters of Halacha relating to Tisha B’Av and Kashrut, and Rabbi Yosef Plotkin of Chabad in Greensboro is the Mashgiach for the conference. Judy Groner of the B’nai Israel Day School was most helpful as well. The Jewish Federation, lead by Marilyn Chandler, was a real ally of ours.

The faculty and staff at AHA have been amazing and professional. Some of them will be joining us, and teaching. Thanks to Alina Gerlavin Spaulding, Director of Communications who served as our liaison and offered us everything from hugs to great advice on every subject.

Special thanks also go to Dr. David Mandel, Dean of Information Technology. He made it possible for us to have all the advanced resources on campus accessible. He is also generously teaching an intensive on technology.

Dave Pleasants and the security team, and John Furlough and the maintenance team have constantly accommodated. Their skill and willingness to fit us into their busy schedule enabled us to hold our conference at AHA. Chef Paul Lasovsky has worked hard to provide delicious meals for everyone—no easy task.

An extra-special mention goes to Amy Ripps. I met Amy in her teens at Camp Ramah – I was her teacher, just a few years her senior. In 2006, Amy co-chaired CAJE at Duke and she has been my sounding board, advisor, fundraiser, tzedakah distributor, and educational consultant for this conference. She has also been a matchmaker, finding everything and everyone we needed. She is a Jewish Educator’s Jewish Educator. I want her to know how much I admire the way she thinks about Jewish education, and the dedication she brings to her work. Thanks also go to Robin Eisenberg and Melanie Berman who jumped in when I needed their expertise.

Janie Grackin and Aliya Chesquis-Cotel worked very hard to make this conference successful all year round. I am appreciative of their help and advice. Joyce Siegel and her husband Bob have
made our webinars happen over the past two years, and I am so grateful for their efforts. Lots of hugs to my dear friend Nancy Katz. She has been so generous with her time and her art. She designed the cover of this program book and also the NewCAJE T-shirt. And Scott Mandel does a gigantic mitzvah by formatting the program book with a short turn-around. Bless him!

There are no words to tell you how much we all need to thank the current NewCAJE board. This year we were able to acquire the intellectual property of CAJE but not without considerable difficulty, and more money than we had hoped. To my soul-brother Jerry Benjamin who was with me in the ancient days of CAJE’s beginnings, and has stuck with me through this rebirth; To my soul-sister Ahouva Steinhans, who took over the job of treasurer, and the daily handholding of your president; to CAJE vatik, wondrous teacher, and outstanding actor Peter Stark who has spent two years doing what he could to help grow NewCAJE. Thank you all. May God bless you all with good health, long life, and lots of Nachas.

I hope you will all have the opportunity to invite one of the Young Professionals to lunch this week and get to know them. They are amazing people with a passion in their bellies for Jewish education. They want to know you and learn from you. We are so proud to have them here. Special thanks to the co-chairs of the Young Professionals Program this year: Josh Bender, Eitan Gutin and Anna Salomon. And to Emily Aronoff who had an idea to benefit NewCAJE and young musicians and simply worked hard to make it happen—Yishar Kochechem!

The musicians and storytellers are the heart and soul of our conference and they have been so gracious with their time and gifts. Thank you so very much. I don’t believe there are enough words in the English language to thank the Evening Chair of this conference, Michael Kates, for the countless hours he spent making sure we had the best entertainment possible!

And finally, to my family. They pitched in and made this conference happen because they love me, and wanted to help me make my dream come true. I appreciate everything they’ve done. Everett does whatever he is asked to do including taking a turn at bus driving this week. Akiva gave us his house, his car, his time, and his teaching. Leora gave her generous spirit, her great administrative and computer skills, her knowledge of the AHA campus and staff, and her calm demeanor. She is in school this summer and can’t be with us. Ezra, who came back for a second summer as Conference Coordinator, is the real reason this conference is happening, when all is said and done. He is the man who deserves our thanks. His administrative skills and work ethic are matched by his kindness to me and each of you. I hope you’ll take a moment to thank him.

To all of you who taught at this conference and to all who came – I know you do this in the hope that you can improve Jewish education for all kids. We are building a NewCAJE for a new Jewish future in which the work of Jewish educators is valued and appropriately remunerated. Thank you for coming to this conference. Thank you for the work you do every day. Thank you for supporting NewCAJE’s efforts to grow and take its rightful place in the American Jewish community. Are we there yet? Not quite, but the building blocks are firmly in place. NewCAJE is more than a conference. It is our career ladder and our family.

Cherie Koller-Fox
President of NewCAJE and Chair of NewCAJE2
New C AJE PUBLICATION: THE JEWISH EDUCATOR

The Jewish Educator, edited by Judi Resnick, is a journal dedicated to research, opinion, ideas, networking, best practices and innovation—anything Jewish educators.

2011 TOPIC: NEW MODELS IN JEWISH EDUCATION

New models have emerged to deal with the longtime challenges that have plagued Jewish education. Technology has boosted the delivery of Jewish education at all levels, engaging children has become the watchword, and creative thinking has brought learning to the places where those looking for knowledge and engagement can be found. Charter Schools are giving even Orthodox parents pause when considering where to enroll their children. But are these changes accomplishing our goals? Are we providing a solid Jewish base of knowledge for our children, while creating and inspiring lifelong learners?

The Basics

• What do you feel must be included in Jewish education for almost every child? Why?
• What models of staff development would be most efficacious in the growth of Jewish education in our schools?

Today’s Models

• Do you support improving the old models rather than recreating new ones?
• Is cost a barrier to Jewish education?
• What role do Hebrew language Charter Schools play in educating our children Jewishly and how can they be best used?

Focus on the Future

• What is your dream of what Jewish education will look like in the future?
• What does "out of the box" mean to you in terms of Jewish education?
• What lessons can we learn (and possibly incorporate into our teaching) from successful models of public schools and secular private schools?

Before, After, and the Supplemental

• What new models exist in Early Childhood Jewish education that lay the foundation for a lifelong link to a Jewish life and to Jewish education?
• How do we engage the unengaged (college students, singles, empty-nesters)?
• What new models are there for adults to continue their learning?

Philosophical Issues

• Would today’s model work if we changed the system? (ie, recruitment and retention of qualified personnel)
• How could philanthropists and foundations positively affect non-day school education?

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WE REMEMBER THEM—NewCAJE AZKAROT

At the rising of the sun and at its going down  
We remember them.
As we prepare for the Hanukah family program in the chill of winter  
We remember them.
As we teach children the four questions in the rebirth of spring  
We remember them.
As we gather at NewCAJE to recharge our souls in the warmth of summer  
We remember them.
As we built a new curriculum for teaching Torah in the beauty of autumn  
We remember them.
At the beginning of the school year and when it ends  
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live;  
for their work is now our responsibility and they are a part of us  
so we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength  
We remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart  
We remember them.
When we have joy we crave to share  
We remember them.
When we have decisions that are difficult to make  
We remember them.
When we have achievements that are based on theirs  
We remember them.

They were our teachers, our colleagues, our benefactors, our inspirations, our friends  
As long as we live, they too will live;  
for they are now a part of us  
as we remember them.

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ALAN D. BENNETT, a leader in Jewish educational and professional organizations on the local, national and international levels, died Dec. 21, 2010 at age 83. Dr. Bennett came to Cleveland in 1967 to work as education director at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple. From 1978-93, he was executive vice president of the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education, presiding over its transformation into the current Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JECC). Upon his retirement, he was named executive vice president emeritus, and in 1997, the JECC created the Alan D. Bennett Staff Development Award for Israel Study.

A founder of the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE), Dr. Bennett served the organization in every elective capacity, including as a member of NATE’s first executive board and as president. He chaired the Reform Jewish Educator commission from its inception in 1983 until recently. “Alan Bennett was a giant figure during the entire 55 years of NATE’s existence,” says NATE executive director Rabbi Stanley T. Schickler. “More than anything, he helped create the profession of temple educator while building the NATE conference into a major gathering of Jewish professionals.”

When Dr. Bennett received an honorary doctor of letters degree from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 2004, NATE recognized him by establishing the Alan D. Bennett Scholar Endowment Fund for a scholar-in-residence at NATE conferences. Union for Reform Judaism president Rabbi Eric Yoffie described him as “one of our movement’s finest educators.”

Two years before he died, Alan and his wife Florence, traveled to Israel with their extended family to celebrate the bar and bat mitzvahs of their grandson and granddaughter, said the children's father Michael E. Bennett. The celebrations were held at the Neot Kedumim, a biblical nature preserve that Alan Bennett had helped -- physically and financially -- turn from a barren wilderness into an educational and cultural center which recreates the flora and fauna mentioned in the Bible. "When we were kids, he took us there to clear roads, plant olive trees, build walls and reservoirs," said Michael. "Everything in his life was aimed at helping Jews and non-Jews understand Judaism better, in a modern context, and in many cases, helping them find their own path, or a new path to religious life."

Dr. Bennett led a Torah study group every Saturday morning at Fairmount Temple, where he served on the board of Jewish education “Alan Bennett devoted his life to the Jewish people and was an outstanding Jewish educator, continuing to teach and share his knowledge and insights long after he retired as head of the JECC,” says philanthropist Mort Mandel, who funded some of Dr. Bennett’s initiatives.

Dr. Bennett was also a prolific author who wrote many journal articles, teacher’s guides and a few books. Known for his signature bow ties, he enjoyed traveling, woodworking, gardening and birdwatching.

Dr. Bennett is survived by his wife of 62 years, Florence (née Winter); sons Barry, Daniel (Devorah Uriel) and Michael (Laura); daughter Tema “Tammy”; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother Edwin of New York City.
ESTHER BRONER was our spiritual leader. She made room for us at the table by creating a whole new one — a Seder table at which women’s voices were heard. She encouraged us to ask the Four Questions of Women and to recite women’s plagues, of which there were always more than 10. She honored our foremothers — not just the matriarchs, but also women in the Bible who are unseen, unsung and unnamed; women scholars of the Talmud; the wives and mothers who made it possible for children to flourish and for men to study Torah: the union organizers, suffragists, partisans, peaceniks, lawyers and legislators who won us our rights. Esther Broner coaxed all these women out of their silence, and in so doing, she empowered our generation.

I speak confidently in the collective plural because I know how many thousands of lives Esther has touched and how many Jewish women walk taller for having followed in her groundbreaking footsteps.

Esther Broner, who died on June 21, aged 83, was the inventor of the original women’s Seder (now proliferating throughout the United States and Israel); co-author with Naomi Nimrod of “The Women’s Haggadah” (published in Ms. magazine in 1977 and later in Esther’s book, “The Telling”); creator of enduring Jewish feminist rituals; published poet, novelist, pamphleteer, autobiographer; literature professor; political organizer, activist and all-around holy troublemaker. But Esther was, above all, a weaver of women.

Deftly, gently, artfully, she took a conglomeration of loose ends — her disparate friends and family, traditionalists, New Agers, militant secularists and unaffiliated strays — and wove us into a tapestry of togetherness. She simultaneously created community and gave us the ceremonies and the vocabulary with which to celebrate it. She wrapped a generation of Jewish women in this rich tapestry and secured it for posterity with the bonds of love. She had a feminist head and a Jewish heart. And, when the occasion demanded, vice versa. She often told me that all human beings, especially women, need kavod, honor, and that it is very important for us to recognize, credit and celebrate each other every chance we get. Esther did all those things better than anyone I’ve ever known. Borrowing from Jewish tradition but bearing her unique creative stamp, she invented ceremonies that made the ordinary sublime.

Her readers will remember E.M. Broner as the author of 11 books, including “The Women’s Haggadah,” “A Weave of Women,” “Her Mothers,” “Mornings and Mourning: A Kaddish Journal” and her last novel, “The Red Squad.” Her former students at Wayne State University, Sarah Lawrence College and Haifa University will remember Esther as a passionate literature professor.

Her friends and family will remember her as the devoted wife of the late Bob Broner, a gifted painter and printmaker with whom she shared 62 years of laughter and love; as the mother of the four Broner offspring — Nahama, Jeremy, Adam and Sari — and as the besotted grandmother of Alexandra and Emmanuel.

Letty Cottin Pogrebin
ROSE BRONSTEIN, Boston’s legendary Hebrew teacher, passed away in February 2011, at the age of 87. “Miss Bronstein,” as she was called by thousands of students, was known and beloved throughout the Boston area and beyond as a role model and teacher par excellence. Born in 1923, she received a BS in Education from Teachers College of the City of Boston where she was the ranking scholar of her class and both a BA in Jewish Education and a MA in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Teachers College where she was the valedictorian of her class.

Her 51 years in the field of Jewish education ranged from teaching the alef-bet and Tanach at the Beth El Hebrew School in Dorchester to inculcating a love of Hebrew literature in the Prozdor of the Hebrew College to serving as a lecturer in Jewish education and a master teacher at Hebrew College. Retiring in 1966, she mentored novice teachers and lead Hebrew College’s Chug Ivri.

Rose decided to make a career in Jewish education, because Dr. Benjamin Shevach, her own mentor and the head of Boston’s Bureau of Jewish Education, convinced her that becoming a Jewish educator was the most important undertaking in the Jewish community and that it was, what she termed, “holy work.” In the early days of her career, she would come home from work to tell her family about the euphoria that her work gave her. She was astounded that she got paid for doing something that gave her so much joy and fulfillment. She was a classically trained Hebraist who intuitively understood the connection between the majesty of the Hebrew language and the divinity of Judaism. Teaching Hebrew became for her the central vehicles in importing the realm of the holy into the world of the secular. Her teaching was a lifelong love affair that elevated her students, along with herself. For Rose, the imparting of Jewish education and the Hebrew language was the essence of her soul and her legacy. She was willing to incorporate new methods into her teaching, but was old-school about the need to study, the need to teach in and speak Hebrew (though she never moved away from her American accent). She definitely was critical when she thought that Jewish education—whether in supplemental schools, the Prozdor, or the Hebrew College—was being watered down.

Though she never had children of her own, she thought of her students as her children and kept in contact with them. They recalled her dedication, her creativity, and, of course, the way she came to class each day of her 51 years in the field in high heels and an outfit that looked like it belonged on the pages of an upscale fashion magazine. She could recall her students Hebrew name, where they sat and how they behaved in class, where they lived, which colleges they attended, and what they accomplished. She taught generations of the same family.

During her long career, she garnered numerous accolades and awards including the BJE’s Keter Torah Award and the HC’s Benjamin Shevach Award. The Rose Bronstein Fellowship, seeded by a student is granted to an outstanding student in Jewish education committed to becoming a classroom teacher and dedicated to the teacher/student encounter.

Rose devoted herself to Jewish education and the Jewish heritage and her influence will continue to be felt as her many students who followed her into the field make sure that subsequent generations develop a love for Tanach, for Hebrew, for the synagogue, and for living meaningful Jewish lives. I was proud to be her niece and she was proud of the fact that both me and my son continue the family tradition of Jewish education.

Judi Resnick
LYNDA COHEN was a lifelong advocate for quality education for young children and a wonderful presence at CAJE almost every year. Her friends called her a community connector for her ability to initiate and spearhead new projects. An adjunct professor of early childhood education at Wright State University, Lynda was a past president of the Dayton Association of Young Children and for 30 years served as director of early childhood education at the Dayton Jewish Community Center. She presented at CAJE and many other local, state and national conferences.

Lynda originated “One Monday Morning” an interactive cultural series that has entertained thousands of preschoolers during the past twenty years. The series is being renamed in her memory by the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District and the YWCA. “Whenever I see 300 children sitting in a big room and an artist is there and everybody is happy, that makes me happy,” Lynda told an interviewer when she was honored in 2008 as one of the YWCA’s Women of Influence. “My volunteer world, and profession and my family are all one.”

The community’s new Taking Off to Success project, aimed at preparing poor Dayton children for Kindergarten, will now be the Lynda A. Cohen TOTS program. “We will never replace Lynda, she is one of a kind,” said Beth Engelhardt, professor of early childhood education at the University of Dayton. “She has been so influential in the lives of children, families and those that care for and educate our young children.”

Author and educator Mimi Brodsky Chenfeld of Columbus said Lynda inspired others with her “amazing life-affirming spirit, “her “warmth and wisdom” and her “faith in those she worked and played with.” She had a lovely smile and a warm and kindly personality.

Lynda was active in the Jewish community and is credited with keeping the Yiddish language alive locally. In recent years, she spearheaded and ran a monthly Yiddish club, and last year raised funds to bring a Yiddish Theatre Company troupe to Dayton for an appearance.

She is survived by her husband, Buddy, three children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She died September 19, 2010 at age 71 in Dayton.
DEBBIE FRIEDMAN, zichrona livracha, was a life member of CAJE, attending her first conference in Irvine, California in 1978. More than a life member, she was the life-blood of our community. The sad news her passing spread through our community in a matter of hours. When she died we all lost a sister and a friend, a teacher and a rabbi.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, z”l, wrote: “There are three ways to mourn: the first is to cry; the second is to grow silent; the third is to transform sorrow into song.”

In an interview broadcast on NPR Debbie once said: “Early on in Reform there was a leaning toward more intellectuality and less emotional, less spiritual…. And I think that the greatest breakthrough that has happened in these past maybe 20 — maybe 25 — years is that those walls are crumbling, that people have found now that we need to be integrated human beings that both know and think and also feel.”

Imagine – more than 30,000 people watched live her funeral or the recorded streaming in order to honor and pay respect to her. So many people, so many institutions, so many neshamot around the world and across denominations (and even religions) were touched by this beautiful neshama that it is difficult to encapsulate the effect she had on the spiritual life of this past generation – to say nothing of future generations. So, instead of filling this azkarah with details of her life or discography, let’s listen to some words about the impact that this one person had on all of us.

Rabbi Brad Artson recalls: You can measure her impact by the fact that there is a rich profession of contemporary Jewish music when none existed before her. You can measure her gift by the way it feels natural now to sing Torah in women’s voices and words. And you can savor her gift in the bountiful harvest of her enormous collection of spirited and spiritual songs. How many congregations now muster spiritual energy for the sick with her words and melody?

The Forward wrote: For many American Jews, Debbie Friedman is the one name they know among contemporary musicians who are making Jewish music. That’s because her music is absolutely everywhere: in synagogues, at simchas, in camps and in schools — not to mention wafting from the stereos in homes and cars. Ever since her first album appeared in 1972, Friedman has sought, among other things, to make the Jewish liturgy melodic and accessible.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism said: While Reform worship was once characterized by organs and choirs, Debbie taught us to sing as congregations. The guitar became a sacred instrument in her hands and she opened our hearts and souls to the joy of communal song.

She taught many of us how to pray with our whole beings and turned liturgy into prayer. There is a lesson she and I would teach about Psalm 150 – a psalm about musical instruments that concludes with the verse: ‘every neshamah will praise You’ - suggesting that music and one’s neshama are so integrally connected, that together they are the way to connect with God. Amazing – in all the 149 Psalms that came before, only words were used to connect with God. When words are inadequate, song connects. And then we would sing, and sing, and sing. “May her memory be for a blessing,” is the traditional conclusion to a eulogy. As long as her music lives in us, her memory IS a blessing – and it is our task to “transform sorrow into song.”

Rabbi Stuart Kelman, Tammuz 5771
JUDY KAHN was the director of the Jewish Federation’s Department of Jewish Education from 1992-1998. She died in Commack, Long Island at age 78.

I haven’t got a clue what Judy Kahn saw in me. Judy was from American Judaism’s aristocracy—which is long English way of saying she had yichus. And I was from the most common of the commoners. Judy had in her little finger more Jewish knowledge than I will ever gain in my lifetime. But she saw something, God bless her, and she gave me my big break when she hired me as the community family educator in the summer of 1995. I learned so much from her, and we became so close in the time we worked together. I had just lost my mother, and in a great many ways she became like a mother to me. She was the best mentor one could imagine, both professionally and personally. She encouraged, inspired me and delighted in my successes. She calmed me when I hit snags or was confounded by behaviors of certain folks I encountered.

Although I had the singular luck of working closely and daily with Judy, I know that it’s a conceit to think I was unique. Much of the role she played with me, she played with dozens, if not hundreds of students of all ages and rages. I searched high and low for pictures of Judy and I could only find pictures of Judy with her students. She was always teaching. Richard Lipsky, her board chair, described Judy as “a fantastic teacher, mentor and a saint.”

Here is what one of her Bat Torah alumni, Ellen Podell said: “Judy’s unique way of defining Jewish life enhanced my role as a mother and wife. Rather than being concerned that I did not do enough, I began to understand that everything I added to our Jewish home observance was a gift to all of us. There was no better teacher than Judy, not only because she was so smart, but because she spoke to us on a personal level. She left a legacy to so many women.”

From the outside, Judy appeared to be a conventionally frum woman serving in a traditional role. But Judy Kahn was light years beyond appearances and convention, and oy va’avoy to you if you ever called her a rebbetzin. She was a keen intellectual, with a sharp mind and a sharper still sense of humor. Her thought process was most unconventional—there was always a “zitz” a spark of something completely novel, unique, new and completely unexpected in her approach.

During her tenure as the Director she demonstrated that dynamic interior. She implemented the enormously successful Gift of Israel program, she did programming for kids from small Jewish communities. And in one of her major triumphs, Judy fought hard to see to it that Midrashah a program for teens shifted to a diverse, populist focus which made it more accessible to kids. Thanks to Judy’s efforts then, Midrashah is in its 61st year with 80 students!

Judy did not take a shot at a role on the bimah until she was sure and certain what she wanted it to be. She took the bold and brave step of chanting the Haftarah of Parshat B'Shallach., which involves the story of Devorah. Rabbi Baruch Sienna taught “Deborah was a true public leader, yet she describes herself as ‘mother.’ And that’s the kind of relationship so many of us felt we had with Judy. Like a mother, she helped guide us all along on our Jewish journey. As proud as she was of her “real” children and grandchildren, those who were lucky enough to know and be guided by Judy, benefitted from her sense of pride in our achievements too.

F. Penina Hoffnung
MYRA KRAFT, a pillar of the Jewish community embraced charitable causes near and far and worked tirelessly on their behalf. Since marrying in 1963, she and her husband Robert Kraft donated more than $100 million to an array of organizations, including the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston; Brandeis University, her alma mater; and Partners Healthcare, to encourage doctors to serve the needy.

Myra Kraft was typically involved with the organizations she gave to, from the boardroom to the warehouse floor. “She didn’t just write checks,” according to her Rabbi Wesley Gardenswartz. Telling of Kraft serving food to the needy or filling bags of clothes he said: “She was down in the trenches, doing real work for real people.” The Boston Globe stated she was "forging a whole new form of engaged giving.”

Myra was happiest with her family and cherished their time together. On Fridays in the summer, she would spend hours preparing the Shabbat meal, cutting and grilling the fish and picking vegetables from the garden she had planted herself.

She was a fixture at her grandchildren’s events, cheering them on at games, plays, and dance recitals. But like her charitable work, her involvement went deeper. She knew their friends, their teachers, even the school projects they were working on. The day before she died, Kraft helped pick out a prayer shawl for her granddaughter’s Bat Mitzvah later this year. She knew she would not live to see it, but wanted to help pick out a Talit made in Israel, as she had for her other grandchildren. With her very last day she was thinking about her grandchildren and their Jewish future.

Myra had a special attachment to Israel, where she traveled several times a year, and drummed up support to help the country. “She loved every shrub and tree and rock and flower,” said Barry Shrage, president of Combined Jewish Philanthropies. “She was an angel of mercy when Israel was in need.” In addition, she and her husband Robert Kraft, the owner of the New England Patriots Football team, built a sports stadium in Jerusalem’s Gan Soccer and founded the Israel Football League.

Myra died in Boston on July 20, 2011. Her funeral brought together sports figures, politicians, people of all races and faiths and many of those she had helped along the way.

*Place before her the fruit of her hands; wherever people gather, her deeds speak her praise.*
EARL LEFKOVITZ, was the director of the Ratner Media Center at the Bureau of Jewish Education in Cleveland for more than 20 years. He built a library of thousands of items that provide curriculum and curriculum-related resources to Jewish educators in the Greater Cleveland area including print materials, videos, DVD's, audio CD's, and computer software. If a teacher anywhere in Cleveland wanted to show their class a video, they called Earl and he made sure it and a video player arrived in their classroom. Whenever I had a question about Jewish education, he was the man to call. He was like the CAJE curriculum bank embodied in a person.

Earl earned a BA from Yeshiva University and a MA in communication from Boston University where he and I renewed a friendship begun as teens in Cleveland. Many years later his family and mine participated together in the Melton Senior Educators Program in Israel and we often caught up at CAJE. Earl had a dry sense of humor and he was a real renaissance man. Always the professional, he wanted to deepen his knowledge on every topic and I valued his opinion.

Earl also was a Cantor and an Entrepreneur. He loved to read Torah and took High Holiday pulpits around the country. He ran a huge Passover Seder for 18 years at the Doral Resort in Miami and worked hard to make that experience meaningful for participants despite its size.

An avid baseball fan, Earl wrote articles on his beloved Cleveland Indians for the Cleveland Jewish News. If my memory serves correctly, he was involved in building the baseball field at Kibbutz Gezer. His dream was a Kosher Hot Dog Stand at Jacobs Field. He made this dream a reality in 2008. While Earl continued to teach in Jewish schools, in recent years, he became the American distributor of Kosher Bison.

This tribute by his son Raanan was published in The Plain Dealer under the title -‘ A Real Fan’. “My dad Earl Lefkowitz made his living in the meat business, but his true passion was serving as a cantor for several local synagogues. His favorite place to be was either at the synagogue leading prayer or at an Indians game filling out a scorecard. He flew to spring training almost every year, and was on a first-name basis with several of the ushers at Municipal Stadium and Jacobs Field. His crowning jewel was the kosher hot dog stand at section 149 that he established at then-Jacobs field. The stand still operates today. My dad could interrelate sports and religion: He organized synagogue "behind the fence" fundraisers at Municipal Stadium and Jacobs field, he chanted prayers to the melody of 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame.' He passed away on March 3, just six weeks after [doctors] diagnosed him with stage 4 metastatic melanoma. . . . As his body began the process of shutting down, he was able to listen to one last Indians game on his transistor radio -- the Feb. 27 spring training opener against the Reds. By the next day he was in the hospital. I sat by his side and read to him from the sports page . . . As his breath became shorter and shorter, he stopped me and wrote down words of prayer in a notebook. I put down the newspaper and recited the prayer back to him until he died.’

Earl died on March 3, 2011 at age 64. He leaves his wife Rachel, three sons, a daughter, granddaughter and sister.

Cherie Koller-Fox
IVAN SCHWEBEL, an American-Israeli artist who imbued his paintings with sweeps of color, personalities from the Bible and twentieth-century film, and the streets of New York, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, died on July 12 at the age of 78. He was a passionate man with a strong sense of humor and irony, and had an extraordinary gusto for all of life’s experiences.

Schwebel came to Israel in 1963. He loved the hill country around Jerusalem, which often appeared in his art. He built his own house and studio overlooking Ein Kerem; in his last months, he produced numerous paintings set in the area of Nachal Sorek, which he called his “safe place.” Fittingly, it was on a path in that area that he died.

Among Schwebel’s most original and arresting works was a twenty-year series of approximately two hundred paintings and drawings on the biblical story of David. Here the artist blended biblical images of personality and politics with settings in both the Israeli countryside and the modern urban arena of lower Manhattan and central Jerusalem. Schwebel’s work points to the timelessness of biblical questions of leadership, in a not-so-subtle nod at the dilemmas of Israeli politics, and also to the eternal mysteries of the human heart.

Many artists and writers in Israel and abroad cherished his friendship and fellowship. Our family enjoyed his gracious hospitality on many occasions, and we mourn the passing of a true original in Israel.

Everett Fox
ALFRED WEISEL was a leading force for Jewish education in Hartford where he served as the first executive director of the Commission on Jewish Education. He died August 19, 2010 while on vacation. He was 90 years old.

As a young child he immigrated to the US from a village near Sighet in the Carpathian Mountains and was raised in the Bronx. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Yeshiva University, Hebrew Teacher’s Institute and NYU School of Education. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in Pedagogy by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

He moved to Hartford in 1952 and served as the educational director of the Emanuel Synagogue for 32 years. One of the founders of the JEA, he served as its president from 1959-1961. In addition, he was the first recipient of that organization’s Jewish Educator of the Year award.

In the 22 years he was head of the Commission, he built the agency into a full-time organization and expanded opportunities for learners of all ages to engage in Jewish studies in a variety of formal and informal settings. He supported the work of Jewish day schools and congregational Hebrew schools; the establishment of the Midrasha Hebrew High School and the creation of the Hartford Branch of the Boston Hebrew College which made it possible for Hartford teachers to complete their studies for an academic degree in Jewish education.

After his retirement in 1992, the Federation paid tribute to Weisel by establishing an annual forum focusing on Jewish learning known today as the Weisel Community Teach-in.

He is survived by his wife, Helen and his four children, their spouses and nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.
AMERICAN HEBREW ACADEMY LOGISTICS

MAP INFO
Welcome to the American Hebrew Academy. We have the privilege of using this beautiful campus, built in 2001. We will use one building (The Classroom Building) for most of the classes and one building (Science Center) for the Expo and art classes. We will also be using the 100 and 500 dorms, and the dining hall’s Moadon and Beit Am rooms. Evening programming will take place across the street at Temple Emanuel.

DORMS
We will be using the 100 and 500 pods on the AHA campus. Each state-of-the-art building includes spacious rooms, a communal bathroom, and a small kitchen space. 
**NOTE: The windows are alarmed, so you must not open them.** Security will be called, and the geo-thermal system will be thrown off balance.

KEY INFORMATION, DEPOSIT AND RAFFLE
Your key deposit will be $36, which you will leave at registration (cash or check). If you lose your key you must place another deposit at the office of $36. You may choose to support NewCAJE by leaving your $36 with us when you leave. For your donation, we will provide you with two raffle tickets (and a NewVoices CD) for a chance to win an iPad2. You may buy additional raffle tickets for $20 a piece to increase your chances of winning this exciting prize.

IF YOU LOSE YOUR KEY come to the NewCAJE office/call Ezra at 440-935-2138.

PARKING
Before the conference there will be a mailing sending you parking passes for AHA. You must print these yourselves and bring them for the window of your car.

LINENS
If you are staying in the dorms, you will get a set of linens including sheets, a thin blanket, three towels and a pillow with case. When checking out at breakfast on the day you are leaving, bring all your linens to the dining hall. **Seal your pillow separately from all other linens in the plastic bag** we will provide you at check-in.

SMOKING AND ALCOHOL USE
AHA is a smoke-free environment. Smoking and alcohol consumption is prohibited on the grounds. Please respect these rules.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES
If you have maintenance issues, call Ezra at 440-935-2138.
TELEPHONES
There are no landlines in your dorm rooms. Please use your cell phone, borrow someone else’s, or come to the office during open hours.

INTERNET ACCESS

A MESSAGE FROM THE AHA I.T. DEPARTMENT:

Welcome to the American Hebrew Academy! While you are on campus, feel free to connect your laptops, phones and tablets to our network. The following information covers what you will need to connect. If you are having any problems, AHA IT staff will be available during daytime conference hours to further assist.

You may receive assistance by:

a) Stopping by our offices in the Classroom Building in room 115 (first floor on the west side of the building) or
b) Calling 336-217-7020 (ext. 7020 on a campus phone) to speak to a staff member

Connecting to the Academy’s Wi-Fi: We are providing NewCAJE participants with a guest account to allow you to connect to the Internet while on campus. You will need to do two things to access the Internet:

1. Connect to our Wi-Fi (you only have to do this once) and
2. Obtain access through our web content filter (you may need to repeat this step periodically)

1. Connecting to our Wi-Fi:
   • Network name (SSID): ahaguest (this should appear as an available connection on your computer)
   • Network security -- Select one of the following: WPA, WPA-PSK, WPA-Personal, WPA/TKIP. DO NOT SELECT: WPA-Enterprise, WPA2, WEP
   • Network password: Educate11 (type exactly as listed)

2. Open your favorite Internet browser (Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox, Chrome) and go to a non-secure web site (such as http://www.google.com). A page may pop up requesting a user name and password.

   Enter the following:
   a. User name: caje
   b. Password: Educate11

If your browser asks you to store this password, please do so and it will make the Internet available to you without needing to repeatedly sign in.

YOU SHOULD NOW HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET OVER OUR WI-FI.
Exceptions
• The guest network may not show in the list of available networks, so you might have to manually create it (see below).

Window 7 and Windows Vista

1. Open the "Network and Sharing Center" in 1 of 2 ways:
   o Click on the Wi-Fi icon in the taskbar then select "Open Network and Sharing Center" from the popup menu.
   o Navigate to Start/Control Panel/Network and Internet/Network and Sharing Center.
2. Select "Manage wireless networks" from the left pane.
3. Click "Add" then select "Manually create a network profile".
4. Enter the following information then click the "Next" button:
   o Network name: ahaguest
   o Security type: WPA-Personal
   o Security key: Educate11
   o Check "Start this connection automatically"
   o Check "Connect even if the network is not broadcasting"
5. Click the "Close" button and return to the "Network and Sharing Center" (either press the blue "back" arrow button or follow step 1 again).
6. Select "Connect to a network" from the menu.
7. Select "ahaguest" from the popup menu and if the "Connect" button is shown then press it, if the "Disconnect" button is shown then close all open network windows.
8. If you are asked to select the type of network choose "Public network".

Windows XP

1. Open the active "Wireless Network Connection" by 1 of the following 2 methods:
   o Right-click then select "View Available Wireless Networks" from the menu then select "Change advanced settings" from the left pane.
   o Navigate to Start/Control Panel/Network Connections then right-click the active "Wireless Network Connection".
2. Select the "Wireless Networks" tab.
3. Click the "Add..." button.
4. Enter the following information:
   o Network name (SSID): ahaguest
   o Network authentication: WPA-PSK (DO NOT SELECT WPA)
   o Data encryption: TKIP
   o Network key: Educate11
5. Click the "OK" button twice to exit.
Mac OS-X (10.5 Leopard or newer)

1. Open "Network Preferences" in 1 of the following 2 ways:
   o Click on the Wi-Fi/AirPort icon in the menu bar and select "Open Network Preferences...".
   o Navigate to Apple icon/System Preferences.../Network and select the Wi-Fi/AirPort icon in the left pane.
2. Press the "Advanced..." button.
3. Select the AirPort tab.
4. Click the "+" button to add a Preferred Network.
5. Enter the following information:
   o Network Name: ahaguest
   o Security: WPA Personal
   o Password: Educate11
6. Click the "OK" button.
7. Click the "Apply" button.
8. If the Wi-Fi/AirPort is off then press "Turn AirPort On".

iPhone/iPad/iPod

1. Open the Settings app.
2. Open the "Wi-Fi" menu.
3. Choose "Other..." from the network list.
4. Fill in the "Network Name" with: ahaguest
5. Open the "Security" menu and select "WPA", then return to the "Other Network" menu.
6. Enter the following password: Educate11
GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE SHUTTLE TO THE AIRPORT
If you’re flying out of Raleigh you have to have made arrangements with Ezra beforehand. If you are flying out of Greensboro you must sign up for a shuttle at registration.

NewCAJE OFFICE—LOCATION AND HOURS
Our office will be housed in Room 103 of the Classroom Building (TCB). The hours will be 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:30PM-6:00PM. The phone number to call is 440-935-2138.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
If you need general urgent assistance, call the NewCAJE staff at 440-935-2138. If you are in physical danger or are in need of immediate medical attention, call the front gate at 336-217-7120 or call 911. In some instances, the front gate will provide a quicker response.

SECURITY
For your safety there are security guards stationed at the entrance to the Academy 24 hours a day. These are off-duty Greensboro police officers and will be happy to assist you if needed. They may be contacted at 336-217-7120. No one will be allowed on to campus without their nametag.

COMFORT STATION
The comfort station is located in the NewCAJE office in Room 103 of the Classroom Building. Here you will find presenter supplies, minor medical supplies (band aids, aspirin etc.), information on local sites (tourism, banks, pharmacies etc.), the lost and found, and general support. If you are feeling overwhelmed or need emotional support you are also welcome to come and talk with someone who will greet you and help you in any way they can.

PRESENTER SUPPLIES
We will provide the following for you, available at the NewCAJE office/ comfort station: Dry erase markers and erasers for the boards, flip charts, pencils, paper (lined, drawing and blank), oaktag upon prior request, scissors, glue sticks, tape (scotch and masking), markers or crayons, and construction paper. Anything else that you need is your responsibility to bring or buy.

EMERGENCY XEROXING
Because we do not have a fully equipped office, presenters will have to bring their own photocopies. In a copy emergency you may ask for a limited number of copies if you have already brought at least 20 (classroom size) and need more than you expected. Depending on the availability of the machines we will try to help you.
NEWCAJE NEWSPAGE – CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

This is your source for any last minute session changes (cancellations, additions, room changes) as well as general announcements and reminders. This is a critical part of the conference to check daily. They will be placed in the dining hall and each morning. **If you would like to add something to the Newsletter** please come by the NewCAJE office by 6pm.

JOB BOARD

On the bulletin board in the dining hall we will have a place to post and view employment opportunities and announcements. Anyone may post.

NAMETAGS

*For security reasons it is extremely important that you wear the nametags provided at registration at all times.* If you are not wearing your nametag badge, AHA security guards may stop you from entering the campus and treat you as suspicious. Without a NewCAJE nametag, you will not be admitted to any evening programming. Wearing your nametag also helps to foster community and helps strangers to know your name (not to mention those with a bad memory!). If you lose your nametag please come to the NewCAJE office.

KASHRUT AND MEAL INFO

All meals are being prepared by AHA dinning staff on campus. Kashrut will be supervised by Rabbi Yosef Plotkin, the Chabad Rabbi of Greensboro. Breakfast and lunch will be Dairy with Parve alternatives, and dinner will have meat selections with Parve alternatives as well. We have communicated all of your allergy restrictions to the AHA dinning staff to accommodate everyone as best they can. If you didn’t mention it in your registration we may not be able to accommodate you. If you have any concerns, please speak with Chef Paul Lasovsky.

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT THE NINE DAYS BEFORE TISHA B’AV

Many terrible events in Jewish history happened around the 9th of Av—the destruction of the first and second temples, the felling of Bar Kochba’s last fortress and with it, the last hope for an immediate return to the land. In fact, on the 9th of Av, the site of the city of Jerusalem was plowed under and a new city erected on the spot filled with heathen temples and gods.

The 9th of Av was declared a day of mourning for all the great national calamities that happened in the month of Av. The expulsion from Spain came on Tisha B’Av and in 1914 World War I began. In the Jewish imagination, these events were not seen as coincidences, but rather as a punishment from God.
As the date gets closer—beginning with Rosh Hodesh Av—the restrictions become more severe. Among them it is forbidden to eat meat, conduct weddings or play music. All branches of Judaism acknowledge the importance of remembering the tragedies that happened in our history. Tisha B’Av has gone through a process of soul searching in recent times both in Israel and in the Diaspora. Liberal Judaism in the 1800’s wanted to eliminate the observance but after the Holocaust rethought that position.

THE NINE DAYS AT NewCAJE:
With NewCAJE happening during this time, it became important to see how Jews traditionally have dealt with the issue of the 9 days. They ruled that a Seudat Mitzvah—that is, a meal to commemorate a mitzvah—could override the practice of not eating meat for example. Others have ruled that music could be played during the nine days if it served an educational purpose (Le-shem Hinuch).

NewCAJE values pluralism. We respect the beliefs and practices of our pluralistic community. We believe that our evening concerts serve an educational purpose—that you will return home and teach the songs you have heard here to your students. We have none-the less created some evening programs for those who still do not feel comfortable listening to music and adjusted schedules for who do not feel comfortable preforming it. We have provided non-meat meal alternatives from Monday-Wednesday nights for those who prefer to eat them.

We are grateful to Rabbi Nachum Amsel, from Jerusalem, has been studying a Masechet of Talmud called Makkot this summer. He has invited us to join him in celebrating the completion of that study on Monday evening. This Seudat Mitzvah will enable some people who don’t normally eat meat to do so. We hope you will find this very short ceremony to be quite moving.

On other nights, we will not be doing a formal Siyyum. People can eat or not eat meat according to their own practices. One tradition worth noting is that of the Chavot Yair (70). He cites the Maharash who states that any feast a person makes with friends for the purpose of expressing gratitude to God or to publicize a miracle that occurred (to him or otherwise) is to be considered a Se’udat Mitzvah. All those who join in celebrating are considered to be taking part in a Se’udat Mitzvah. However, the Chavot Yair notes that merely having one say words of Torah at a meal is not enough. At a siyyum it’s the attendant happiness, not the actual Torah spoken that makes a Seudat Mitzvah.

I would suspect that among us we have many reasons to be grateful to God and many miracles to publicize. I also suspect that when we come together as NewCAJE to study and learn we have enough attendant happiness to constitute each of our meals as a special event. So please, let us respect each other, but most importantly, let us rejoice in our coming together—which frankly is a miracle in and of itself-- and let us bless the holy one of being for all that we have received.
HOSPITALS AND 24 HOUR PHARMACIES
In case of an emergency call 911. The nearest hospital to the American Hebrew Academy is The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital located at 1200 N. Elm Street Greensboro, NC 27401, Phone: 336-832-7000. The closest 24 hour pharmacy is the CVS located at 605 College Road, Greensboro, NC They can be reached at (336) 852-2550.

A NOTE ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SESSION
Most classrooms hold 15 people comfortably. The maximum number of people per session is 20. Sessions in the Seminar Room will hold more. If you see that a session is full we ask that you please be respectful and go to another session. If you arrive at a session after it has reached capacity and the teacher is teaching again during the conference, you may put your name down on a sign-up sheet for priority next session.

In order to plan your session choices properly, we’ve provided a template of sessions at the back of the book for you to fill in. Filling this out will help you stay organized and will make transitions from classes very smooth.

NewCAJE2 TZEDAKAH PROJECT: PILLOW DONATION
Many staying in the dorms already donated their pillows from the conference to this cause. For $5 the NEWCAJE Community is giving families in need over 170 pillows to rest their heads on. Who are we donating to? The Barnabas Network is a nonprofit organization supported by local faith communities that offers encouragement, furniture, job training, and transportation to families taking steps toward self-sufficiency. Families & Individuals Served Include: victims of fires, families moving from homelessness, mothers and children fleeing domestic violence, families and individuals recovering from a major setback.

EVENING PROGRAMS: TEMPLE EMMANUEL
All main concerts will be held across the street at Temple Emanuel, located at 1129 Jefferson Road, Greensboro 27410 (don’t be fooled by the address, it really is right across the street!). We extend our thanks to Rabbi Fred Guttman and his staff for hosting us in Temple Emanuel’s beautiful facilities.
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The American Hebrew Academy is America's only Jewish Pluralistic college prep boarding school.

The American Hebrew Academy was established to provide an outstanding co-educational college preparatory program and Jewish secondary education to intellectually motivated and academically able students who are prepared to engage in the rigorous discipline of its dual curriculum.

The Academy seeks to educate the whole student, mind, body and soul. The curriculum combines humanities and the arts, natural sciences and mathematics, social sciences, technology, physical education and sports. It incorporates the texts, traditions, history, practices and beliefs of the Jewish people. This enriching curriculum is taught within the setting of a liberal, pluralistic Jewish boarding school for grades nine through twelve.

At the American Hebrew Academy, the culture and values of the Jewish people create the living environment for the school community that nurtures and challenges each student to maximize his or her academic, personal and spiritual development. They seek to produce young adults whose strength of character and Jewish identity become lifelong resources for personal growth, commitment to the creative continuity of the Jewish people, and the improvement of the world in which we live, while preparing students for admission to the finest colleges and universities and positions of leadership in the Jewish community.

OUR HOSTS FOR EVENING PROGRAMS

Temple Emanuel of Greensboro is a Reform congregation of approximately 560 families, and a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. Within their walls you will find a thoughtful balance of rich tradition and contemporary thinking. Their dynamic rabbinic leadership - Rabbis Fred Guttman and Andy Koren - their members and staff strive to meet the needs of their diverse population. At Temple Emanuel you will find engaging events that are social, spiritual, intellectual and service-oriented. They have vibrant religious school and pre-school programs, numerous opportunities to travel to Israel and other countries to explore Jewish history, and their adult education program offers a variety of continuing education courses. NewCAJE is grateful to the clergy and Board for welcoming us.
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NewCAJE CONFERENCE COORDINATOR EZRA FOX
This is Ezra’s second summer working for NewCAJE. A graduate of Oberlin College, Ezra is entering the final year of an MFA in Fiction Writing at UMass Boston, where he will also begin teach Creative Writing this fall. He recently published a story in the July issue of PANK Magazine. No stranger to CAJE, Ezra’s first conference was in utero at Stanford in 1984 and his last at Hofstra in 2004—and didn’t miss many in between.

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MAKOM SESSIONS:

In Hebrew, this word means “a place”. It can also refer to a Name of God, meaning “the Omnipresent One.” At NewCAJE we recognize that one purpose of the Conference is to reinvigorate you and send you back to the classrooms filled with new ideas and new enthusiasm for the task. We know you need to feed your soul at NewCAJE—this is one great way to do so.

There will be four opportunities for spiritual reflection, study and artistic expression during the conference. They are:

SUNDAY Opening Ceremony—MAKOM Kehillah (a place of community): We share our hopes, dreams, and prayers for this conference and Jewish Education; featuring Nancy Katz, Jennifer Judelsohn, and Cherie Koller-Fox

MONDAY—MAKOM Tehillah (a place of praise): Linda Hirschhorn will help us welcome the month of Av through song and praise.

TUESDAY—MAKOM Kedushah (a place of holiness): Through Kirtan call and response chant with Karen Dresser and a soulful story from Janie Grackin, we will be refreshed and reinvigorated.

WEDNESDAY Closing Ceremony—MAKOM Brachah (a place of blessing): In our conference-closing event Cherie Karo Schwartz, Sam Glaser, and Cherie Koller-Fox will usher us into the new school year with song and blessings.

NEW VOICES COMPETITION

NewCAJE held the New Voices Competition to discover and promote music by young Jewish songwriters under 42 years old whose songs teach Jewish values or concepts and are appropriate for use in an educational setting.

A panel of experts reviewed submissions based on the following criteria: Performance, Songwriting, Appropriateness of Content, Accessibility for Educators, Overall enjoyment/ listenability. Winning songs were compiled into the NewCAJE New Voices CD, which will be available for purchase throughout the conference and online. In addition, winning artists will perform during the Tuesday night evening program. Winning songs will also be available on the web.

The winners of the 2011 NewCAJE New Voices competition are:
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

WHO ARE THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS?
The Young Professionals come from every denomination, every possible work setting, and a wide geographic distribution. They are under 42 years old. This number reflects the fact that many of them are entering the field as rabbis, cantors, graduates of Master’s and Doctoral Programs so they don’t develop in their full-time positions until their 30’s.

WHAT DID THE YPS HAVE TO DO TO QUALIFY TO COME?
This year there are two categories of Young Professionals: Fellows and Community Members. Fellows will be teaching sessions at this conference and submitted essays to “THE JEWISH EDUCATOR” our new online journal for consideration. All the YPs will be spending a post-conference day examining critical issues in Jewish Education, and the future of NewCAJE.

The 2011 Fellows Are:

Lisa Aamodt, Massapequa Park, NY
Emily Aronoff, Lake Worth, FL
Noah Aronson, Brooklyn, NY
Tamara Beliak, Bronx, NY
Emilia Ball Diamant, Raleigh, NC
Lauren Jane Dragutsky, Woodland Hills, CA
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Adam Soclof, New York, NY
Adam Tilove, New York, NY
Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff, Reisterstown, MD
Sarah Zollman, New York, NY
We hope the experienced educators will reach out to the Young Professionals and the Young Professionals to the experienced educators at this conference. Let us learn from each other and work together to create a NewCAJE.

**POST CONFERENCE INTENSIVES**

After the conference has formally ended, some participants and local community members will spend 7 hours exploring 7 subjects with great scholars.

- **BIBLE** — The Book of Exodus: Rabbi Dr. Yosef Leibowitz
- **PRAYER** — Joel Grishaver
- **TECHNOLOGY** — Dr. David Mandel
- **BIBLE** — The Book of Samuel: Dr. Everett Fox
- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** — Diane Zimmerman
- **ISRAEL** — Rabbi Fred Guttmann
- **ARTS IN THE CLASSROOM** — Marge Eiseman & Aliya Cheskis-Cotel
- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** — YP Chairs and Members of NewCAJE

**CONVERSATION CAFÉS**

*Invite Dialogue. Think together. Listen together. Ask real questions. Hear something new. Create conscious space. Respect the coherence of another’s view. “Conversation Café” is a way to explore ideas through conversation. At NewCAJE we are offering these sessions to give you an opportunity to talk with colleagues about topics that matter to you as a Jew and a Jewish educator. After you have had this experience, you may find that you discover a new addition to your professional toolkit.*

**How does it work?** 2-10 People form a circle. Designate a “host”-facilitator from among you. Read the dialogue guidelines posted on the wall and accept or modify them. Ask the first question and take a minute to reflect on it. Go around the circle once or twice giving everyone a chance to share their thoughts or pass. Open the floor for “pop-corn” style discussion where people speak when they wish. The process is repeated with each question, pausing to think, going around and opening up. The session will end with everyone posting the idea that they will take away with them from the discussion on the “REFLECTION WALL.”

Bring a drink and a snack with you from the break table and sit back, enjoy the company and listen at the NewCAJE Conversation Café. Topics Include:

**COLLABORATION BETWEEN DAY AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

Day Schools and the Supplementary Schools are currently two separate and distinct educational systems. What strengths does each model have that the other could learn from? How do you feel that Jewish education would be changed if the two systems collaborated with each other? What’s possible here and who cares?
THE ROLE OF “FUN” IN JEWISH EDUCATION: Currently schools in America value fun as the optimum way to get children to engage in learning. Does this idea contrast with Jewish values about learning? Why is it so important to parents and educators in Jewish schools for children to have fun? What is at risk if the students do not have fun at Jewish schools? What is at risk if they have fun but do not master Jewish skills and learning? What is emerging for you here?

LIFE/WORK BALANCE AND SUCCESS: Why did you choose to become a Jewish educator? What do you hope to accomplish in your professional life? Reflect on your everyday work. What are your successes? What are the obstacles you face when you try to achieve your goals? Do you feel that the power to influence what is going on in your school is in your hands? If so, how can you best use that power for good? If not, what influence would be appropriate for you to have and how can you come by it?

THE EFFECT OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT: How have events related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict affected you personally? As you think about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what’s at the heart of the matter for you? Within your thinking about the conflict, do you have some areas of uncertainty that you’re willing to speak about? For example, can you think of a time when the values you hold about Israel bumped up against other values that are also important to you? Do your students seem aware of what is happening in Israel? How do you think we should teach about modern Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? What did you hear in this discussion that surprised you? What challenged you?

PLURALISM: NewCAJE creates a unique opportunity for Jews of all denominations to come, share and learn together. What beliefs do we hold about our fellow Jews whose worship, practice and belief are other than our own? What thoughts and feelings are stirred in you when you think another Jew doesn’t approve of how you practice Judaism? What steps could we take to strengthen the concept of “klal yisrael” (Jewish peoplehood)?

INTERMARRIAGE: What is the effect of intermarriage on Jewish identity and practice in America? What do you see in your schools and congregations that can add to our understanding of this question? How do you feel about intermarriage? What do you feel called to do about it?

FAITH: There are passages in the liturgy and in the Bible that people find challenging. What are some of the ideas, texts or beliefs within Judaism that are problematic for you? What thoughts and feelings are stirred in you when you encounter them? Have you reconciled these difficulties in your personal and professional life and if so how? What is emerging here for you?

ADVOCACY: The value and priority given to Jewish education and Jewish educators within the North American Jewish community. What do you think about it? What do you feel about it? What are you inspired to do about it? Do you believe there is a role NewCAJE can play in advocacy for Jewish education and Jewish educators?
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND OBSTACLES TO SUCCESS: What does it take to be a successful and effective educational leader? What have you accomplished as an educational leader that makes you most proud? What obstacles do you face when you try to achieve your goals? If money were not a factor, would you choose to go back into the classroom or continue in a leadership role? What would it take to create change on this issue?

THE FUTURE OF SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION: What do you think about Jewish supplementary school education today? What are its strengths and weaknesses? How do you feel about the fact that there are a number of innovative projects afoot in the Jewish world that want to radically change how and where these schools do business or close them altogether? If you could wave your magic wand and be guaranteed of success and cooperation from all the stakeholders, what would your ideal school look like?

AFTER HOURS KUMSITZ

After evening programming there will be an open Kumsitz – a musical party of melodies and mayhem. Bring your guitars, drums, voices, and spirits and come laugh and play!
SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST, 2011
10:00–11:30 AM ------------------Early Registration (at the Marriott)
12:00-6:30 PM---------------------Regular Registration (AHA Dining Hall)
12:00-2:00 PM---------------------Lunch
12:00-5:15 PM---------------------Expo
2:00-5:15 PM---------------------Session 1 A, B & C
5:30-6:15 PM---------------------Opening Ceremonies
6:15 PM---------------------Late Dorm Move-In Time
6:15-8:00 PM---------------------Dinner
8:00 PM---------------------Mincha/Ma’ariv (Dining Hall)
8:15-10:30 PM---------------------Main Concert
11:00 PM-12:00 AM---------------------Late Night
12:00 AM,…---------------------After Hours Kumsitz

SESSION 1 A  2:00-5:00 PM

MIDRASHIC ART
Science Building, 2nd Floor       Karen Dresser
This session will give you a selection of midrashim based on Torah texts that will expand
students’ understanding and imaginations, and from which visual art and poetry can be
created.  This is a higher level thinking session that is ideal for middle and high school
classrooms but can be modified for younger students.  Participants in the session will be
introduced to strategies for using midrashim, and will create their own art midrash based
on a selected text.

SESSION 1 B  2:00-3:30 PM

IS LYING EVER PERMITTED IN JUDAISM?
TCB 102       Nachum Amsel
We all know how important telling the truth is in a moral society and in Judaism (one of
God’s names is “truth”).  But is telling the truth an absolute?  Surprisingly, traditional
Judaism articulates in which circumstances it is permitted to lie.  This session will
examine the sources and show when it is absolutely forbidden to lie and when it is
permitted.  No prior Jewish knowledge or Hebrew is necessary.

CHECK THE NEWCAJE NEWSPAGE EVERY MORNING FOR CHANGES,
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS FROM THE DAILY SCHEDULE!
SUNDAY

ROADMAP FOR HEBREW SCHOOL SUCCESS-- TEACHING FOR ENDURING UNDERSTANDING
TCB 101        Marcy Berger
In this workshop, participants will learn cutting edge pedagogical techniques that will help them shape their curriculum so that their students will remember what they learned in Hebrew School long after they have graduated. Participants will learn simple, but effective, techniques to develop units of study based on Understanding by Design or Backwards Design Principles. Together, we will clarify the larger goals we set for our students, write essential questions to guide daily planning and discuss the importance of having clear learning targets for daily lessons. Finally participants will touch on the ways to know that students are meeting the learning targets that are set for them.

SERVICE-LEARNING IN JEWISH EDUCATION AND JEWISH WAYS OF KNOWING
TCB 104        Gail Bretan
Why is (Jewish) service-learning only geared towards teens? What about retirees who want to continue to be of service and continue to learn? What about unemployed adults who now have time to learn more about themselves, about Judaism, and about the community, while looking for ways to increase their skills and knowledge in many areas? What about families? Can learning take place in situations other than traditional education settings while simultaneously serving the community and its needs? Come to this session to learn what the literature, Jewish thought, and secular research say about this topic. You will also have an opportunity to add your suggestions to this model and have your name included in my dissertation.

THE TORAH OF FOOD
TCB 105        Philip Cohen
How we get what we eat, and what we eat, have lately become important subjects for discussion. The production of food has undergone a revolution. Factory farming of animals, for example, brings inexpensive meat to the dinner table, but at what cost? The way the world has come to grow its food raises important environmental and health questions. At the same time what we eat has made too many of us fat. In this session we will raise some of these questions and study the Jewish responses to them.

TEACHING JEWISH VALUES THROUGH SONG
TCB 211        Eric Komar
Most educators would agree that an effective and fun way to learn a concept is by singing about it. Instruments and recording devices are welcome at this presentation of repertoire which is useful for teaching such Jewish values as “Mitzvot” (doing commandments), “K’lal Yisrael” (Jewish community), “Tikkun olam” (repairing the world), “Pikuach nefesh” (saving a life), “Tzedek tzedek tirdof” (Justice, justice shall you pursue) and “V’ahavta l’rei’acha kamocha” (Love your neighbor as yourself). Attendees are encouraged to share their own ideas; the list of songs and values is not exhaustive!
MAKING SURE V'SHINANTAM HAPPENS: THE BENEFITS OF FAMILY EDUCATION
TCB 106 Miles L. Roger
In the V’ahavta prayer, we learn about the importance of teaching our children "diligently." One of the best ways to teach children is to teach by example. But what can parents do if they do not have the knowledge to teach their own children? Family Education is one of the best ways to ensure that parents will teach by example. In this session, participants will learn about creating family education programs for families with children ages 2 – 6. We will discuss programs ideas for family education that teach the parents at the same time as the children. Additionally, we will examine outreach programs that can help facilitate family education.

SUCCESSFUL CIRCLE TIME: ACTIVITIES, GAMES, STORIES, SONGS AND TECHNIQUES (AND SECRET WEAPONS) FOR EARLY ED TEACHERS
TCB 113 Lauren Jane Dragutsky
Participants will walk away with activities, games, stories, songs, techniques and secret weapons for a successful circle time. I will share what works for me, as well as create a time for us to sit in a circle and share what works in our classrooms!

CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON THE ROLE OF “FUN” IN JEWISH EDUCATION
TCB 108 Open Discussion
Currently schools in America value fun as the optimum way to get children to engage in learning. Does this idea contrast with Jewish values about learning? Why is it so important to parents and educators in Jewish schools for children to have fun? What is at risk if the students do not have fun at Jewish schools? What is at risk if they have fun but do not master Jewish skills and learning? What new insights are emerging for you here as a result of this discussion?

SESSION 1 C  3:45-5:15 PM

NewCAJE CHORALE
TCB 212 Linda Hirschhorn
Join the NewCAJE chorale with Cantor Linda Hirschhorn. The choir is the ideal community that allows the individual to discover their own most beautiful voice and hold their own while listening to and helping others, recognizing that the whole sounds only as good as the individual parts. The music ranges from the simple to the complex, to satisfy and challenge inexperienced and experienced singers alike. The richness, depth and complexities of harmonies elucidate the richness, depth and complexity of texts and give them new meaning. Our songs will affirm our commitment to social justice as well as celebrate life cycle rituals that mark the common and uncommon events of our lives.
**SUNDAY**

**NewCAJE ORIENTATION**  
**TCB 111**  
**Staff**  
Your first time at NewCAJE? Come meet other first timers, learn how to pick sessions, and we’ll answer any questions you might have!

**CREATING BENEFITS FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR STAFF**  
**TCB 101**  
**Ahouva Steinhaus**  
What kinds of benefits will be of most use to you OR to your employees? Are there low cost or no cost benefits that can be offered that will really benefit employees but that won’t be expensive for employers financially or administratively? We will consider 403b plans, HSAs (health savings accounts). Professional development and synagogue and NewCAJE membership might also be affordable and valuable benefits.

**A FRAMEWORK AND METHODOLOGY FOR TEACHING HOLOCAUST RESISTANCE**  
**TCB 102**  
**Fred Guttman**  
All too often, the subject of Holocaust Resistance is not adequately taught in courses dealing with the history of the Holocaust. In this session, Fred will discuss: a) the reasons why resistance was so difficult; b) the three types of resistance, giving an example of each; c) how the topic of Righteous among the Nations fits into the teaching; d) how he uses the sites of the March of the Living trip to teach resistance; and e) why Holocaust resistance is so important developmentally for young Jewish adults.

**MADRIKHIM AND MENTORS: TEENS TAKING ON LEADERSHIP ROLES IN SCHOOL**  
**TCB 104**  
**Lee Brice**  
Whether you are an Educator or a teacher with teen aides in the classroom, teens who want to come to Religious School on Sunday morning are a blessing! But too often the teachers find them a challenge, from their work ethic to their skills with students in the classroom. This session will look at a process and tools that enable a school to accept every interested teen, make a good match, and provide the training and feedback so that teachers become mentors and every teen contributes to the school.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF HEBREW NAMES: SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR OUR STUDENTS**  
**TCB 109**  
**Immanuel Ravad**  
The Midrash tells us that one of the reasons God saved us from slavery in Egypt was that we remembered our Hebrew names. Why are our Hebrew names important today? How can we help our students learn to love and understand their own Hebrew names? In this session, Rabbi Ravad will share his unique understanding of this central topic in Jewish education.
BAL TASHCHIT: EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY
TCB 105   Jill D. Eisen
What is Jewish about ecology? Jews are the original environmentalists; as God said to Adam, “I created all My beautiful and glorious works for your sake. Take care not to corrupt and destroy My world. For if you corrupt it, there is no one to make it right after you” (Midrash). God expects us to be partners in caring for the world. How do we impress this Jewish value on our students and their families? We will explore why conservation and ecology are not just acts of social conscience, but sacred acts, Bal Tashchit. Combining Torah study with concrete projects, the text will come alive for you and your students. Projects include: “Remember to Turn off Your Lights” light switch plate, “No Idling Keychain,” and transforming the ordinary plastic bag into a wallet.

MONSTERS OF THE MIDRASH
TCB 106   David Feder
Monsters of the Midrash is an innovative learning tool featuring cooperative text study, teamwork, and game-playing strategy. Monsters of the Midrash engages teenage to adult students with some surprising content from traditional Jewish texts (Leviathan! Nephilim!), and explores the tradition of playful interpretation from the Talmud to Pokemon-style card games.

CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON INTERMARRIAGE
TCB 108   Open Discussion
What is the effect of intermarriage on Jewish identity and practice in America? What do you see in your schools and congregations that can add to our understanding of this question? How do you feel about intermarriage? What do you feel called to do about it?

OPENING CEREMONIES – MAKOM   5:30-6:15 PM

BEIT AM
Dining Hall
We share our hopes and expectations for this conference, as well our dreams and prayers for Jewish education. Meet someone new, and join Nancy Katz, Jennifer Judelsohn and Cherie Koller-Fox to usher in NewCAJE2 with art, prayer and fellowship.

MAIN CONCERT   8:15-10:30 PM

TEMPLE EMANUEL
Across the street from the AHA Main Gate
First night. We come together from cities and towns near and far. We sing, we laugh, we dance, we dream. The many become one. Remember the old, celebrate the new. Our program begins with inspiring songs and stories by Helene and Michael Kates of The Baal Shem Tones, Peninnah Schram, and Julie Silver.
**SUNDAY**

**LATE NIGHT**  **11:00 PM-12:00 AM**

BEIT AM  
Dining Hall  
Join singer/songwriters Larry Milder, Eric Komar and others, and keep the night alive!

**AFTER HOURS KUMSITZ**  **12:00 AM…**

FIRE PIT  
Next to Dining Hall  
For those of you who’d rather sing than sleep…bring your instruments and voices!

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*Once upon a time, an exciting young Educator came to New CAJE. The Educator was thrilled with the quality of the opening day sessions, the dinner, and especially the opening program. The Educator was enthralled with the songs and stories of the Kates, the Baal Shem Tones, Peninnah Schram and Julie Silver. This was a Jewish communal experience unlike any the Educator had yet experienced!*

*Too excited to go to sleep, the Educator went and sang until midnight with Larry Milder, Eric Komar and others.*

*Still in an unbelievable state of ruach, the Educator sat up and sang with new friends from all over the world at the late night Kumsitz.*

*If you are this Educator, and you’re now looking at this page at 2:00 AM, looking for something to do now, let us give you some sage advice, derived from years of CAJE and NewCAJE experiences:*

*You’ve got a big, full day ahead of you in a few hours…..GO TO BED ALREADY!*
MONDAY

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2011

7:00–8:00 AM -------------------------- Shacharit Rosh Chodesh (Dining Hall)
7:30-8:45 AM---------------------------- Hot Breakfast
8:45-9:45 AM----------------------------- Cold Breakfast
8:45 AM-12:00 PM------------------------ Sessions 2 A, B & C
10:00 AM-5:30 PM---------------------- Expo
11:45 AM-1:15 PM----------------------- Lunch
1:30-4:45 PM--------------------------- Session 3 A, B & C
5:00-5:45 PM--------------------------- MAKOM Session
5:45-6:00 PM--------------------------- Siyyum
6:00-7:15 PM--------------------------- Dinner
7:30-8:40 PM--------------------------- Keynote Speaker
8:40 PM--------------------------------- Mincha/Ma’ariv (Dining Hall)
9:00-10:45 PM------------------------- Main Concert
11:15 PM-12:15 AM--------------------- Late Night
12:15 AM--------------------------------- After Hours Kumsitz

SESSION 2 A 8:45-11:45 AM

LISTEN TO OUR MENTORS: YOUNG ADULTS TELL THE STORIES OF EXPERIENCED JEWISH EDUCATORS

TCB 200

Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff

(OPEN ONLY BY INVITATION) In this workshop, Jennifer will share her passion for Jewish storytelling as she models effective performing and coaching techniques. Three young adults will interview three experienced Jewish educators to discover the highlights of their lives as Jews and Jewish educators. Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff will coach the young adults as a group and individually as they use their own intuition and creativity to prepare stories about their new mentors. On Tuesday night, the young adults will perform their stories for NewCAJE participants.

SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS - TORAH FOR BABY BOOMERS

TCB 208

Fred Guttman and Nancy Guttman

This is a text study of certain passages in Numbers which the teachers feel are helpful in understanding Baby Boomerhood. Taught by a rabbi and psychotherapist, each of whom will be bringing their own unique perspective to the texts, the session will deal with such questions as: What is my vision for the future? Will I ever make it to the Promised Land? What are the blessings in life? Does my life count for something? The session may serve as a guideline for an interesting adult education courses within other settings.
MONDAY

SESSION 2 B  8:45-10:15 AM

MAKING THINGS STICK, PART I: COOPERATIVE LEARNING
TCB 102  Diane Zimmerman
Looking for tools and techniques to engage your students in learning? Cooperative learning will improve student relations, create a more kind and caring school community AND provide opportunities for each student to engage in learning. End Result: learning that ‘sticks’ with the students beyond your classroom. Participants will leave this ‘hands-on’ interactive workshop ready to incorporate these new techniques in their classrooms. Geared for religious school and day school teachers. Administrators can learn new techniques to share with their staff. Want more ‘tools’? Consider attending Making Things Stick, Part II: Active Learning.

TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION 101
TCB 100  Efraim Feinstein
Want to learn how to make a Wiki? Produce a YouTube? Share anything you want with anyone using Tumblr? Learn the ways to use online media development as an educational tool. We will also look at reference sites like Wikimedia Commons and Wikipedia so that your students can use and add to research online. While we are in a computer lab, if you have a laptop computer with you, please bring it for the hands-on exercises!

HEALING SCARVES: BUILDING A CARING NewCAJE COMMUNITY: WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?
Science Building, 2nd Floor  Nancy Katz
Artist Nancy Katz is introducing painted silk ‘healing scarves’ to NewCAJE. Completed scarves will be distributed to individuals in times of need and passed on to another as the need subsides. Join in the kavod of hiddur mitzvah as we create a total of 8 scarves at the conference.

PLACING OBJECTIVES FOR HEBREW LANGUAGE TEACHING AND HOW TO PLAN A LESSON
TCB 104  Liat Kadosh
Knowing the level of your students will help you to decide about the objectives you want to reach by the end of each unit and by the end of each semester or school year. This workshop is designed for Hebrew teachers who are interested in setting teaching objectives for their students’ progress.

A GIANT CHILD-CREATED SIDDUR FOR YOUR CLASS
TCB 113  Lorraine Posner Arcus
"Is it my turn to lead Tefillah today?" Young students develop a deeper love and understanding of prayer when they create a personalized giant siddur. Using basic art and recycled materials, teachers will learn to guide discussions related to the Tefilot (prayers) that will lead to the students’ creative input.
WHEN THE TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SETTING NO LONGER WORKS: COME LEARN HOW TO BETTER SERVE FAMILIES AND STILL OFFER A QUALITY JEWISH EDUCATION

TCB 105  Jill D. Eisen and Dr. Eyal Bor
Do you have families who cannot or will not come to a regular religious school setting due to too much traffic, too many extra-curricular activities, a different learning style or lack of carpooling? This is a nation-wide dilemma facing supplemental religious schools. We have been studying this issue for over five years. We have developed alternative methods to deal with this trend such as the use of chavurot (groups) and satellite schools. The answer lies in being flexible, convenient and meeting the personal needs of families while at the same time providing a high caliber of learning with innovative, hands-on and multi-sensory teaching methods. By attending this session, you will learn how to duplicate these approaches.

UNPACKING DIFFICULT TEXTS

TCB 106  Tamara Beliak
Together we will study a text from the Bible that is difficult to teach because it contains sexual themes. We'll carefully read a selection of that text and discuss the many reasons why it's so difficult to teach. Then we'll explore several methods for teaching this text to learners of the various age groups we teach (adult learners, teens, tweens) in our educational settings -- day schools, supplementary schools and adult ed classes. By the end of this course you'll have gained a plurality of techniques for tackling these and texts with other difficult subject matter (such as violence and theological issues) that are important not to ignore.

ENGAGING FAMILIES IN HOMELESSNESS SOCIAL ACTION

TCB 109  Mark Wasserman and Robin Eisenberg
Learn about a project which engages kids, parents and families in addressing the issue of homelessness in your community. Robin Eisenberg, Director of Jewish Learning and Living at Temple Beth El in Boca Raton, Florida will present activities from her school’s curriculum around the topic of homelessness from a Jewish perspective. Mark Wasserman will talk about Houses for Change tzedakah boxes, a fun crafts project for families with homes helping families without. He originated this project, which is now a national interfaith campaign to raise awareness of homelessness and raise funds for homeless organizations.

DETERMINING WHICH STUDENTS NEED ACCOMMODATIONS TO LEARN

TCB 111  Dr. Sandy Miller-Jacobs
Some students learn easily and shine brightly in class while others in the same classroom seem to flounder and need help. How can I determine which students need accommodations and scaffolding to succeed? This session will cover beginning learners through upper grades. We will look at developmental, behavioral, and academic issues that need to be addressed for student learning.
MONDAY

SHALOM BAYIT FOR TEENS: PARENT-TEEN RELATIONS
TCB 211  William Berkson
Teens’ relationship with their parents is their school for how to manage all intimate relationships. And it is often a difficult challenge, as students are both dependent on parents and have a need to establish a separate identity. “Shalom Bayit” is a unique course developed by the Jewish Institute for Youth and Family. Come learn about this course which empowers teens to deal with their parents more effectively by a combination of Jewish values and social skills in communication and problem solving. This session will introduce activities used to empower students: a distinctively Jewish approach to relationships; how to judge what is fair in unequal relationships; winning cooperation and “taming the dragon”; and the “Shalom Bayit Discussion.”

HOW TO WRITE AND USE A BUDGET
TCB 209  Ahouva Steinhaus
Do you need to develop a budget for your project or your new job requirements? What are the elements you need to include in a budget and what will help you get the information you need to accurately plan what your project or organization will need? This is a critical element of grant writing as well as project/institution planning. How do you present a budget to a board? Should you overestimate or underestimate expenses in a budget that has to be approved by others? How do you modify a budget during the year to match existing expense realities?

GUITAR MASTER CLASS
TCB 212  Rabbi Larry Milder
Sharpen your guitar skills while learning to play six contemporary Jewish songs. This session focuses on playing with a flat pick and learning technique that is applicable to a wide range of songs. This year’s set list includes songs by Josh Nelson, Craig Taubman, and Larry Milder, and mastering the complicated rhythm of V'shamru. Bring your guitar and a recording device. Skill level: can play bare chords.

EMPOWERING YOUR STUDENTS TO GENERATE MIDRASHIM
TCB 207  Hal Miller-Jacobs
The reporter for the Canaan Times is interviewing Yitzchak just after his brother Yishmael has been banished. “So tell me Yitzchak, are you glad to see him go or are you wondering if you are next?” Faced with these types of questions, students take on roles and answer questions creatively. In this way they are essentially developing their own commentary on the text in the same way that the rabbis created Midrashim. After participating in this experiential exercise, learn how to conduct these Bibliodrama-type sessions with your own class. You will also learn the five primary reasons why this technique is so powerful and also have the opportunity to practice the technique in the session.
CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON THE EFFECT OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN
CONFLICT
TCB 108  Open Discussion
How have events related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict affected you personally?
As you think about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what’s at the heart of the matter for you? Within your thinking about the conflict, do you have some areas of uncertainty that you’re willing to speak about? For example, can you think of a time when the values you hold about Israel bumped up against other values that are also important to you? Do your students seem aware of what is happening in Israel? How do you think we should teach about modern Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? What did you hear in this discussion that surprised you? What challenged you?

SESSION 2 C  10:30 AM-12:00 PM

MAKING THINGS STICK PART 2: ACTIVE LEARNING
TCB 102  Diane Zimmerman
Are you ready to explore activities that will get your students out of their chairs and into learning? Do you want a class that has each student actively (instead of passively) learning any subject matter? Participants in this workshop will actively engage in strategies that will enliven the learning in their classrooms and deepen students’ understanding of the material. End Result: learning that ‘sticks’ with the students beyond your classroom. Participants will leave this ‘hands-on’ interactive workshop ready to engage their students with active learning techniques. Geared for religious school and day school teachers and the administrators who teach them. Note that there is also a Part One to this workshop that would be helpful but is not necessary to attend.

TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION 201
TCB 100  Efraim Feinstein
Looking to learn to use more sophisticated online media tools? This session will including using app-development toolkits to produce useful educational applications with minimal programming. I will also show you how to collaborate with developers to enable students to join existing open source projects such as the Open Siddur and other Jewish open source projects. While we are in a computer lab, if you have a laptop computer with you, please bring it for the hands-on exercises!

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THE FUTURE OF HISTORY: ONLINE RESOURCES TO RE-LIVE THE MODERN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

TCB 104  Adam Soclof
This workshop will demonstrate several online resources that teachers can integrate into their lesson plans in order to engage online-savvy youth. Our starting point will be the JTA Jewish News Archive, a free online database of more than 200,000 articles of Jewish interest dating back to 1923. Learn how to build a "This Day in Jewish History" calendar, how to research information about local communities, and examine innovative techniques for re-living history through historic news reports. Other topics to be addressed include social media skills, tracking current events, and cooperative Wikipedia editing. At the end of this session, participants will share their ideas for future development of the Jewish News Archive.

TOTALLY TOT SHABBAT WITH ELLEN ALLARD

TCB 113  Ellen Allard
Take your Tot Shabbat to a whole new level! Join multi-award winning recording artist, composer, performer and educator Ellen Allard as she shares her finely honed Tot Shabbat tips and techniques that will help you build and maintain a loyal and enthusiastic following of young children and parents who will sing and dance and pray as one big, loving community. Wear comfortable shoes and bring rhythm instruments!

BUT I CAN’T SEE MY SOUL! HOW TO TEACH THE WORLD OF THE SPIRIT TO OUR YOUTH

TCB 105  Sam Glaser
Take a journey into the Kabbalistic teachings concerning the human soul. How can we know that we have one? What's the difference between nefesh, ruach and n'shama? How do Jewish and gentile souls compare? A remarkable, common sense methodology to understanding our role in the spiritual realm and our relationship with our Creator in day-to-day life. Participants will emerge with a proven method of communicating these challenging concepts to tweens and teens.

SHABBAT ALIVE! A NEW APPROACH TO JUNIOR CONGREGATION

TCB 109  Lisa Aamodt
An innovative approach to designing, advertising and running a successful Youth Congregation! Hear about a model being used at the Merrick Jewish Centre which gives students a Shabbat or Yom Tov Service experience through prayer, games, storytelling, reenactments, puzzles, scavenger hunts and mysteries. Learn some Shabbat/Holiday activities which pair with Parashiyyot, Holidays, Jewish Teachings and ways to encourage a youth led service which challenge the students to grow and take ownership of the service. During this course participants will have an opportunity see sample advertisements, try out new engaging Shabbat projects and share personal teaching reflections and ideas which will enhance the class’s learning experience.
THE TRADITIONAL JEWISH VIEW OF ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
TCB 106 Nachum Amsel
Long before the word "green" depicted an attitude about the world, and long before the word "ecology" was even invented, Judaism outlined a clear view of ecology and even how to deal with the moral problems involved. This session will examine that attitude through the traditional sources, and discover how our ancient tradition was thousands of years before its time. No prior Jewish knowledge or Hebrew is necessary.

STORIES WE PRAY
TCB 101 Joel Lurie Grishaver
Every prayer has a story. Most of them come from the Midrash. When we know the story of where in Jewish history the prayer emerges, we learn the secret of its inner meaning. This workshop will change your relationship with the Siddur.

USING APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY TO DRIVE POWERFUL, POSITIVE CHANGE IN STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS
TCB Seminar 2nd Floor Deborah Grayson Riegel
Traditional approaches to solving learning, behavioral, and organizational problems focus on diagnosing what’s wrong and what’s broken. This session will teach the four keys steps of Appreciative Inquiry (A.I.), a tool developed by the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. A.I. applies Discovery, Dream, Design and Destiny to drive powerful, positive change by focusing on what is working, and tapping into the current resources, assets and strengths of the individual and the institution. Bring your problem and leave with possibilities!

PRAYER BEYOND WORDS (THE NIGGUN)
TCB 212 Helene Kates
A Chassidic saying goes: "Words are the pen of the heart but melody is the pen of the Soul." Experience a deeper level of prayer beyond words. Niggunim can take us to a place beyond where words are able to reach. Come learn, sing and explore the meaning in these melodies. See the images, feel the connection and share the stories they tell us. At the end, we will tell our own story by creating a new niggun of our own.

PRAYERBOOK HEBREW CAN BE FUN FOR GRADES 4-6
TCB 211 Eric Komar
Are your Hebrew students past learning the alef-bet but still have time before Bar/Bat Mitzvah prep to deepen their Hebrew/prayer skills? In the age of iPhones, texting and reality TV, how do we successfully engage preteens in prayerbook Hebrew? Learn some ideas that have proven very effective in my 5th grade classes and which can easily be adapted for other intermediate grades. Special attention will be devoted to a series of "Survivor"-type activities, in which students compete in both individual and team reading activities. The students have so much fun throughout the year, they barely realize the curriculum is intense, the materials serious, and the expectations high.
MY FATHER WAS A WANDERING WHAT?

TCB 111 Everett Fox

The Passover Haggadah contains a text from Deuteronomy 26 which forms the basis of the little-understood Midrash section of the Seder. It describes how farmers are supposed to bring an offering of their crops to the priest and make a special declaration. This short speech teaches about gratitude for the land, but it also forms the backbone of the Haggadah. Together we will do a close reading of this text, to understand both the biblical message and the Midrash that emanates from it, and how best to bring this understanding into the Seder.

SESSION 3 A 1:30-4:30 PM

TEN ART ACTIVITIES FOR THE CYCLE OF THE YEAR

Science Building, 2nd Floor Karen Dresser

Looking for new art activities for your classrooms or for family events? This session can offer you at least ten accessible activities that are loosely tied to the chagim and related texts, and that go beyond the usual fare to stretch spiritual imagination and growth. The session includes hands-on art-making for several of the projects.

JEWISH SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR TEACHERS: A STEP ON YOUR JOURNEY

TCB 211 Marge Eiseman and Jennifer Judelsohn

"Birth is a beginning; death a destination and life is a journey, lived on the way..." But how many of us were taught how to make this journey a life of meaning and purpose? And, can we teach this to our students? Is there a way to live and learn that can make the practice of teaching Judaism feel sacred and holy to us? Music, prayer, art, poetry, movement and meditation have been tools for enriching the spiritual life of Jews (and in this setting, Jewish teachers), and we will sample these during a session that just might change your life!

SESSION 3 B 1:30-3:00 PM

TURN THE DANGER DOWN: MAKE DIVERSITY WORK FOR YOU

TCB 102 Dr. Hana Bor

Diversity is real. It affects all of us. Take home hands-on exercises to engage your students, colleagues and communities in building respect for each other – whether your differences come from religious, national or personal backgrounds. These tools can help you use diversity as an opportunity to engage each student and to build stronger connections with your colleagues and families.
MONDAY

AVADIM HAYINU: DANCE YOUR WAY TO FREEDOM THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS
TCB 212  Aliya Cheskis-Cotel
Dance your way through the holiday cycle with new dances for Yamim Noraim, Chanuka, Tu B'Shevat, Purim, Pesach, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Shavuot, Shabbat, and Hallel. Come, kick up your heels and add rhythmic, simple, and fun folk dances to your holiday teaching. Guaranteed to get children and adults on their feet with enthusiasm.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS
TCB 104  Yosef Leibowitz
The Psalms are most often known to us through the prayer book. They are said and sung but often not analyzed. We will analyze two or three Psalms which lie at the base of our prayers to uncover the reasons that the rabbis used them.

HOW TO START TEACHING HEBREW FROM ALEF AND TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TOPICS TO TEACH
TCB 105  Liat Kadosh
This workshop is designed for teachers of Hebrew language who are teaching in Hebrew schools for one to two hours a week. How do you start teaching the Alef-Bet? Will a student be interested in learning to read and write Hebrew? How can teachers of this Hebrew language level support Judaic studies? How do you motivate a student and make sure they remember? How do you determine the best topics to teach that will engage the students and bring out productive skills right from the beginning? This is a practical workshop that will offer discussions about methods and step-by-step materials to keep.

THE STATE OF YIDDISH TODAY: LOCALLY, GLOBALLY, IN OUTER SPACE
TCB 106  Marcia Gruss Levinsohn and Amanda Jill Wood
Did you know there are a lot of Yiddish language resources available in your local community and even on the web? Would you like to be able to teach your students about Yiddish language and culture? In this session, we will sing and speak a little bit of Mamaloschen. If you can read Hebrew, you can read Yiddish! So come and see what Yiddish can add to your classroom or school.

THEY COME FOR THEIR FRIENDS… CREATING A HIGH SCHOOL MIDRASHA WHERE TEENS WANT TO COME
TCB 209  Lee Brice
Parents stopped me this year to tell me their child wants to come to Midrasha! Given a conflict, their child is choosing Midrasha, even over sports. What are the elements in this high school program that have changed the teen culture from “My parents make me” to “C’mon, it’s time for Midrasha!”? This session will explore how one program provides social time, integration with youth group and religious school, Jewish identity and Jewish learning in a way that has even reluctant students showing up with enthusiasm.
MONDAY

iPROJECTS: A 21ST CENTURY APPROACH TO INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING IN GRADES 4-8
TCB 109  Cherie Koller-Fox
What we often remember of elementary school is a project we did on a subject that interested us. In Jewish education, this personal connection is especially important because it strengthens Jewish identity and develops interests that a child might want to explore further in college or as an adult. This session will teach you how to help each child find what interests them about Judaism and how to use the resources of the Internet to create meaningful study in a wide range of Jewish topics. This method can be used with a library as well, but the Internet opens up endless possibilities. Learn how to keep records of each child's progress and ways of sharing what they've learned with peers and parents alike.

INCORPORATING JEWISH MUSIC INTO THE JEWISH ECE CLASSROOM (EVEN IF YOU ARE A TEACHER WHO "CAN'T SING")
TCB 113  Emily Aronoff
This workshop is designed for Jewish Early Childhood Educators who are willing and motivated to integrate music into their classroom life. The workshop will provide information on the topic of Jewish music, music education and early childhood education theory. The purpose of the workshop is to acquire strategies that incorporate Jewish music in a developmentally appropriate way in the classroom and how to seamlessly integrate such music into an existing curriculum. Educators will leave equipped with new skills, resources and confidence to bring back into their classroom. Appropriate for teachers working with toddler-grade 2 students.

JEWISH HUMOR
TCB 111  Leo Michel Abrami
A Jewish joke is more than just a funny story; it often conveys an important message to the listener. Humor helps us cope with the adversity and unpleasantness in our lives. As a people, over the centuries we have had to cope with our share of adversity. How does our humor reflect our culture of values and survival? In this session you'll certainly hear a lot of jokes, but you'll also gain a deeper understanding of why they're funny.

THE HISTORICAL INTEGRITY OF OUR COMMUNAL NARRATIVE
TCB 208  Jonina Duker
What do the recent DNA studies tell us about the history and migrations of the Jewish people? Which communities show evidence of biological descent from B’nai Yisrael, the ancient Israelites, and which ones probably joined the Jewish people after Biblical times? The answers may surprise you and differ on occasion from the decisions of the Rabbinate in Israel. The studies of Y-chromosome and mitochondrial DNA will be discussed in lay rather than scientific terms. Recent DNA studies confirm the historical integrity of our communal narrative. Regardless of an individual’s path to a Jewish identity, the new scientific evidence supporting our communal narrative is powerful, compelling, and relevant.
MONDAY

21ST CENTURY EDUCATION FOR 21ST CENTURY STUDENTS
TCB 206 J onathon Feinberg
Jewish education provides great access to Jewish heritage and culture, but how do we keep Judaism relevant to students with ever-widening interests? Youths spend an increasing amount of time with online games, social networking, and other new interactive media, a trend to which many schools are slow to catch on. Increasing concern over global issues combines with decreasing community cohesiveness, necessitating an educational shift to keep Judaism relevant. We will discuss the inclusion of gaming and social networking technologies into classrooms and curricula, as well as contemporary societal issues. The session will highlight successful examples in the field, including Sviva Israel's online Jewish-environmental education platform, the EcoCampus.

MUCH MORE THAN “THANKS FOR THE GRUB” – A LOOK AT BIRKAT HAMAZON
TCB 204 Richard Fagan
We say it, pray it, and sing the Blessing after Meals with gusto. But what does it really mean? Why are so many issues other than thanks for food involved? We will examine the words and paragraphs carefully, as “text detectives” bringing out the meanings and connections, seasoned with suggestions from traditional and modern commentators. Though this session is intended as text study for us, the strategies involved can readily be used with students.

CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND OBSTACLES TO SUCCESS
TCB 108 Open Discussion
What does it take to be a successful and effective educational leader? What have you accomplished as an educational leader that makes you most proud? What obstacles do you face when you try to achieve your goals? If money were not a factor, would you choose to go back into the classroom or continue in a leadership role? What would it take to create change on the issues you’ve raised that concern you?

SESSION 3 C 3:15-4:45 PM

NewCAJE CHORALE
TCB 201 Linda Hirschhorn
Join the NewCAJE chorale with Cantor Linda Hirschhorn. The choir is the ideal community that allows the individual to discover their own most beautiful voice and hold their own while listening to and helping others, recognizing that the whole sounds only as good as the individual parts. The music ranges from the simple to the complex to satisfy and challenge inexperienced and experienced singers alike. The richness, depth and complexities of harmonies elucidate the richness, depth and complexity of texts and give them new meaning. Our songs will affirm our commitment to social justice as well as celebrate life cycle rituals that mark the common and uncommon events of our lives.
MONDAY

AN IMPROVISATIONAL/PARTICIPATORY “OUT-THERE!” APPROACH TO ENGAGING TEENS WITH JEWISH MUSIC AND CONCEPTS
TCB 212                Jordan Hill
Music plays such a central role in Jewish life, yet how to connect teens, so often passionate about music, with this tradition? Jordan Hill—musician, storyteller, educator—has developed a number of highly engaging/effective techniques to do just this. His approaches range from avant-garde improvisational music to American Indian drum-and-chant; they are inspired by klezmer and Hassidic insights into music; and they all come together to plug teens—musicians and non-musicians alike—into a direct, hands-on experience with Jewish music and, through it, Judaism itself. The workshop will be as hands-on as the techniques, giving educators an experience with a number of approaches that they can take home and apply in their own communities. Be prepared to jam.

TEACHING JEWISHLY
TCB 101                Joel Lurie Grishaver
An exploration of how Jewish values influence education. By using Jewish sources as a foundation, Joel looks at how one creates a classroom and other learning environments based on respect and dignity, that facilitates growth, esteem, and community, and that makes the process of Jewish education an expression of the Jewish message.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN
TCB 113                Donna Hendel
Children ages 2 through 6 are the perfect age to begin Israeli folk dancing. Through jumping, stepping, running, leaping, acting, shaking and DANCING, preschool children acquire Hebrew language, Jewish holiday learning and the basics of movement and rhythm with the use of contemporary and traditional Israeli and contemporary Jewish music. Come ready to have a nice workout while you learn how to bring back this special way of Judaic knowledge acquisition to your Jewish early childhood classroom.

MAKING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS
TCB 102                Dr. Sandy Miller-Jacobs
Many teachers wonder how they are going to successfully reach all the students in their classes, especially those who, diagnosed or not, appear to have special learning needs (e.g., ADHD, Executive Function Disorder, Learning Disabilities). This workshop will examine ways to provide accommodations to your students, to enable them to meet your learning goals successfully, and to provide challenging and respectful tasks.

PIRKE AVOT: APPLYING ANCIENT WISDOM TODAY
TCB 109                William Berkson
We will compare the advice that the Jewish Sages give to that of modern psychology and of popular culture. Where do they agree and support each other? Where do they conflict? We will focus on Mishnayot on anger, humility, and self-control.
THE ART OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATION: KNOW WHAT YOU ARE WORTH, AND GET WHAT YOU DESERVE
TCB 104  Eitan Gutin
After more than a decade as a full time Jewish educator, I can finally say that I am satisfied with my new contract and with the process through which I got to it. Please join me for a discussion about what tools and strategies I used to figure out what I am worth, and to (nearly) get what I deserve. Do you have advice to share for other educators? Please come and share as part of an open forum. Do you think you should have a better salary and more benefits? Come and learn.

HOW TO TEACH ISRAEL EFFECTIVELY AND CONVINCINGLY IN THE DIGITAL AGE
TCB 105  Nachum Amsel
We are currently losing the propaganda war about Israel if our kids only believe what they hear about Israel in the news and not what we teach about Israel. The Destiny Foundation has developed a new methodology to show, teach, and help internalize Jewish values and a love for Israel. Using new film clips, with lesson plans, moral dilemmas, etc. the students will learn about the State in an exciting and engaging way. All materials are digital usable and appropriate for ages 10+ in a wide range of educational settings. Participants will receive free media and teaching tools that can be used immediately in the classroom (including a DVD and Educational Guide with 19 lessons plans).

OH (BLEEP!) ANOTHER MEETING?
TCB Seminar, 2nd Floor  Deborah Grayson Riegel
More schmoozing than strategic thinking? More opinions than outcomes? More food than facilitation? It must be a Jewish meeting! Every time you hold a meeting you have an opportunity to re-engage participants in the vital work of the organization. How many of these opportunities are you missing? If your meetings are unproductive, unfocused or unpopular – this session is for you. Participants will learn how to consistently meet the 3 criteria for productive meetings, how to build an outcome-based agenda that drives the entire meeting, how to use the meeting to reinforce Jewish values, and 8 other miraculous meeting makeovers.

NAVIGATING THE POLITICS
TCB 106  Elizabeth Singer
The more roles one person assumes, the broader the spectrum of interested stakeholders. The beauty and difficulty of working within a non-profit setting is that there are a lot of stakeholders and not a lot of staff. How can we accommodate everyone's interests, especially when we are so strapped for time, money and energy? Come for a discussion on the culture of various programs and how we can do our best listen to our board, our lay leaders, our employees, our parents, and our students. We will discuss how to communicate, how much to tell any one person, and how to do all of this while remaining the consummate professional.
MUSICAL CONNECTIONS AMONG JEWS, MUSLIMS AND HINDUS
TCB 111       Neil Schwartz
Why does much of the ancient music of Jews, Muslims and Hindus sound similar? We will learn about musical modes that are chanted from Northern India to Southern Spain, and some possible reasons for these similarities. As we do so, we will encounter Hindus, Turks, Persians, Arabs, Byzantine Greeks, Gypsies, and Spanish Moors.

WHEN HISTORY HAS A NAME, A FACE AND A STORY: USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO CONNECT STUDENTS TO 20TH CENTURY JEWISH HISTORY
TCB 206       Lauren B. Granite, Ph.D.
If you like learning about innovative approaches to Jewish History, we'd love to invite you to a workshop about Centropa, a resource for Jewish educators. From 2000-2008 Centropa interviewed (audiotape only) Holocaust survivors in Central Europe, focusing on how they lived, not how they or their relatives suffered and died, and digitizing their family photographs. The interviews (over 1,200) and photographs (over 22,000) can be found at www.centropa.org. This workshop will show you all of Centropa’s resources: databases, short multimedia films telling personal stories, our site where students upload work, and our international teacher’s network. Bring your laptops for an interactive exploration of new technologies to teach 20th century Jewish history, empower students to tell their family stories and connect Jewish students around the world.

CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOLS IN TRANSITION: CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY
TCB 202       Josh Bender
The long-time director has left and now you are up to bat! What is the curriculum? Is there a curriculum? What do the teachers think of you? How do you build trust among the faculty, the parent body, the lay leadership? Do you build on the success of the existing educational program or change things dramatically? So many pieces are broken, where do you begin? Feeling overwhelmed? Oh, and by the way, the Rabbi just announced that he is retiring. It seems that congregational schools are always in transition. If you have had the above experiences and are looking to dialogue on ways to deal with transition in your synagogue, join us for this workshop. The workshop will be helpful for new directors and directors who have a couple years under their belt. We will share and support each other and also look at some organizational models and theories that can help us weather the storm of change.
MUSIC AS D’VAR TORAH – MAKOM  5:00-5:45 PM

BEIT AM
Dining Hall
As we explore what text means to us we try to zero in on what feelings are generated by the words. Linda Hirschhorn will help us lift our voices in song. Her focus is on the consonance of word and melody so that even someone who is not fluent in Hebrew might still be able to feel from the music what a prayer is about. Come join the NewCAJE community as we gather together to create holy space and welcome the month of Av.

TRADITIONAL SIYYUM WITH RABBI NACHUM AMSEL  5:45 PM

BEIT AM
Dining Hall
The first 9 days of Av are considered by the rabbis to be days of mourning in which such joyful practices as eating meat are forbidden. Yet, some things supersede this requirement such as a festive meal after a Brit Milah. Not having an 8-day-old baby boy handy, Nahum Amsel took the time this summer to study Masechet Makkot and we will be celebrating a festive meal with him to mark this occasion. Makkot has some wonderful things to say about scholars and commandments, but mostly it is focused on punishment—namely those crimes punishable by exile and by flogging. Joining together with Nachum will make it possible for all of us to eat a meat meal this evening. Even though he is the only one who has studied, each of us are rejoicing with him because he has completed this task. Amazingly, it is our joy, not the actual torah spoken, that gives the meal the status of a Seudat Mitzvah.

ARE YOU READY FOR TONIGHT’S PROGRAMING???

** Keynote Speaker, Dr. Ken Stein and his insights about Israel Education
** A concert with Cherie Karo Schwartz, Beth Schafer & Joe Black, Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff, and Michelle Citrin
** A special tribute to Debbie Friedman

This is what makes NewCAJE so special....
MONDAY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. KEN STEIN
7:30-8:40 PM

BEIT AM
Dining Hall

Knowing Israel Like You Know “The Four Questions”

At Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Kenneth W. Stein is the William E. Schatten Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History, Political Science and Israeli Studies. Since coming to Emory in 1977, he founded and developed the International Studies Center, was the first director of the Carter Center (1983-1986), and established in 1988, the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel (ISMI). In Spring 2006, he was a visiting professor of Political Science at Brown University.

Dr. Stein is the author of numerous books and publications. Among them are Hebrew and English editions of Heroic Diplomacy: Sadat, Kissinger, Carter, Begin and the Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace (Routledge:1999); Making Peace Among Arabs and Israelis: Lessons from Fifty Years of Negotiating Experience (United States Institute for Peace:1991), and The Land Question in Palestine, 1917-1939 (North Carolina Press: 1984, 1985, and 2003). His almost three dozen journal articles and book chapters have focused on the origins of modern Israel, American foreign policy toward the Middle East, history of the yishuv (1880s-1940s), Palestinian politics, inter-Arab relations, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Stein serves on the Editorial Board of Middle East Quarterly.

His honors at Emory University include recognition for internationalizing the curriculum and the highest teaching awards for his undergraduate teaching. The ADL and the Israel on Campus Coalition awarded him the 2007 Ross Award for his intellectual integrity in speaking out against the falsehoods in former President Jimmy Carter’s 2006 book Palestine: Peace not Apartheid.
Monday

Main Concert 9:00-10:45 PM

Temple Emanuel
Across the street from the AHA Main Gate

Music and Stories are the food and drink of the soul. Join

Cherie Karo Schwartz
Beth Schafer & Joe Black
Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff
Michelle Citrin

as they usher us into this year’s conference with joy through the sounds of their voices.

Late Night – Remembering Debbie
11:15 PM-12:15 AM

Beit Am
Dining Hall
Join Julie Silver, Peninnah Schram and others as we recall our friend Debbie Friedman. We will gather to share stories about Debbie and stories about the impact her songs had on us and our students. We will begin and end with one of her songs and of course, and we will say a Kaddish in her memory.

After Hours Kumsitz 12:15 AM…

Fire Pit
Next to Dining Hall
For those of you who’d rather sing than sleep…bring your instruments and voices!
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**SESSION 4 A  8:45-11:45 AM**

**TEACHING AS A LEARNING COACH: CREATING AN ACTIVE CLASSROOM**

**TCB 211**

Adam Tilove

There is an adage that "A teacher shouldn't be the sage on the stage, but rather the guide on the side." This session will teach some basic elements of the constructivist classroom including: how to structure group work, how to use technology in engaging and meaningful ways, how to build meaningful assessments, and how to allow for students to engage in meaningful and self-directed work in the classroom. The lion’s share of the class will be taught modeling constructivist techniques. Participants will work in small groups, brainstorming, building units and/or lessons, and sharing ideas to receive feedback. Participants will leave the session with a significant product they can use in the classroom.

**OLD WINE IN NEW BOTTLES - TROPE AND NUSACH**

**TCB 202**

Neil Schwartz

Calling all teachers of Trope and davenning, Jr. Congregation leaders, adult lay religious leaders, and interested learners. Come meet some new technologies for teaching ancient Jewish chanting - software, the Internet, and online teaching modalities. We will use many newly revised teaching materials to study basic Hebrew grammar, Biblical Cantillation, and the musical prayer-modes of Nusach HaTefillah.
SESSION 4 B  8:45-10:15 AM

PRAYING WITH OUR FEET: WALKING THE WALK AND TALKING THE TALK
TCB 207  Janie Grackin, Helene Kates and Ellen Allard
Explore new avenues of Jewish spirituality through song, story, tefillah and social action. Learn how to create a multi-sensory/multi-disciplinary approach to expressing Judaism through our hands, our mouths, and our hearts.

THE JEWISH CALENDAR
TCB 102  Yosef Leibowtiz
The Jewish holidays are all interconnected. They tell a story beginning with Shabbat and ending with the Rabbinic holidays. We will study both the particular texts and look at the total picture.

DIRECTOR SURVIVAL WORKSHOP
TCB 104  Amy Ripps and Robin Eisenberg
People not programs, teach the teachers, loyalty to students, core beliefs – create your own “mantra” as a school director. Join us for a tachlis session about running a successful school including some philosophy as well as some nuts and bolts. Take away materials and ideas to add to your “toolbox.” Learn with two veteran directors with experience in a large, resource-rich community as well as one in a small, remote and resource-poor community.

13 PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING
TCB 105  Anna Salomon
Rambam gave us 13 Principles of Faith – the closest thing Judaism has to a formal statement of belief. In this session we will examine our own core beliefs and values of Jewish education of all kinds to create our own 13 Principles of Teaching that will help guide our work and center our teaching.

WORDS THAT HARM, WORDS THAT HELP—TEACHING ABOUT LASHON HARA
TCB 106  William Berkson
Seventh grade, age 12-13, is a key point where children gain the ability to understand and influence their relationships. Cruel tongues (lashon hara) are rife at this age, whether in person, on the Internet or on the phone. This stage of life represents a unique window of opportunity to show students how Judaism teaches them not just how to pray, but how to live. Rabbinic teachings can help them to strengthen their relationships, help others and defend themselves. You will learn a case-study method for bringing home to students the damage to relationships done by lashon hara, and for teaching positive speech. This method can be used for issues in the news, but it can also we used to discuss issues you see your students dealing with.
TORAH ALIVE! AN EXPERIENTIAL APPROACH TO TEACHING TORAH TO YOUNG CHILDREN

TCB 113  Lorraine Posner Arcus

“Look at me! I’m Sarah! Look at me! I’m Avraham!” Add a new dimension to your Early Childhood curriculum. Discover how to make the Torah lessons come alive for early childhood students through dramatic presentation of the text and creative role-playing. Learn how to create scenery, props, and easy costumes to enhance the dramatic presentation of the Torah lessons. Enhance the learning and understanding of the Torah lessons through discussion topics, craft ideas, cooking activities, and puppets. Learn how to make Torah study an essential part of your curriculum and a bridge between home and school.

TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH THE LANGUAGE OF TODAY: THE COMING OF AGE IN THE HOLOCAUST WEBSITE AND CURRICULUM

TCB 100  Dr. Paul Radensky

As the Holocaust recedes into memory and survivors pass away, teaching the Holocaust meaningfully becomes increasingly important. "Coming of Age in the Holocaust, Coming of Age Now" is a free online curriculum that presents the Holocaust through the lives of 12 young people in Europe and Mandatory Palestine. During the war, these young people, who were close in age to our students, grew and accepted new responsibilities. Reading their stories and listening to testimony, students will learn about the Holocaust in a personal way and consider what coming of age means today. Teachers will learn how to use the website to enable students to partner with students around the world who are studying the "Coming of Age" curriculum.

STORYTELLING AND DRAMA GAMES FOR THE JEWISH CLASSROOM

TCB 212  Jordan Hill

Storytelling and drama games are a tremendously effective means for giving students a hands-on way to access and directly engage with the material being taught in a classroom in a fun and exciting way. This hands-on workshop covers a number of easy-to-learn games and activities that can be used in a wide variety of contexts. Be ready to play!

A SCHOOL-WIDE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING HEBREW READING

TCB 209  Diana Yacobi

The Sarah and David curriculum was built backwards from Bar/Bat Mitzvah with the goal of addressing reading difficulties that students continue to have into the upper grades. The session will feature techniques designed to improve Hebrew reading accuracy and fluency for Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students in 5th – 7th grade. In this hands-on workshop participants will receive a copy of The Skill and Drill Book in order to practice techniques to improve Hebrew reading. Other materials that we'll be discussing will not be sold at the session itself, but will be available at the exhibit area throughout the conference.
BRINGING THE SCRIBAL ARTS TO LIFE  
TCB 109 Zerach Greenfield  
At this session I will explain the making of Sifrei Torah, Tefillin and Mezuzot. This session will present numerous teaching techniques that will help teachers bring to life the world of the Scribal Arts to their students.

TORAH AND SCIENCE: THE QUESTIONS STUDENTS ASK, AND SOME ANSWERS  
TCB 111 Paul Solyn  
What do you say when students question the veracity of Torah, or point out that they learned something different in science class? Do you reply that all of it is true, most of it is true, some of it is true? Is it all myth? And what is sacred myth? Or do the Torah and modern science tell us the same story? In this session we’ll explore several approaches to reconciling belief in Torah with belief in science, discuss the value of each approach for the settings in which we teach, and develop plans for answering students’ questions authentically and productively while strengthening, not undermining, belief.

AM I AWAKE?: A WORKSHOP IN FINDING AND TEACHING PERSONAL CONNECTION IN CONTEMPORARY JEWISH PRAYER  
TCB 201 Noah Aronson  
"Why do I need to learn this?" "When am I ever going to use this information?!" 'Am I Awake' is a workshop on how to teach students to create personal connections with the prayers they are learning. Using his original musical settings, Noah demonstrates how encouraging children to create personal relationships with the texts allows them to take ownership of the liturgy and grow more connected to Judaism.

CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON FAITH  
TCB 108 Open Discussion  
There are passages in the liturgy and in the Bible that some people find challenging to believe. What are some of the ideas, texts or beliefs within Judaism that you find problematic? What thoughts and feelings are stirred in you when you encounter them? How have you reconciled these difficulties in your personal beliefs with your professional responsibilities? Have your questions of faith evolved over your lifetime? What if any new insights are emerging for you as a result of this discussion?

SESSION 4 C 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

MUSIC AND LEADERSHIP. A KABBALISTIC FUGUE  
TCB 101 Joel Lurie Grishaver  
Rabbi Nachman of Bretzlav was the great grandson of the Baal Shem Tov. In his 282nd sermon in Lekutai Moharan he intertwines the double issues of the power of music and the traits of successful leadership. In this workshop we will work our way through that sermon and explore both areas.


**Tuesday**

**Story Spirit: Sharpening Your Storytelling Art**

**TCB 212  Cherie Karo Schwartz**

Join storyteller Cherie Karo Schwartz for an interactive, engaging storytelling skill-building session. We will revisit techniques and rejuvenate the storytelling experience through a series of personal reflections, imaging, participatory activities, and improvised group interplay aimed at honing your preparation for presentations. The group will explore new and developing areas of character work, voice, and movement. In the process, uncover inner, personal connections to your stories. We will share our pearls of Jewish story wisdom with one another. Participants will create new uses and adaptations of classic Jewish sacred and folk tales to enhance their well-storied simchot (celebrations), commemorations, occasions, and themes. Storytellers of all levels of experience will learn and create with each other during this lively ninety-minute workshop.

**Jacob and Israel: Wrestling With God**

**TCB 102  Everett Fox**

Why are we called the People of Israel and not Jacobites? What does it mean for ancient Jews and Jews today to wrestle with God? We’ll look at Jacob’s dramatic wrestling match in Genesis 32 in the perspective of his long and turbulent life. Together will do a close reading of the text and learn how to uncover the important themes that are found there--skills translatable to other texts you may teach.

**The Rosenfeld Legacy Project: Connecting Children’s Literature with Judaic Heritage**

**TCB 104  Emily Aronoff**

The Rosenfeld Legacy Project: Connecting Children's Literature with Judaic Heritage was created so that this generation of Jewish children and generations to come may learn of the remarkable legacy of Judaism, its contributions to all aspects of life, and its moral and ethical principles that have shaped the world. This exciting program was created at the University of Miami under the direction of Dr. Anita Meinbach. In this workshop, Emily Aronoff, music coordinator of the project, will present and model lessons in the Rosenfeld Legacy Program. The Legacy Program includes a resource guide (a book and CD) based on eight award-winning books appropriate for students in grades K-3, which each workshop participant will receive.

**Differentiating Instruction**

**TCB 105  Alan J. Levin, Ph.D.**

The session will begin with a profile of the students in a typical class supporting the need for differentiating. Participants will then explore ways to differentiate and modify instruction in activities that require reading, writing, art, and cooperative work. We will take content samples from activities often used in our religious school classrooms. These will come from text books and the CHAI curriculum, but the modifications suggested will be helpful regardless of the curriculum being used. The session will focus on students in grades 1-7.
HEBREW STUDENTS’ LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE -- HOW TO ASSESS PROGRESS
TCB 106 Liat Kadosh
Choosing Hebrew language materials to teach requires knowledge about the level of performance. This workshop will explore the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) performance guidelines and explain how well a student can function within each level of performance. This workshop is designed for teachers who want to be introduced to the variety of performance levels in Hebrew following the ACTFL guidelines.

YIDDISH: THE BEST-KEPT SECRET OF AMERICAN JEWRY: WHY AND HOW TO INTEGRATE IT INTO YOUR CURRICULUM
TCB 109 Sheva Zucker
Many students, including those attending Jewish day schools, do not know that Yiddish is written in Hebrew characters and cannot name two Yiddish writers. This session, intended for administrators and teachers in Jewish elementary and secondary education, will discuss what Yiddish can offer students today and suggest some ways in which Yiddish can be integrated into their curriculum. We will also briefly discuss the reasons for cultural amnesia regarding Yiddish and the specific cultural literacy that comes with knowing the language. Finally, we will discuss modes of teaching something about Yiddish language and culture even when no qualified Yiddish educators are present (which is often the case).

ALL TOGETHER NOW: USING ART TO BUILD COMMUNITY
Science Building, 2nd Floor Nancy Katz
Creating Community is an essential part of any Jewish setting from a congregation to a classroom. How do we create community? How does having a community strengthen learning and prayer and life? In this workshop, participants will share their successes in creating community using art and discover a variety of methods that can help to build and strengthen community in your setting.

RESTORING THE "RICH" IN JEWISH RITUAL
TCB 208 Sam Glaser
The term "ritual" connotes a customarily repeated action, mindlessly performed out of a sense of habit or duty. We will explore the primary holidays in the Jewish calendar, investigating methods that can create a sense of excitement when each unique opportunity returns. What are the clues in our Torah and liturgy that help us perceive how our festivals can enhance our lives? How can we maximize our use of ritual objects, holiday music, food, prayer to enhance family interaction? Participants will emerge with a renewed appreciation of our chagim (holidays), empowered with practical steps to increase their community's enjoyment of the holiday.
TUESDAY

I WANNA BE A WIZARD! HEBREW SCHOOL GOES TO CAMP
TCB Seminar 2nd Floor  Deborah Salomon
Why wait for summer to attend camp? Deborah Tarasow Salomon introduces games and teaching tools to turn your Hebrew School into the best all year round camp ever. Don't you want to be a Wizard? A magical class experience to share the Wizard's own secrets in this life changing experience for all teachers, directors and educators. Active participation is encouraged and bring along your friends.

RULES AND REGS: OH MY! CREATING ENGAGING AND FUN STAFF ORIENTATIONS
TCB 111  Diane Zimmerman
All those rules and regulations for teaching in your building… so boring, yet necessary. This workshop will explore ways to apply active and cooperative learning techniques to the Rules and Regs part of your beginning of the year Staff Orientation. Note: participants might acquire other useful strategies for engaging their teachers during the all-important, but often, sort-of boring Staff Orientation. Geared for religious school and day school principals.

A HAT FULL OF PRAYERS: MAKE ANY PRAYER ENGAGING FOR YOUR TEENS
TCB 209  Eitan Gutin
Anyone can be a Tefillah educator - anyone! All you need is a few simple tools in your pocket. In this session we will split up into teams. Each team of educators will, at random, be given a prayer, an audience, and a method. Each team will create a new way of teaching their Tefillah in a way it has not ever taught before. Throughout the session, Eitan will share insights that he has gained from spending more than 10 years teaching teens about tefillah and spirituality.

KIRTAN MEDITATION AND A TALE – MAKOM
1:30-2:15 PM

BEIT AM
Dining Hall following lunch
Hebrew Kirtan is a fully participatory, call-and-response chant where short, sacred phrases from the Jewish tradition are treated as powerful, universal meditations, lead by Karen Dresser. It is at once contemplative, ecstatic and—simply fun! Janie Grackin will treat us to a soul story, and we will be refreshed and reinvigorated and ready to return to another afternoon of learning.
SESSION 5 A  2:30-5:30 PM

COMFORT SHAWLS: EMBRACING THE CYCLE OF LOVE AND LOSS
Science Building, 2nd Floor    Marge Eiseman

What if we had a way to create communities in our classroom that cared about and acknowledged the personal lives of the students and teacher? What if every classroom had its own Comfort Shawl -- there to use when a child had a bad day, or a student was moving away to a new town, or a beloved pet died? In a totally participatory workshop, you will learn the wisdom behind this simple project, share your own stories and be embraced in a "hug that lasts" of the collective caring. You’ll be encouraged to experience transparent teaching techniques around community building, empathic listening, and lowering the barriers to creative expression. In this session, we welcome all voices like tribal singing rather than having the exclusive standards of performance art.

SESSION 5 B  2:30-4:00 PM

INTRODUCTION TO TALMUD
TCB 102    Yosef Leibowitz

The Talmud is written in a unique form which is unfamiliar to many raised in the Western world. We will study the structure and concept and how they are presented in their unique form. The course is open to all, even those who have no background in Talmud.

YOU’RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO SING FROM YOUR HEART
TCB 113    Susan Shane-Linder

There are no age limits to teaching children about Shabbat, Havdalah, holidays and being Jewish through catchy and interactive songs. Children of ALL ages can learn about their customs, heritage and religion from the moment they’re born. They will learn about when the Sabbath begins and when it ends. We’ll sing songs for holidays and being Jewish every day. They should begin learning about their heritage from infancy and continue to celebrate it throughout their lives.

ENGAGING PARENTS IN THEIR CHILD'S JEWISH EDUCATION
TCB 211    Lori Riegel

A major challenge for many Jewish educators, especially in the supplementary school setting, is encouraging parents to not only value their child's Jewish education, but also engaging them in their child's learning. Parents can make or break a school's program by how they set their family's priorities. A family's priority level for Jewish education often falls behind sports, fine arts or other extra-curricular activities. Helping parents get themselves higher on the "get-it" scale can be frustrating and perplexing for the Jewish educator. This session will provide ideas and programs that are easy to duplicate in the supplementary school setting.
TUESDAY

OY VEY, THEY'RE GAY: CELEBRATING DIVERISTY AND TRANSFORMING JEWISH EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS
TCB 104 Joanna Ware
How can our communities clarify and actively apply positive Jewish values to teaching and learning in a manner that is consciously inclusive of LGBTQ Jews and others whose experiences are more marginal? What does it look like when we consider the experiences of the child with same gender parents or the young person struggling with gender identity as we develop and evaluate curricular materials? In this workshop, we will engage in activities that enable us to articulate the values that inform our curricular and programmatic choices. We will explore a Jewish values based approach to developing programs that you can use with your education team to create fully inclusive programs that celebrate the diversity within the Jewish community.

CHALLENGING STUDENTS - CREATIVE WAYS TO TEACH THE HEBREW LANGUAGE
TCB 105 Liat Kadosh
Knowing the level of your students will help you to decide about the objectives you want to reach by the end of each unit and by the end of each semester or school year. This workshop is designed for Hebrew teachers who are interested in setting teaching objectives for their students’ progress. (It is recommended that participants take the workshop about students’ progress assessment first.)

AT THE BEGINNING…TEACHING GENESIS
TCB 106 Deborah Goldstein, Cherie Koller-Fox and Cathy Kaplan
At the beginning, Cherie asked Deborah to try out a new Bible teaching methodology she was developing based on the translations of Everett Fox. Deborah has been teaching it for four years now and Cathy began teaching Genesis last year. If you are a teacher, you will be interested in learning how we teach Bible to 4th graders and in doing so deepen our own knowledge base and comfort level. If you are a director, you will be interested in the impact Bible study has had on students and their parents, how this sea change was accomplished, and how Deborah was able to then train Cathy to teach the material. If you are a Rabbi/Cantor, you will be interested in hearing how the children learned to study text, which has deepened their Divrei Torah. If you are a parent, you’ll be interested in how much the kids enjoy what they are learning.

BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE CLASSROOM
TCB 109 Robin Eisenberg
Whether you have a class of five or a class of twenty-five, the concept of becoming a kehillah (community) is a basic Jewish value. In this session you explore Jewish sources about community, participate in activities which you can use in your classroom and share with your colleagues ways that they build community in their classrooms. Come and become part of our learning community!
MOVIES AND MORALS  
TCB 111  
Nachum Amsel  
Nachum Amsel’s program of teaching Jewish values using movies and TV is being taught on six continents. It is being constantly updated. Teaching students Jewish values is one of our most important goals in Jewish education, but it is not easy to do it successfully. If you want to learn how to help your students to internalize Jewish values, then attend this session. Many of today’s TV shows and movies present very real moral issues, and participants will learn how to harness this powerful medium. Participants will leave with practical examples, lesson plans and an understanding of the methodology that can be used immediately in ANY classroom or informal setting for students with any or no Jewish background, aged 10 and above.

SPLIT: THE DIFFERENCE -- JEWSH UNITY AND COMPROMISE  
TCB 209  
Jon Wolf  
Are pluralism and trust among Jews and Judaism achievable? Desirable? CAJE was a pioneer [along with Sh'ma magazine, Hillel foundations, CLAL, and others] in bringing different kinds of Jews together to learn from each other. Whither now in the 21st (58th) Century?

WHAT'S MY STORY? EXPANDING THE BAT/BAR MITZVAH EXPERIENCE  
TCB 208  
Etta King  
How do Jewish educators support B’nai Mitzvah students in order to build powerful connections to their heritage and a solid foundation for their future as strong Jewish adults? This session will explore the milestone of Bat/Bar Mitzvah as an opportunity for developing personal narrative and learning about family history. We will discuss how to incorporate the growing diversities that our students bring to Jewish life. Participants will consider ways to engage young people in the process of collecting oral histories and take away resources to help students discover personal meaning in this important life cycle event.

WHISPERS OF SHEMA  
TCB 212  
Helene Kates  
Looking for ways to help your students connect to prayer? In this interactive session we will use song, movement and meditation to develop skills that can be brought in to the classroom to help your students connect with kavanah to the Shema and other prayers. This method works across learning styles and levels and has had great success with children with ADHD and Asperger Syndrome.

HI, MOM! HI, DAD!  
TCB 207  
Anna Salomon  
Building successful relationships with parents/guardians is an important aspect of education. It’s also time consuming and often difficult. In this session we will examine some key ways to ease the lines of communication and build meaningful relationships.
**TUESDAY**

**THE CAPTIVES RETURN: DESCENDANTS OF FORCED IBERIAN CONVERTS FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO JUDAISM**

**TCB 206**  
*Jonina Duker*

Lost Jewish souls have always returned to their Jewish roots. Throughout Jewish history, communities set up funds to redeem captured Jews; money redeemed captives. In our time, learning—specifically genealogical knowledge—has become the means by which many descendants of Jews forcibly converted in Spain and Portugal centuries ago are being redeemed. Many such descendants now call themselves B’nai Anusim, Children of the Forced Ones. These descendants have a phrase, “the blood calls,” to describe how their Jewish souls find their way back to the mainstream of the Jewish people. Topics include the history of the phenomenon; relevant DNA studies; the differing experiences of Portuguese descendants in New England and Spanish descendants in the Southwest; and stories of individuals’ journeys back to Jewish identity.

**CREATING AM EHAD**

**TCB 204**  
*Janie Grackin*

How do we celebrate and honor Israel as a place for ALL Jews? As Kulano Am Ehad, We Are One People, in a changing world where borders don’t exist and cultures clash and spin in creating new opportunities and new visions for Inter-generational Family Education. How will this look in your school or synagogue? Join us for an exciting and energetic collaboration of ideas and working plans.

**CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN DAY SCHOOLS AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**TCB 108**  
*Open Discussion*

Day Schools and the Supplementary Schools are currently two separate and distinct educational systems. What strengths does each model have that the other could learn from? How do you feel that Jewish education would be changed if the two systems collaborated with each other? What’s possible here, and who cares?

**SESSION 5 C  4:15-5:45 PM**

**NewCAJE CHORALE**

**TCB 201**  
*Linda Hirschhorn*

Join the NewCAJE chorale with Cantor Linda Hirschhorn. The choir is the ideal community that allows the individual to discover their own most beautiful voice and hold their own while listening to and helping others, recognizing that the whole sounds only as good as the individual parts. The music ranges from the simple to the complex to satisfy and challenge inexperienced and experienced singers alike. The richness, depth and complexities of harmonies elucidate the richness, depth and complexity of texts and give them new meaning. Our songs will affirm our commitment to social justice as well as celebrate life cycle rituals that mark the common and uncommon events of our lives.
TUESDAY

INFUSE YOUR PRESCHOOL DAY THE JEWISH WAY!
TCB 113  Lisa Lasovsky
A hands-on session of ideas to incorporate Judaism in early childhood classrooms. This session is for teachers and synagogue service leaders of preschool and kindergarten-aged children in day schools, religious schools, and camp. The workshop will include songs, dances, and creative art as well as many practical ideas to enhance the celebration of Shabbat, tefillot (prayer) and hagim (holidays) in your classroom. It will also include tips on integrating Hebrew into everyday activities. Each participant will receive handouts of the songs, rhymes, and activities we learn. You will leave the session with many new ideas that you can implement into your classroom immediately. Join me for 90 minutes of early childhood enrichment fun!

THE CONCEPT OF A PERSONAL CALLING IN HASSIDISM AND PSYCHOLOGY
TCB 102  Leo Michel Abrami
Do you feel you were "called" to be a Jewish educator? We shall examine the concept of "calling" in the writings of Martin Buber, an existentialist philosopher who studied the mystical doctrines of the Hassidim, Karl Gustav Jung, a leading disciple of Freud, Viktor Frankl, the initiator of Logotherapy, Abraham Maslow, who developed the concept of self-actualization. We shall show how all of them have acknowledged the role played by the personal calling, as the most important motivation in life.

BUT I DON'T WANNA PRAY TODAY! TEFILLAH FOR THE TWEEN
TCB 104  Sarah Zollman
They're not quite jaded middle schoolers, they're no longer starry-eyed elementary schoolers. How can prayer for ten and eleven year olds be serious, joyful, and meaningful all at once? This session will include a number of techniques used in 5th and 6th grade classrooms, both at a day school and supplementary school. Tefillah journals can encourage students to reflect on the literal and personal meaning of the prayers. Songs and "competitions" can help bring joy and enthusiasm to daily prayer. Standing meditations can encourage spirituality and personal reflection during regular prayer times. Learn more about these and other techniques -- and bring your own to share!

WRITE ON! CREATIVE WRITING FOR THE EXPERIENTIAL CLASSROOM
TCB 105  Aliya Cheskis-Cotel
Use creative writing to experience Jewish history in the "first person"—write Ha Lachma Anya from the perspective of a foodless child; a Tu B'Shevat piece as if you were a tree about to be destroyed; reportage of Maccabee resistance fighters in the caves; enter the Reed Sea as Nachshon; engage in a dialogue between an Arab and an Israeli youth . . . This workshop features material from the presenter’s book, Open It Up! Integrating the Arts into Jewish Education, and presents a 21st century creative learning technique that will encourage energy in students of all ages.
TUESDAY

EXPERIENCING TORAH
TCB 101 Joel Lurie Grishaver
Experiential education is one of the new buzz words in Jewish Education. This workshop is there to answer a very simple question, “How does one use the same foundation of classrooms and teachers to create a radically different kind of Jewish learning?” We will be working with the Torah as an example. Come experience the future.

YES YOU CAN! INTEGRATING THE ARTS INTO PRACTICALLY ANY LESSON PLAN
TCB 106 Jennifer Judelsohn
In this informative and inspiring session, artist and educator Jennifer Judelsohn will describe how you can use the arts as a central aspect of your teaching--and you don't have to be an artist to do it! Regardless of what subject you teach, the level of your students, or the particular setting in which you teach, you can use art as both a teaching tool and a means of assessing your students' learning. Using a myriad of examples that span the gamut from painting to drawing to sculpture, poetry and creative writing, and other means of creative expression, she will show you how and inspire you to become a more creative, dynamic teacher!

STANDING ON ONE FOOT: THE MINI-MBA FOR BUSY JEWISH EDUCATORS
TCB Seminar 2nd Floor Deborah Grayson Riegel
What does the Harvard Business Review have to do with Jewish education? More than you know! If you’re too busy with the business of giving your students a top-notch Jewish education to keep up with the business of business, then this session is for you. Learn what the world’s leading thinkers in supervision, interpersonal communication, time management and self-awareness can teach us as Jewish educators, administrators, leaders (and human beings). Using lessons from authors such as Chip and Dan Heath, Daniel Pink, Suzy Welch, Susan Scott, Dan Ariely, and more, you’ll leave this session with a mini-MBA that yields maximum results.

THE LIVE STORYTELLING EXPERIENCE: JOINING IN!
TCB 212 Peninnah Schram and Cherie Karo Schwartz
Come on a storytelling adventure of discovery and rediscovery. Join Peninnah Schram and Cherie Karo Schwartz as they guide experienced and novice storytellers in techniques for drawing in the listeners in the live moment of sharing stories. Participation stories encourage active learning, activate the imagination, and fine-tune listening skills through the use of singing, call and response, sound and motion, and creative problem solving, ask and answer questions, especially in riddle stories. They will use several examples of stories where participation, involvement, and creativity help the audience join in the story and become active partners with the storyteller.
**INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES THAT FOSTER CREATIVE AND ENGAGING INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS**

TCB 109  
Dr. Sandy Miller-Jacobs

We will use various lenses (multiple intelligences, brain based strategies, differentiated instruction) to develop your skills in creating and implementing instructional strategies that foster a creative and engaging inclusive classroom for student success. Participants will leave with a completed lesson plan that can be used as a template for future lessons.

**THE SAMSON CYCLE**

TCB 111  
Everett Fox

Strong man, Nazirite, judge, and womanizer, Samson is both a breaker of vows and a hero of Israel. He is the last of the memorable figures in the book of Judges. How can we make sense of this most entertaining and puzzling of extended biblical stories? We will explore how literary tools—repetition, imagery and symbolism—can help us unlock this text in a way that can be used for other Biblical texts.

**THE CHAI CURRICULUM: INSTRUCTION CAN GET BETTER AND BETTER**

TCB 211  
Alan J. Levin, Ph.D.

This session would be helpful for those who have been using the Union for Reform Judaism CHAI curriculum as well as those who are considering using CHAI for the first time. After a brief overview of the curriculum, the participants will explore ways to make CHAI their own. We will look at using CHAI with other activities and resources. Participants will examine an approach to measuring student success. The content of the session will shift based on the interests and experiences of the participants.

**MOVE BEYOND COPING: METHODS FOR TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST**

TCB 209  
Dr. Hana Bor

Teaching the Holocaust can be difficult to do. In this session, a veteran of Jewish day and congregational schools and a university educator engages us in a variety of hands-on thinking and teaching methods to confront the violence and the uniquely Jewish nature of the Holocaust with your students. We will examine the opportunity to use teaching the Holocaust as a way to address conflict, diversity and personal development. Whether you’re in Jewish, general or community education, you’ll take home examples of lesson plans that you can use from a variety of perspectives.

**NewCAJE TOAST AND SIYYUM  5:45 PM**

TCB HALLWAY/GARDEN COURTYARD

Join the NewCAJE board and staff for a special announcement and joyful Siyyum.
TUESDAY

AHA PRESENTATION AND A TRIBUTE TO EDUCATORS
7:15-8:15 PM

Stay in your seats after dinner for a better glimpse of what the American Hebrew Academy is all about. Now that you’ve had a few days to see their incredible campus and enjoy their southern hospitality, join Executive Director Glenn Drew and Director of Communications Alina Spaulding for a look at the endless potential of a co-ed pluralistic Jewish boarding school in the 21st century.

Then, come in close to hear three Young Professionals illuminate the life stories and professional journeys of three experienced Vatikim. These touching performances, coached by Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff, were among the most captivating moments of last year’s conference, and promise to be equally powerful this year.

MAIN CONCERT 8:30-11:00 PM

TEMPLE EMANUEL
Across the street from the AHA Main Gate

We came together a few short days ago, creating holy time and space with blessings and words of Torah. Tonight, we begin our Havdalah, ending as we began: with song, story, laughter, with drum and dance. Renewed and refocused, we see the path before us. Tonight we draw strength from one another as we set out on a new chapter of the journey. Leading us on that journey in the main sanctuary are Emily Aronoff and the winners of the NewVoices song competition, Linda Hirschhorn and the NewCAJE Chorale, Ellen Allard with Beth Schafer, Jordan Hill, and Sam Glaser, & if you prefer spoken word in the first half, from 8:30 to 9:30 in the Temple’s Chapel, are the full gamut of world-class storytellers: Janie Grackin, Peninnah Schram, Cherie Karo Schwartz, Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff, and Jordan Hill. Chazak V’Nitchazek, may we be strength!

LATE NIGHT – OPEN MIC 11:15 PM-12:15 AM

BEIT AM
Dining Hall

Get discovered, or just share your love of music and entertainment!

AFTER HOURS KUMSITZ 12:15 AM...

FIRE PIT
Next to Dining Hall

For those of you who’d rather sing than sleep…bring your instruments and voices!
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3**

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### SESSION 6 A 8:30-11:30 AM

**HOLOCAUST IMAGERY: ENGAGING THE SHOAH THROUGH ART**

**Science Building, 2nd Floor  Karen Dresser**

A hands-on instructional class, Holocaust Imagery will allow participants to explore methods teaching Holocaust imagery through theology, contemporary artists (second generation and other), poetry and drama. A sample class will be presented through PowerPoint, academic articles, opportunities for participants to create their own artistic responses. In addition, the instructor will give myriad ideas for participants to use for organizing their own classes. Material can be adapted for middle school through high school students.

### SESSION 6 B 8:30-10:00 AM

**TEACHER SURVIVAL KIT**

**TCB 101  Amy Ripps & Robin Eisenberg**

Join two veteran Jewish educators for a practical session on the opportunities and challenges teachers in synagogue settings face. We’ll include topics such as planning innovative lessons, organizing your time and classroom, creating inviting learning environments, working with parents and more. Presented in a useful and direct “Top 10” format, this session will provide teachers with the tools needed for a successful school year.
WEDNESDAY

JUMP MATH WORKS. HOW CAN WE DO JUMP HEBREW?
TCB 102 Paul Solyn
Some math students conclude early on that they lack aptitude for the subject. So do some Hebrew students, and in both cases in hurts both their progress and their attitude toward school. Canadian mathematician John Mighton developed the program he calls Junior Undiscovered Math Prodigies (JUMP Math) to bring almost every student to high achievement and confidence. In this session we’ll examine the principles and methods of his approach, including breaking work into exceedingly small increments, guaranteeing success, and raising the bar. We’ll also strategize about ways to use the same techniques to bring all of our Hebrew students to the same high levels of confidence and achievement.

BECOMING A JEWISH STORYTELLER
TCB 212 Peninnah Schram
As Jewish educators/clergy/parents/young professionals, we need to integrate more storytelling into our classrooms/ pulpits/life cycle events -- and life generally. Becoming a Jewish Storyteller is an exciting on-going journey throughout life. In this session, I begin with the goal to first nourish our neshamas (souls), help identify connections to our names and Torah, and prompt retrieval of early remembered stories that affected and shaped us. We will learn more about who we are and the kinds of stories we need to learn wisdom from. We will use non-threatening participatory creative dramatic exercises, discussion, questions, and exchange of stories -- with handouts to guide us.

NETWORK 4 GOOD: USING YOUR NETWORK FOR MORE THAN JUST THE NEXT JOB OPPORTUNITY
TCB 104 Lily Kowalski and Miles L. Roger
Through the Young Professionals Network of NewCAJE 1, a group of four educators from different parts of the country and levels of experience started an experiment to help with challenges faced on the job. Monthly, these educators came together to share their successes and created a support network for one another. Because of their success, they are coming back to NewCAJE 2, sharing their secrets and surprising results. We’ll share what was most beneficial to us and bring in participants who were unable to attend the conference. This is a great opportunity to create a support system with educators from all fields and across the country. Based on interest, similar support networks may be created.

BRINGING THE ARTS INTO YOUR PESACH SEDER
TCB 113 Lorraine Posner Arcus
"Frogs here, frogs there!" Create a child-centered meaningful Pesach Seder for young children. Enhance your Seder with easy dances, songs, props, costumes and ritual objects. Have an opportunity to make costumes, learn new dances and create unique Seder props.
GRANTWRITING: LEARN HOW TO WRITE AN EFFECTIVE PROPOSAL
TCB 105 Ahouva Steinhaus
What are the elements of an effective grant proposal? How can you increase your chances of being funded? We will consider the program design, goals and objectives and the timelines that help to clarify the duration and workability of your project. We will also look briefly at evaluation measures so you can determine how effective your program has been. Writing a budget for a proposal will be covered in our workshop on budgeting.

A CALL TO LEADERSHIP – JEWISH EDUCATOR AS JEWISH LEADER
TCB 106 Gavin Hirsch
There has never been a more exciting time for Jewish Education as new ideas and new support is flowing into the field. But along with this change comes new expectations. Jewish educators today are expected to be leaders in their communities, whether they are full-time professionals or part-time teachers. During this session we will explore what it means to be a leader in Jewish education, no matter what your role in Jewish Education. Using Bolman and Deal’s Four Frames of Leadership, we will identify our strengths and weaknesses as leaders and how they impact our professional lives.

TEACHING ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST TO TEENAGERS
TCB 109 Gerry Hecht
Teens have specific sensibilities when it comes to learning about the Holocaust. Teachers need to be present the Holocaust in a fashion that teens can grab on to and analyze. In this workshop I will share the approach that I use with teens that de-emphasizes history and concentrates on stories, art, photographs and first-person narratives.

LIVING THE LEGACY: TEACHING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT
TCB 211 Etta King
Jewish education often misses the opportunity to connect young people to their heritage by failing to convey the history of our people as agents of social change. Using primary sources from the Civil Rights movement, we will highlight stories of Jews who were motivated by Jewish values to take action. We will explore strategies for teaching an inclusive history and integrating historical sources creatively into Jewish education.

SO YOU TOLD THE STORY – WHAT NEXT?
TCB 209 Richard Fagan
Sometimes stories can be just appreciated; sometimes we use them as triggers, or texts to be studied and discussed. How do we help our students take the next step and make meaning from stories? In this session we will apply literacy, drama, and writing techniques from secular education to representative Jewish texts and tales, and discuss how best to use them with our students. Participants will leave with a tool bag of strategies to use in formal or informal learning, and perhaps deepen their own appreciation of how stories teach. Best for teachers of 3rd grade and up, but can be adapted for younger students.
CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON THE FUTURE OF SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION
TCB 108 Open Discussion
What do you think about Jewish supplementary school education today? What are its strengths and weaknesses? How do you feel about the fact that there are a number of innovative projects afoot in the Jewish world that want to radically change how and where these schools do business or close them altogether? If you could wave your magic wand and be guaranteed of success and cooperation from all the stakeholders, what would your ideal school look like?

CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON PLURALISM
TCB 111 Open Discussion
NewCAJE creates a unique opportunity for Jews of all denominations to come, share and learn together. What beliefs do we hold about our fellow Jews whose worship, practice and belief are other than our own? What thoughts and feelings are stirred in you when you think another Jew does not approve of how you practice your Judaism? What steps could we take to strengthen the concept of “klal yisrael” (Jewish peoplehood)?

SESSION 6 C  10:15-11:45 AM

HARNESSING COMMUNITY TO CREATE CHANGE
TCB 101 Joanna Ware
How do we build, maintain, and leverage authentic, meaningful, powerful relationships in our work to transform the world of Jewish education? How do we identify and connect with potential, even unlikely allies? How do we translate our values and personal stories into powerful tools for creating change? This workshop will teach and explore effective tools for relational community organizing and how they can be applied to the Jewish educational world. You will leave with new skills and new ideas for how to lead initiatives that can transform Jewish education and create change in your community. You will also gain ideas for how to motivate youth and young people to act as agents of change in their communities.

IMPERFECTLY PERFECT: CONFRONTING THE LEGACY OF IMPERFECTION IN OUR BIBLICAL HEROES
TCB 105 Sam Glaser
We live within the paradox that our human frailties are created by a Perfect and Benevolent Being. How can we use the examples of our role models in the Torah to enhance our understanding of ourselves? How can we choose which traits to embody? How can we guide students through sacred texts and help them to see themselves in the story? Using the Torah and Midrashim, we will learn to personalize our reading of history and enhance our lifelong quest for self-improvement.
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LAST HOPE FOR AUDACITY? JEWS & POLITICS TODAY
TCB 102       Jon Wolf
The state of the political world: a fettered Obama, a mad Tea Party, Israel under siege and behaving badly; institutions in disrepute; wars and uprisings; widespread hunger and disease; economic stagnation; environmental catastrophes... How can (and should) we as Jews respond? All views and ideas are welcome.

MANAGING, MENTORING & MEANING: MAKING YOUR MADRICHIM PROGRAM WORK FOR YOU (& YOUR TEENS)!
TCB 104       Rachel Kasten
Madrichim (teenage aides) can play an important role in your religious school—assisting teachers, serving as role models for younger students, and creating a training ground for the next generation of Jewish educators. In this session, designed for administrators and madrichim coordinators in congregational schools, we will discuss managing and supervising madrichim, preparing your teachers to serve as mentors, and structuring your program to provide meaningful work for these dedicated teens. Come to MM&M ready to share your own best practices and challenges with your colleagues. Whether you have 10 or 100 madrichim in your religious school, you will walk away with tips and tricks that will fit your program.

ASERET HADIBROT AS A SYSTEM FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING
TCB 106       Rabbi Tracee Rosen
Through literary analysis, I demonstrate that there is a very clear parallel structure to the Aseret HaDibrot (The Ten Commandments) which provides a comprehensive outline for how to live in a covenantal relationship with God & other people. Understanding these basic principles help us as human beings to actualize these ideals in our own lives.

BOKER TOV, BOKER OR: SONGS & CHANTS & SO MUCH MORE!!!
TCB 113       Ellen Allard
Ellen Allard, multi-award winning recording artist, composer, performer and educator, shares her highly successful repertoire of songs and fingerplays and chants and circle games for the early childhood classroom. Rumor has it that the songs work with elementary school kids too!

POP CULTURE ISN'T SCARY: MEETING STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE, AND MAKING IT JEWISH
TCB 109       Emilia Diamant
There's a lot of things to keep up with in pop culture today...Lady Gaga's latest outfit, the most recent reality TV sex scandal, or new social media. Come talk about some of the hot trends, and find ways to relate it to your Jewish teaching. This is a great space to talk about what's challenging you in relating to your students and find new strategies for building rapport. Come ready to laugh and learn.
**THE NASHVILLE NUMBER SYSTEM FOR SONGLEADERS**

**TCB 212  Michael Kates**

Learn the transcription method devised by Nashville session players to perform songs they've never played before, on the spot without rehearsal. This universal approach to song structure completely eliminates the need to transpose. Once you learn it, you'll never go back to writing conventional charts. Highly recommended for song leaders and musicians at all levels, especially useful for guitar players who use a capo.

**SPIRITUAL AND ENGAGING CHILDREN'S HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES: A ROADMAP**

**TCB 211  Jaime Lewis**

With the High Holidays right around the corner, this session will provide a roadmap for creating meaningful and engaging High Holiday services for young children and their families. This interactive session is for anyone who leads or helps organize young children's High Holiday services (children ages approx. 1-7 and their parents). During the session, we will identify some of the common obstacles often facing children’s High Holiday services and how to address them. Participants will leave with concrete, detailed steps to help make their services more spiritual and engaging as well as a new, hot off the presses Rosh Hashanah song to use in their services.

**HOW TO TEACH BIBLE TO ADULTS**

**TCB 209  Yudit Natkin**

Using extracts from the Torah and the Book of Psalms, we would explore anomalies in the text using different translations and commentaries and decide on the most appropriate understanding of the text. This session can be used to deepen your own knowledge or as a study of how to teach Torah to adults.

**CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON LIFE/WORK BALANCE AND SUCCESS**

**TCB 108  Open Discussion**

Why did you choose to become a Jewish educator? What do you hope to accomplish in your professional life? In your personal life? Are you able to balance both as a Jewish educator? Why or why not? Reflect on your everyday work. What are your successes? What are the obstacles you face when you try to achieve your goals? How can you achieve more personal and professional success going forward?

**CONVERSATION CAFÉ: ON ADVOCACY**

**TCB 111  Open Discussion**

Discuss: The value and priority given to Jewish education and Jewish educators within the North American Jewish community. What do you think about it? What do you feel about it? What are you inspired to do about it? Do you believe there is a role NewCAJE can play in advocacy for Jewish education and Jewish educators?
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CLOSING CEREMONIES – MAKOM  12:00-12:30 PM

BEIT AM
Dining Hall
Join together with Cherie Karo Schwartz, Sam Glaser and Cherie Koller-Fox as we leave the holy space that we have created at NewCAJE with songs, a story, and blessings for the new school year ahead.

POST-CONFERENCE INTENSIVES

For those of you just couldn’t get enough of NewCAJE! Seven in-depth sessions for seven hours over the course of two days, with world-class masters in their fields.

SESSION 1  2:00-6:00 PM

AN INTENSIVE ON BIBLE WITH RABBI DR. YOSEF LEIBOWITZ
TCB 104
In this intensive, Rabbi Dr. Leibowitz will focus on the struggles of the Jews in the desert as seen in the book of Exodus. We will carefully read the text to better understand the events that led up to Sinai, the revelation itself and the events that followed including the Golden Calf and the giving of the second set of tablets. These texts contain challenging words and ideas. Why did God need a mountain? What was Moses’ real task? What exactly did Moses “place before the children of Israel”? We will look closely at the text and learn the skills necessary to read and understand it.

Rabbi Dr. Yosef Leibowitz is the director and founder of the Yad Yaakov Fund. He received ordination from Yeshiva University and a doctorate from University of California at Berkeley. He currently lives in Israel where he has taught at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies. He has run the Torah education program for the city of Kfar Saba and served there as rabbi of Minyan Hachadash. He teaches Torah on line and in scholar in residence programs across America.

AN INTENSIVE ON EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP: STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR EXPERIENCED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTORS WITH DIANE ZIMMERMAN
TCB 105
Everything Counts: Building an Outstanding Staff
Your school is as good as the teachers on your staff. You provide them with a curriculum, lesson plans and perhaps even a scope and sequence for the year. But what does it really take to lead your staff to excellence? How DOES the principal create a staff that cares
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about students and the school, strives to prepare and lead excellent lessons AND raises the bar for learning in your school? This takes an experienced educational director who knows that “everything counts” from hiring, staff workshops, emails, available resources, weekly supervision and staff oversight. Participants will leave this intensive with plans in hand to elevate the quality of teaching and learning in their schools—including a plan for teacher orientation and an outline for a “hands-on” staff development workshop.

Diane Zimmerman, Associate Director of Religious Education, Temple Sinai, Washington DC, is primarily responsible for teacher training and professional development. She has been an educational leader for over 20 years, as director of supplementary schools, chairperson of the Education Directors Council in DC, and as a workshop presenter. Diane researched avocational teachers in an important study published in Jewish Education News. She learned a great deal about the teachers who work in Jewish education and this research informs her work and her teaching. She specializes in leading interactive, practical, on-target workshops for teachers and principals.

AN ISRAEL INTENSIVE WITH RABBI FRED GUTTMAN
TCB 106

In this intensive you will learn the background (from the birth of Zionism to today’s headlines) for current events that will enable you to answer the questions that your students ask about Israel. This course will cover reasons Jewish nationalism arose and the challenges that idea it has faced since its inception. You will learn about Israel’s wars and about the process for peace that it has been engaged in since Oslo. What is the role of the Arab world in Israel’s story? What role do the Great Powers like the United States play? What about recent events such as the rise of J Street and the Arab spring? This intensive will help you put Israeli history, politics and ideology into context.

From 1979 to 1991, Rabbi Guttman was the rabbi and principal of Alexander Muss High School—a study abroad program in Israel for High School students which is designed to help them develop a deep appreciation of Israel’s history and its place on the world stage. Currently, he is serving as the rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, North Carolina where his many accomplishments include moving confirmation to the 12th grade and making sure that most of his students visit Israel in High School.

In addition to his Rabbinical Ordination from Hebrew Union College in 1979, he has a Masters Degree in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College and a Masters of Education from the University of North Florida. In 2004, he was awarded a Doctorate of Divinity from Hebrew Union College.

He has been the chair of the Israel/Foreign Affairs subcommittee of the Commission of Social Action for Reform Judaism and has been instrumental in helping draft several significant Union for Reform Judaism resolutions, including resolutions on torture and human rights.
A PRAYER INTENSIVE WITH JOEL GRISHAVER
TCB 101
From his very first book, Shema is for Real, Joel has always been passionate about prayer. He is currently writing a book about the Midrash in prayer, and in this intensive he will provide a toolbox to help you teach prayer in a meaningful way. He will keep you on your toes and by the end of the session you will have a much deeper understanding of the prayers and how to convey them to your students.

Joel Grishaver is a Jewish writer, teacher, cartoonist and storyteller. In 1981, he and two friends started Torah Aura Productions. Joel was a founding member of CAJE and a winner of the Covenant Award.

AN INTENSIVE ON TECHNOLOGY FOR THE CLASSROOM WITH DR. DAVID MANDEL
TBC 115 (and TCB 100)
In this intensive you will have an opportunity to see and use the best technology available for the classroom today. This workshop will have a hands-on component allowing you to work on a project for your own classroom. You will see many examples of how to use this technology to teach subject matter and to use it to communicate with your students and between home and school. There will also be a discussion and demonstration of social media and its uses.

Dr. David Mandel is the Dean of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer at the American Hebrew Academy. Coming, most recently from corporate America, Dr. David Mandel has always been involved in how information is used and stored for the present and the future. He has most recently specialized in intellectual property analytics and innovation assessment, working at companies (including Xerox and EDS) that are using cutting edge technology in the field of information extraction. Dr. Mandel also had his own business for 15 years creating applications for universities, small businesses and corporations. In addition, he was an Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut, developed and taught computer literacy courses at the University of New York at Buffalo for over ten years and has conducted courses for public school teachers on computer use. The work that he is engaged with now at AHA has top of the line educational technology and uses it to enhance both Jewish and general studies.

AN INTENSIVE ON INTEGRATING THE ARTS INTO JEWISH EDUCATION WITH MARGE EISEMAN & ALIYA CHESKIS-COTEL AND THE ARTS STAFF
TCB 113
Marge and Aliya will lead you on a quest to strengthen the way we use the arts in our schools and to deepen the ways you integrate them into your curricula. Together with a team of talented members of the NewCAJE arts community, they will bring you many
new skills to add to your toolbox in Drama, Bibliodrama, Creative Writing, Art, Dance, Music and Storytelling. Several of the presenters are authors of the noted book, *Open It Up! Integrating the Arts in Jewish Education*.

*Marge Eisman:* Storahtelling Maven, Singer/songwriter, friend, teacher, spiritual leader, free-lance writer, creative force, student, guide, inspirational speaker and so much more...Marge shares songs, stories and life's lessons with humor and depth.

*Aliya Cheskos-Cotel:* The recipient of a Gruss Award for Teaching Excellence, Aliya is a folk dancer, guitarist, former actor and singer. She specializes in creative curricula, arts programs and creative writing. She is the co-author of *Open It Up! Integrating Arts into Jewish Education*.

**AN INTENSIVE ON BIBLE WITH PROFESSOR EVERETT FOX**

**TCB 109**

**Leaders in the Book of Samuel: Good Models or Bad Models?**

The book of Samuel doesn’t only tell how Israel came to have kings, but concentrates on the problems and pitfalls of leadership—something we worry about a great deal today. We will do a close reading of this gripping book in translation, paying attention to the reactions of kings and prophets to the dilemmas they face.

*Dr. Everett Fox* is Allen M. Glick Professor of Judaic and Biblical Studies and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies at Clark University in Worcester, MA. He received his undergraduate and graduate training at Brandeis University, and taught at Boston University before coming to Clark in 1986. He is the author of a number of studies on biblical narrative and translation, including *The Five Books of Moses: A New Translation with Introductions, Commentary, and Notes*, which was published by Schocken Books in 1995, and *Give Us a King! A New Translation of the Book of Samuel*, which appeared in 1999. His annotated translation of Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings (The Early Prophets) is nearing completion. In addition to his academic duties, Prof. Fox served as a religious consultant to DreamWorks on the animated film *The Prince of Egypt*. Prof. Fox lectures widely on the Bible and is active in adult Jewish education. He has many presentations at CAJE conferences over the years, and taught for a decade in Boston’s Me’ah Program.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONAL INTENSIVE**

**TCB Seminar 2nd Floor**

Sessions lead by members of the Young Professional co-chairs and members of the YP track on issues of vision, advocacy, NewCAJE future leadership, networking and more.
WEDNESDAY

REFLECTION ON THE INTENSIVES AND YP TIME
7:45-8:45 PM

Share highlights of what you learned in the first day of the intensive, and see what a community of study can be all about.

EVENING PROGRAMS 8:45-10:15 PM

BEIT AM
Dining Hall
Join in story, song and talent lead by the Young Professional entertainers and others.

LATE NIGHT BAR OR KUMSITZ 10:30 PM-12:00 AM

MARRIOTT HOTEL BAR OR THE FIRE PIT
Outside the Dining Hall

Take your car (and a designated driver) and let loose with a hard or soft drink at the Marriott Bar and lounge, or stay to sing all night with your friends at the fire pit.

For those leaving today—we hope you had an awesome experience at NewCAJE 2011.

Watch your e-mail for NewCAJE activities and learning opportunities throughout the year, and most important, information about next year’s conference—NewCAJE 2012!
THURSDAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2011
7:00–8:00 AM ----------------------------- Shacharit (Dining Hall)
7:45-8:45 AM------------------------------- Hot Breakfast & Checkout
9:00-12:00 PM----------------------------- Intensives Session 2
12:00-12:45 PM------------------------------- Lunch
1:00 PM----------------------------------- Leave AHA Campus

SESSION 2  9:00 AM-12:00 PM

The second half of yesterday’s intensives. Learn, simmer, reflect.
WHO’S WHO AT NewCAJE?

LISA AAMODT has had the pleasure of working as both a formal and informal Jewish Educator for the past nine years. She is currently affiliated with Temple Beth Torah, Merrick Jewish Centre, Midway Jewish Center, and Jewish Congregation of Brookville. She works as a classroom educator for grades 3rd-7th and run various Youth and Family Programs for grades 3rd-12th.

LEO MICHEL ABRAMI is an ordained Rabbi and an instructor in Judaic studies and logotherapy. He has published several books in French and in English and has contributed to 'The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered' R. Eisenman and 'Best Writings 2003' edited by A. Kurzweil.

ELLEN ALLARD is a multi-award winning Recording Artist, Composer, and Early Childhood Music Specialist. Ellen is one half of a duo with Peter Allard, their discography includes nine CDs and five songbooks. Ellen has taught at HUC, is on the faculty of the North American Jewish Choral Festival and Hava Nashira, and has led family services at the URJ Biennial, CAJE and NewCAJE. Ellen is a graduate of Boston University, with a Bachelor's degree in Music. She earned her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education at Arcadia University.

NACHUM AMSEL works with Berel Wein and the Destiny Foundation, “to bring Jewish history to life in an exciting, entertaining, interactive way.” Rabbi Dr. Amsel has taught thousands of teachers to be more effective, and has worked in all areas of Jewish education, developing numerous curricula including a methodology on how to teach Jewish Values using media.

EMILY ARONOFF is a Jewish Music educator and early childhood specialist. She believes wholeheartedly in the power of informal education and utilizes music as her tool of choice.

NOAH ARONSON is an energetic and soulful composer/performer. While studying Jazz Composition at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Noah was Composer-in-Residence at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, MA. He teaches in synagogues around the country and has performed with Josh Nelson, Dan Nichols and Craig Taubman. In September 2011, Noah will rejoin the Temple Beth Elohim for a year-long residency and has the privilege of serving as the Assistant Music Director for the URJ Biennial in December.

TAMARA BELIAK has been teaching for ten years in High School supplemental and Middle School Day School programs. This is her third CAJE conference. She finished her dissertation “Teacher approaches to studying texts with sexual content in Middle School Tanach classrooms” at Yeshiva University’s Azrieli program. As a researcher, Tamara interviewed teachers about teaching stories of King David and Samson.

Be sure to check Who's Who at the NewCAJE Expo in the next section…
JOSH BENDER has been Director of Education at Adas Israel in Washington, DC since 2007. He holds a Masters in Jewish Education from Baltimore Hebrew University which included an administrative and teaching internship at Krieger Schechter Day School in Baltimore. He earned a BA in English with a minor in Jewish Studies from Penn State University. Prior to coming to Adas Israel, he served as Education Director and Principal at Beth Am Synagogue in Baltimore for seven years and worked part-time as Director of Graduate Services at Hillel of Greater Baltimore. Josh has extensive experience in both informal and formal Jewish education and leads musical family and children’s services for all ages. He is a past chair of the Baltimore Principal’s Council, has presented at the United Synagogue’s New Director’s Institute in NY, and is part of the planning committee for the Young Professional post-conference and NewCAJE.

MARCY BERGER has been Principal of the Temple Beth David Religious School for four years. She has worked extensively with her teachers on mindful planning and extending their Jewish content knowledge. Marcy is a certified teacher in the state of New York and holds a Masters of Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

WILLIAM BERKSON, Ph.D., is the Director of the Jewish Institute for Youth and Family. He has led development of the Becoming a Mentsh workshops, and now the Becoming a Mentsh classes on Peer-to-Peer Ethics and on Shalom Bayit (parent teen relations). He is author of the recently published Pirke Avot: Timeless Wisdom for Modern Life (JPS).

EYAL BOR, Ph.D., is instrumental in developing innovative educational programs used throughout the U.S., such as: Project Mishpacha; Chavurah Chadasha, small family groups study together; Gesher L’Tikvah, a program to assist students with dyslexia and/or learning disabilities. Dr. Bor is a professor of Hebrew Language at Towson University and is married to Dr. Hana Bor, Professor of Education at Towson University.

DR. HANA BOR is a Towson University (Baltimore, MD) associate professor of Jewish Education and Director of the Masters of Arts and certificate programs in Jewish Education and Jewish Communal Services. Dr. Bor teaches leadership, administration, and teaching methods to entering and veteran educators, including courses on culture, and how to teach diversity, Israel and the Holocaust.

GAIL BRETAN is the Volunteer Coordinator for Jewish Family Services in Greensboro, NC. She is completing her PhD in Education Studies & Cultural Foundations from the University of North Carolina – Greensboro and is writing her dissertation about an Adult Jewishly-Informed Service-Learning Model she is developing and implementing at JFS.

LEE BRICE, M. Ed, has been the Director of Education at Congregation Gates of Heaven for nine years, working with Rabbis, teachers and congregants to create opportunities for Jewish learning at all ages. She supervises a Madrikhim program of 46 teens, grades 8-12, which accepts all applicants and seeks to develop their potential.
ALIYA CHESKIS-COTEL founded Kolot Management, a Jewish arts management company representing Joel Chasnoff, Linda Hirschhorn, Vocolot, Wayne Dosick, Kol B'Seder, Naomi Less, Daniel Asia, and Hamapah. Aliya proudly directed her husband, Rabbi Moshe Cotel's (z”l) performance program, Chronicles: A Jewish Life at the Classical Piano. She is a Gruss Award recipient for Teaching Excellence, co-author of OPEN IT UP! Integrating the Arts into Jewish Education, and the study guide to Golda’s Balcony. Aliya also dedicates herself to special needs and enrichment Judaic learning for students 7 to 70. She has served on the Social and Communal Programming Team for Limmud NY for 3 years and has been a proud invited presenter at Limmud UK, Limmud NY, Limmud Chicago, and CAJE and NewCAJE for 12 years.

PHIL COHEN has served as a pulpit Rabbi, educator, Hillel director, and college professor. His current interests include the struggle for the meaning of God in our time, and food and the Jewish tradition. His own struggle has included the continuing search for authentic meaning and the attempt to engage others.

EMILIA DIAMANT was born and raised in the Boston area. As a product of Congregation Beth El of Sudbury and NFTY/URJ Camps, she has always had a strong link to Jewish education. This link was formalized two years ago as she began a job at Temple Beth Or in Raleigh, NC. She is thrilled to be back at NewCAJE!

LAUREN JANE DRAGUTSKY attended Day school from when she was 3-18. After studying Human Development/Family Studies at Indiana University she came home to Los Angeles. She soon began teaching preschool at Kehillat Israel Early Childhood center where she teaches to this day. She teaches the 2 year olds and she find her job fun, nurturing and anything but boring!

KAREN DRESSER is immersed in the arts both in her teaching and her own art. Her focus ranges from Holocaust imagery to artistic midrash on Jewish texts; she employs her own artistic inquiries as she teaches a range of students from high school to masters level in the classroom. Karen is also a poet, playwright, actor, singer/songwriter.

JONINA DUKER (a.k.a. Taibel bas Rachel Leah v'Shlomo Yehoshua) presented at IAJGS, CAJE, Limmud NY, MANAJE, and NHC conferences. The 63rd North Carolina B’nai B’rith Institute of Judaism invited her as one of three 2010 scholars. She teaches genealogy, basic Judaism, history, literature, liturgy, text in translation, and history. She helped found Kulanu. She was a CAJE Life Member.

MARGE EISEMAN is an "unordained rabbi" -- a spiritually creative person who writes songs, leads services, dreams up programs, counsels compassion and teaches anyone who wants to learn, in whatever modality works for you. She combats cynics and brings joy and music to communities everywhere. And, she’s a trained Storytelling Maven, with an MA in Jewish Education from Siegal College.

JILL EISEN's Jewish education passion came as an epiphany at Gamla, an ancient city in Israel; She was meant to teach families the wonders of Judaism. Since then she earned two Masters, started Chavurot and a satellite Hebrew School and empowered families to explore what it means to be Jewish. She is the Assistant Principal in a congregation religious school.

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ROBIN EISENBERG has served as Director of Jewish Learning and Living at Temple Beth El in Boca Raton, Florida for 28 years. She is past President of the National Association of Temple Educators and currently serves as the Accreditation co-chair. Robin's passions are mentoring young professionals and staff development in formal and informal settings.

RICHARD FAGAN is a Rabbi/Torah teacher and Education Consultant working in Staff and Curriculum Development, Moral Education, and spirituality/mussar. He has been associated with the Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education, the NESS program, and the Penn Literacy Network. He is also the original author of the “take the MTV Challenge” curriculum, a storyteller, and dulcimer player.

DAVID FEDER is Dean of Jewish Life at the American Hebrew Academy, a job he shares with his wife Adinah Miller. David teaches Jewish history, Zionism, and Israel, as well as leading a wide range of alternative t’fillot options at the academy, from Torah study to Jews in Canoes. He is the author of an innovative Haggadah (as yet unpublished) and academic work on the murder of Chaim Arlosoroff.

JONATHON FEINBERG was a 2003 BYFI and 2010 PresenTense/CJP Boston Fellow, received a BA in Environmental Studies from Oberlin College in 2008, and has been involved in environmental education since. He will begin a Master's program at Tufts this fall. Jonathon is the US Coordinator for Israel-based Jewish Environmental education group Sviva Israel.

EFRAIM FEINSTEIN holds a B.Sc. in physics from McGill University and a Ph.D. in biophysics from Harvard University, where he works as postdoctoral researcher. He is a computer programmer and Jewish liturgy geek who co-directs and acts as lead developer of the Open Siddur Project (http://opensiddur.org). He lives in Cambridge, MA, with his wife, Eve.

EVERETT FOX is Allen M. Glick Professor of Judaic and Biblical Studies at Clark University, where he heads the Program in Jewish Studies. He is the translator of The Five Books of Moses, and his annotated translation of Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings (The Early Prophets) is nearing completion.

SAM GLASER has been named one of the top ten Jewish artists in the US by Moment magazine. He has released 22 CDs, performs in over 50 cities each year and has appeared at such venues as L.A.'s Greek Theater, Gibson Amphitheater, Staples Center and Dodger Stadium as well as on Broadway and at the White House.

DEBORAH GOLDSTEIN is a religious school teacher at Beth Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh North Carolina. She has been teaching children from preschool through high school for the last 20 years. In a previous life Deborah worked with emotionally disturbed adolescents in a residential program in Northampton, Ma. Although Deborah is a long time CAJEnik, this is her first opportunity to collaborate in a presentation and she feels honored to be asked to share what she has learned from her teachers and students with other teachers.
RABBI JANIE GRACKIN uses the art of storytelling to inspire and educate. She creates programs for synagogues and schools in the United States, England and Israel, including “Being Torah Alive!”, a cutting edge approach to teaching Torah. 2005 Solomon Schechter Gold Award Family Education, co-chair of CAJE Jewish Storytelling Network. www.janiegrackin.com

LAUREN B. GRANITE, Ph.D., is Centropa's US Education Director. Lauren has a doctorate in the Sociology of Religion from Drew University. She received her Master of Philosophy Degree in Religious Studies from the University of Chicago, and her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the New York University. Lauren brings to Centropa 15 years of experience educating students in universities and colleges, high school, congregational schools and adult education settings. She’s created and taught courses in Jewish history, women in Judaism, comparative religions, diaspora Jewish communities, and Jewish culture. She currently lives in the Washington, DC area.

DEBORAH GRAYSON RIEGEL is Head Coach of MyJewishCoach, and helps individuals and organizations achieve “Success without the Tsuris” through coaching and workshops. Her unique approach combines cognitive behavioral psychology, adult learning, and improv comedy. Deborah is a Professor of Communications at Peking University, China. Deborah writes a syndicated coaching column for North American Jewish newspapers.

ZERACH GREENFIELD has been teaching the art of STAM for over 30 years. He has developed numerous programs that bring the scribal arts to life for all ages. Born in USA, he made Aliyah in 1980, and now splits his time between the two.

JOEL LURIE GRISHAVER is the creative chair of Torah Aura Productions and has written dozens of books that create cutting edge Jewish learning. He tells stories, teaches texts, and creates transformative experiences.

MARCIA GRUSS LEVINSOHN is Founder/Director of the Jewish Educational Workshop, a Board member of Yiddish of Greater Washington, and published three Yiddish Picture Books for beginning students. She teaches Yiddish Conversation classes for Seniors, and has presented at CAJE, IAYC, Early Childhood Conferences, Brother/Sisterhoods, and Ethnic/Book Fairs.

EITAN GUTIN is currently serving as the Director of Lifelong Learning for Tifereth Israel in DC and has been an educator in many Jewish venues. He specializes in matters of Tefillah and spirituality and is currently studying to be a Maggid, one who uses stories to connect other Jews with God. Eitan, his wife Aviva, and their son Lev live in MD.

FRED GUTTMAN has served as the rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro since 1995. From 1979 to 1991, Rabbi Guttman lived in Israel and served as the rabbi and principal of AMHSI. Fred has worked in Holocaust curriculum development since 1979. He has been a regional director of the March of the Living and has attended 10 “Marches.”

NANCY GUTTMAN has been a successful marriage and family therapist for more than 30 years in both Israel and the United States. She studies the Parasha weekly and as a baby boomer herself, has been moved by the lessons for baby boomers found in Numbers, a text not often know for its great wisdom.
GERRY HECHT has been a synagogue educator for more than 15 years. He has taught high school at Temple Beth Abraham for 10 years, at the United Jewish Center in Danbury, CT for 4 years, and at Temple B'nai Israel in Southbury, CT for 4 years.

DONNA HENDEL is a Jewish educator from Florida with a recent Master's Degree in Jewish Studies. Relocating two years ago to Philadelphia, PA, she added to her religious school and Hebrew school teaching positions by driving around to various synagogue preschools to teach Israeli dancing to Jewish Early Childhood Centers. That's her new joy and total passion!

JORDAN HILL is a storyteller and dramatic educator for whom high-energy storytelling is inextricably bound to his extensive teaching in just about all types of Jewish educational venues. He now teaches at Tucson’s Jewish Day School and Hebrew High yet slips into a metaphorical phone booth to fly around the country to weave wonders, turn tales, and teach storytelling.

GAVIN HIRSCH has held a variety of positions in both formal and informal Jewish education as a part-time and full-time employee and ranging in ages from preschool to 12th grade. He recently received his master degree in Jewish Education from HUC in New York and has accepted a position at Temple Beth El in Boca Raton, Florida.

CANTOR LINDA HIRSCHHORN is the director, founder and primary composer for Vocolot. She has released two songbooks and eight recordings of original material (four with Vocolot). Her songs and choral arrangements have been published in major folk anthologies, are performed by professional and amateur groups around the world and have been used in video, radio documentaries and dance scores. Linda organized and directed the first Jewish Women's International Chorus in Kiev (1994). Linda has been Cantor at Temple Beth Sholom, San Leandro, CA since 1988, and was one of the founding members of Kehilla Community Synagogue in Berkeley.

JENNIFER JUDELSOHN is a licensed clinical psychotherapist, artist, educator and speaker. Her mission is to assist others in leading a more soulful life. Jennifer is the author/illustrator of Songs of Creation: Meditations on the Sacred Hebrew Alphabet. Recently, she’s been working on a drawings inspired by Debbie Friedman’s music (ז"ל).

LIAT KADOSH is the Hebrew Language Director at The Epstein School (Middle School) in Atlanta, Georgia and a Hebrew language instructor at Emory U. She is on staff at Hebrew at the Center. Liat coordinated Hebrew language instruction support for students with special needs at Gann Academy. She holds a BA and Educational Leadership Diploma from Bar Ilan University and an MA in Jewish Education from Siegal College.

CATHY KAPLAN works at Beth Meyer Religious School where she teaches 4th grade Judaics and serves as the School Administrator. For the past several years, she has also been the Cubmaster for the Scout pack at the synagogue. Working in an environment where her two wonderful children spend so much of their time gives her great pleasure. She is looking forward to sharing her experiences in the classroom with other teachers.
CHERIE KARO SCHWARTZ, Storyteller, Author, Educator, celebrates forty years of sharing spirit-filled wisdom stories, workshops, keynotes, and presentations for all ages throughout the world. She tells and teaches for conferences, synagogues, museums, libraries, schools. Author: three books, numerous articles, co-founding coordinator of CAJE Storytelling Network, weaver of words and rituals; Cherie has always lived in stories.

RACHEL KASTEN serves as the Assistant Director of Education & Youth Programs at Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati. She is from Raleigh, NC, where she worked as an educator in two congregations and as Camp Director at the JCC. Rachel holds a BA in Sociology from NC State and a certificate in Nonprofit Management from Duke U.

HELENE KATES is best known as a singer and songwriter with the Baal Shem Tones. She is also a much-beloved music, drama and dance specialist in the Atlanta Jewish schools. She offers a variety of workshops in music, movement, healing and community building for all ages. www.baalshemtones.com

MICHAEL KATES played keyboards for legendary NJ rockers The Decos, was a regular in New York's jazz scene in the 1970s and studied improvisation under the late Sal Mosca for nine years. He tours and records with his wife Helene as The Baal Shem Tones, produces other artists and teaches music.

ETTA KING is the Education Program Manager at the Jewish Women's Archive, where she develops and promotes JWA's educational programs. Active for 13 years in Habonim Dror and a graduate of Brandeis University, she has experience in informal and formal education and has taught all ages from preschool to adults.

CHERIE KOLLER-FOX is a founder and past president of CAJE and served as chair of its Advocacy Commission. She has written and spoken extensively about family education, innovation in Jewish education, and spiritual practices. Along with Everett Fox, she has established the Ezra Institute to promote the study and teaching of Bible. Cherie is the Rabbi of the Chapel Minyan and is practicing the art of chaplaincy. She is now a founder (once more) and president of NewCAJE and is the conference facilitator this year. She is married to Everett Fox and they have 3 children: Akiva, Leora and Ezra.

ERIC KOMAR started out over 20 years ago as a NFTY songleader. He performs concerts, retreats, and artist-in-residence weekends throughout North America. He has three CDs of original folk- and jazz-tinged Jewish rock. He also teaches religious school music and Hebrew language, does music typesetting and transcription, and teaches guitar. Eric lives in NJ with his wife and two children.

LILY KOWALSKI graduated from Brandeis University with a B.A. in Judaic Studies and Music. Since then, she has held jobs at 6 different organizations, working with children ages 2 to 18. She has taught many different topics, including Hebrew, Jewish holidays, Pirkei Avot; facilitated discussions utilizing popular media; and loves sharing Israeli dance and Jewish music with her students.
LISA LASOVSKY was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa. She has a BS in Early Childhood, and has taught in Preschools and Kindergarten classrooms in South Africa and the USA for 20 years. She teaches at B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro, NC and leads children's services at Beth David Synagogue.

RABBI DR. YOSEF LEIBOWITZ is the director and founder of the Yad Yaakov Fund. He received ordination from Yeshiva University and a doctorate from University of California at Berkeley. He currently lives in Israel where he has taught at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies. He has run the Torah education program for the city of Kfar Saba and served there as rabbi of Minyan Hachadash. He teaches Torah on line and in scholar in residence programs across America.

ALAN J. LEVIN Ph.D. is an Education Specialist with the Union for Reform Judaism. Previously he has worked in the public schools as an Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and as a Director of Special Services. He has been Educator in small and large congregational schools. Alan directed the development of the CHAI curriculum.

JAIME LEWIS is a performer and pre-school music teacher in New York City and Long Island. She works with synagogues to create Jewish holiday programs. She created the Minyan Katan High Holiday Helper service, sold internationally and cross-denominationally. She has 2 original children’s CDs that are currently on the market.

RABBI LARRY MILDER's Bluegrass Bible is best described as a unique combination of influences. One of the outstanding flatpickers in American Jewish music, Larry is also a composer of finely crafted musical midrash. Larry recently took up residence as the Reform Rabbi of the American Hebrew Academy.

HAL MILLER-JACOBS makes Torah come alive as a reporter for The Canaan Times, interviewing participants who take on roles of Torah characters. This Bibliodrama-based technique is particularly effective with kids. Hal's life’s work is making technology user-friendly and does the same with Torah & Tefilah.

SANDY MILLER-JACOBS serves Hebrew College in Boston as Professor and Director of Jewish Special Education Academic Programs. She taught for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation then joined the faculty of Fitchburg State College, where she served as a professor in the Special Education Department for 28 years, including six years as Department Chair and two years as the College's Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs & Dean of Academic Personnel. She earned her BA from Queens College, CUNY, M.Ed. from Boston University and Ed.D. from Boston College.

YUDIT NATKIN has been a teacher of Hebrew and Jewish Studies for many years - Herzlia Day School in Cape Town; and adult Education in Louisville KY as well as Greensboro NC. For 10 years (1990-2000). She was teaching Hebrew in the Religious Studies Department at the University of Greensboro as well. She is now retired, but teaching Adults at Beth David Synagogue.
LORRAINE ARCUS teaches kindergarten and Israeli dance in Albany, NY, and is a recipient of the 2001 Covenant Award for Outstanding Creative Jewish Educators. She is the Author of Torah Alive! An Experiential Approach to Teach Torah to Young Children and Zman Lirkod - A Manual For Teaching Israeli Dance.

PAUL RADENSKY is the Museum Educator for Jewish Schools at the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. He develops seminars for teachers and yemei iyyun for students in conjunction with Museum exhibits. Paul completed his Ph.D. in Jewish history at JTS and lives in Manhattan with his wife Laura, and four children.

RABBI IMANUEL RAVAD has for the past 30 years dedicated himself to Global Mikva Outreach campaigns with the recommendation of G'dolei Hador – our generation's rabbinic leadership and with stunning results. He recently arrived from Israel and drove his world famous Mikva Outreach mobile billboard from NY to LA loaded with tons of Mikva Outreach educational material. He may be one of the only people to attend (nearly) every CAJE and NewCAJE conference.

LORI RIEGEL has been involved in Jewish education for 21 years, the last 3 as the education Director at Temple Emanu-El. Lori is the recipient of the Southern Arizona Outstanding Jewish Educator of the Year Award, the Gerald and Marion Gendell Award for Excellence in Jewish Education and the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education.

AMY RIPPS is the Director of Education and Youth Programs at Beth Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh, NC, where she also served as lay-Rabbi for one year. Prior to relocating to North Carolina almost 20 years ago, Amy was based in the Washington, D.C., area where she held a number of education and youth-related positions at Reform and Conservative congregations. She chaired CAJE 31 at Duke University and has presented at numerous conferences.

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| W 10:15-11:45 AM | Pop Culture Isn't Scary: Meeting Students Where They Are, And Making It Jewish Emilia Diamant |
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