



## Adar 5781 - February / March 2021 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

*Misheh Nichnas Adar, Marbim B'simcha* משוכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה  
One who enters the month of Adar, increases in joy.

This year we may have to work a little harder to find that joy. This *Purim* will be so different than last year. Still, there is much to be optimistic about: vaccines, community programming, good friends, *mishloach manot*, and the end of the school year in sight.

Our teachers have worked so hard this year. It is with joy that we celebrate each and every one of them at the Salute to Jewish Educators. Read more below to find out how you can be involved.

As always, I am here to provide support to our local educators however I am able. Please reach out to me with questions, ideas, or requests for help.

*Chag Purim Sameach Happy Purim!*

*Tapscot*

### **Purim**

The holiday of *Purim* is on the 14th day of the month of *Adar*. This year *Purim* falls on Friday, February 26. The day before, Thursday, February 25 is the Fast of Esther. In Milwaukee, the fast is from 5:05 am until 6:05 pm.

On *Purim* we celebrate hidden miracles. A quick read of the *Megillah* might lead us to believe that the Jews were saved from wicked Haman by mere chance. A deeper dive shows us that God's hand

was evident throughout the story, providing the solutions before the problems.

So let us celebrate in our *Purim* mask, as we focus on the 4 *mitzvot* of *Purim*:

1. *Megillah* Listening to the story of *Purim* (מגילה)
2. *Se'udat Purim* Having a festive *Purim* meal (סעדת פורים)
3. *Matanot L'evyonim* Giving to the poor (מתנות לעניים)
4. *Mishloach Manot* Exchanging of gifts (משלוח מנות)

[Resources](#) for teaching about *Purim*.

[Videos](#) for *Purim*.

[Read about Purim Here](#)



**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

Because of the pandemic, our teachers have gone above and beyond the call of duty. They are the most essential of workers and our heroes. We invite the entire community to honor all local Jewish educators for their commitment to providing our youth with a quality education by participating in the Thank You Project Video as part of the 2021 Salute to Jewish Educators event.



Because the community is so appreciative, each teacher from our Jewish community schools will receive a gift card to the [Friendship Circle Café and Bakery](#) courtesy of the Coalition for Jewish Learning!



Please show your appreciation to teachers in Jewish schools. You can do this in any of the following ways:

- Create a video message (30 seconds or less). Videos should be uploaded here, emailed to [TziporahA@MilwaukeeJew](mailto:TziporahA@MilwaukeeJew)



Thank You Project Video premieres on February 28. You can watch in any of the following ways:

- [CJL Salute to Jewish Educators webpage](#)

[ish.org](https://ish.org), or sent via WhatsApp or text to 414-732-0075 by **February 15**.

- Use [this form](#) to write a message about your teacher
- Upload a message/photo/video to the Padlet wall ([Preschool Padlet](#), [Day School Padlet](#), [Supplementary School Padlet](#)).

- [CJL Facebook Page](#)
- [CJL YouTube Channel](#)

In your appreciation message, please complete one of these sentences in your message:

This year, we especially appreciate our teachers because . . .

Our teacher found a way during the pandemic . . .

Our teacher went above and beyond by . . .

Something new we did this year was . . .

Something special about this year . . .

What motivates me this year is . . .

This year we celebrated \_\_\_ by . . .

## TEACHING ONLINE

Are you teaching online this year?

- Are you in over your head and just trying to log into Zoom?
- Are you comfortable with Zoom, but need ideas about how to make it interactive?
- Are you in need of a little extra support to create community in the virtual world?



CJL is facilitating a mentoring program where teachers can give each other one-on-one support to explore the world of teaching online. Tzipi is also available and excited to support teachers in whatever way that they need.

[Request Support Here](#)



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## LOMED: Learning Opportunities for Milwaukee Educators

LOMED classes are open to all educators working at Milwaukee Jewish schools. The \$300 stipend for completing 10 hours of training is available to all teachers participating in the program.

### Midwinter Professional Development with Mindy Gold

Including presentation of Chai and Double Chai Awards and BINAH certificates

Sunday, February 14, 2021, 10 am - noon

Through Zoom Conference [here](#)

### How to Talk to Your Kids about the Holocaust (1 credit)

This is a Jewish Museum Milwaukee Program

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7-8:15 pm

Through Zoom, learn more and RSVP [here](#)

### Assistive Technology with Michelle Silverman, Clinical Assistant Professor, ATAD Certificate Coordinator and Assistive Technology Professional (1 credit)

This is a P2G (Partnership Together) seminar.

Sunday, March 7, 2021, 12-1:15 pm

Through Zoom, RSVP for link: [here](#)

## LOMED Lunch & Learns

Lunch & Learns are open to everyone. Teachers can earn 1 LOMED credit for attending a LOMED Lunch & Learn (no homework required).

### Purim

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 12 - 1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### Passover

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 12 - 1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

Watch recordings of past Lunch & Learns (**not for credit**) [here](#).

## LOMED Book Clubs

**Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom by Ariel Burger**

In conjunction with Women's Philanthropy.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 7 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**The Assignment by Liza Wiemer**

In conjunction with the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center. Author Liza Wiemer will speak at the event.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson**

In conjunction with Jewish Museum Milwaukee.

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 7 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**Letters in the Scroll by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, z'l**

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 7 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**RSVP or More Information**

**Watch Recorded LOMED classes for [Credit](#)**

**Click for Class Links**



SHOFAR, an initiative of Jewish Family Services, Inc. and the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, calls on all community members to reach out to loved ones who may be at increased risk for violence in their relationships during this time. If you or someone you know is in danger, remember that you/they are not alone.

**GET HELP NOW**

The mission of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has never been more relevant in our lifetime: Caring for the needs of the Jewish people and building a vibrant Jewish future. We have launched a \$3 million fundraising campaign called The Fund for Jewish MKE, a centralized source of support to benefit our whole local Jewish community.





## Support the Fund for Jewish MKE

## LOMED Midwinter Professional Development

### How Digital Technology Choices Affect Student Learning With Mindy Gold

**Sunday, February 14**  
**10 am - Noon (on Zoom)**

**Honoring Chai and Double Chai  
Award Winners & BINA Graduate**

- Learn to apply educational technology frameworks
- Assess the effectiveness of our digital technology instructional choices
- Experience tools that connect learners to each other, the facilitator/teacher, and the content.
- Share experiences and lessons learned as well as learning new tools and strategies

**Worth 2 LOMED Credits.**

**RSVP for Zoom Link:**

**TziporahA@MilwaukeeJewish.org**



## HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT THE Holocaust

Join Simone Schweber, Goodman Chair of Education and Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in this interactive workshop where we'll combine pair-and-share, small-group work and lecture to figure out how to talk to young kids about the Holocaust and other difficult topics.

This workshop is designed to make sure that, as parents or educators of young children, we're balancing the competing pressures of protecting our little ones' idealism with being truthful about historical harms. In these tough times, learn how to approach your child with age-appropriate information, address the tough questions, and shut down conversations you feel your child is not yet ready to hear or may not be worth opening up in the midst of a global pandemic.



DETAILS

Thursday, March 4, 7:00 - 8:15 PM

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Register here to get access to the Zoom session:  
[JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org/events/talk-to-kids-2/](https://www.jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/events/talk-to-kids-2/)

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# Lessons For Today From Elie Wiesel

**BOOK Discussion**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
AT 7PM VIA ZOOM

**6th Annual Edie Adelman Political Awareness Book Discussion and Lecture**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**  
AT 7PM VIA ZOOM

**AUTHOR**  
**Ariel Burger**

**LESSONS FROM ELIE WIESEL IN  
LIGHT OF TODAY'S CHALLENGES**

A program of Women's Philanthropy and co-sponsored by the Coalition for Jewish Learning, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

## ABOUT THE COALITION FOR JEWISH LEARNING

The Coalition for Jewish Learning, the Education Department of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, promotes and advances Jewish education in the greater Milwaukee community, provides a support

system for the community's institutions of Jewish learning, and forges coalitions to ensure excellence in Jewish education.

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"Ben Zoma says: Who is the wise one? One who learns from all people, as it says, 'I have acquired understanding from my teachers.'"

- Pirkei Avot 4:1



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