



## Iyar 5781 - April / May 2021 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

### Correction

The newsletter sent out yesterday had an error in the description of *Lag B'Omer*. Please read this revised version instead.  
Thanks.

Tzipi

Nissan was filled with Passover preparation and celebration. As we enter the month of Iyar we get ready for the *Yamim* (days): *Yom Hashoah*, *Yom Hazikaron*, *Yom Ha'atzmaut* as well as *Lag B'Omer* and *Yom Yerushalayim*. Read more about all these holidays below.

CJL will be continuing LOMED classes over the summer. Stay tuned for details.

Wishing you a month of meaning, joy, and good health. Please be in touch if there is any way I can be of support to you in your work.

*Tzipi*

## Holidays in Iyar

### Yom HaShoah Thursday, April 8

(It was observed by the Milwaukee Jewish Community on Sunday, April 11, watch the recording [here](#).)

*Yom HaShoah*, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, both commemorates the death of the 6 million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis but also recognizes the role of the partisans, righteous gentiles, and all those who resisted the horrors of that time.

## **Yom HaZikaron Wednesday, April 14**

(Observed by the Milwaukee Jewish Community on Tuesday, April 13 at 6 pm. details and registration at [MilwaukeeJewish.org/Yamim](https://MilwaukeeJewish.org/Yamim).)

Yom HaZikaron is Israel's Memorial Day. On this day, we commemorate Israeli fallen soldiers and all those killed by terrorist attacks.

## **Yom HaAtzmaut Thursday, April 15**

(Observed by the Milwaukee Jewish Community on April 18 at 2 pm. details and registration at [MilwaukeeJewish.org/Yamim](https://MilwaukeeJewish.org/Yamim).)

Yom HaAtzmaut is Israel's Independence Day. It celebrates the creation of Israel 73 years ago.

## **Lag B'Omer Friday, April 30**

Lag B'Omer celebrates the 33rd day in the counting of the Omer (these are the days between Pesach and Shavuot). On this day, a plague that killed 24,000 of Rabbi Akiva's students finally came to an end and his students stopped dying. It is also the *yahzeit* (anniversary of death) of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochi, the author of the *Zohar* (core text of Kabbalah, Jewish mysticism). Before his death, he requested that the anniversary of his death be a day of celebration, not of sorrow. Today Lag B'Omer is celebrated with bonfires, picnics, archery, and many 3 year old boys getting their first haircuts.

## **Yom Yerushalayim Monday, May 10**

Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) celebrates the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 during the Six Day War. This year marks 54 years since Jerusalem was once again a place open to people of all religions to visit their holy sites and worship.

### **Resources**

Resources for teaching about the holidays in Iyar:

- [Yom Hashoah](#)
- [Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut](#)
- [Lag B'Omer](#)

Videos

- [Israel](#)
- [Lag B'Omer](#)

[Read about Here](#)

### **Ji Prime Ambassadors Community Workshops**

In February and March, seven teachers from different schools (Bader Hillel Academy, Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid, Congregation Shalom, Milwaukee Community Hebrew School, Milwaukee Jewish Day School, and Yeshiva Elementary School) became Ji Prime

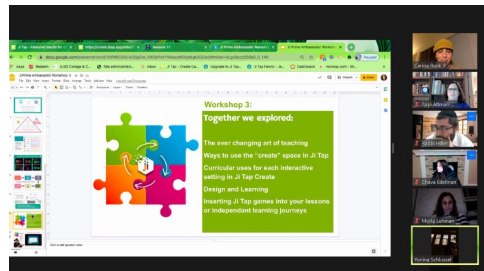
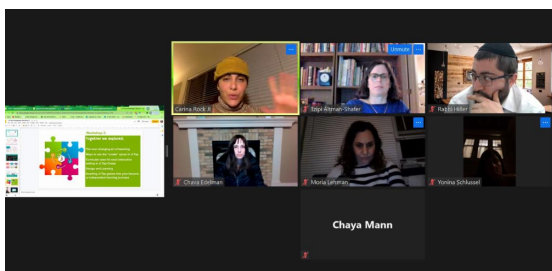
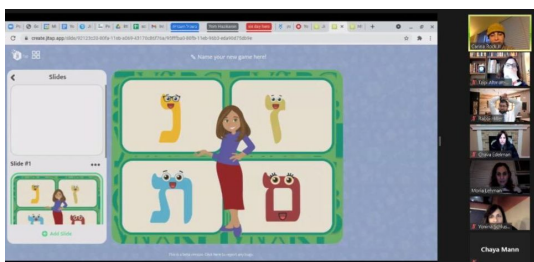
Ambassadors for our community. Teachers participated in three workshops and also had two private coaching sessions.

Ji is about Jewish Education. They provide opportunities for inspirational personal learning experiences. To do this effectively they use methods that could not exist without technology. They provide digital platforms and tools for Jewish and Hebrew teachers around the world.

In May 2016, the Ji Tap platform was launched to meet the needs of educators and parents. It has thousands of Jewish educational games/lessons that teach children about Judaism, Hebrew, Israel and their culture in an engaging and interactive way. Educators can use current games, as well as create their own games to compliment their curriculum. Visit Ji Tap [here](#).

The courses were led by Ji Educator Carina Rock. This program was a partnership between the Coalition for Jewish Learning and the Barbara and Edward Schlusel Foundation.

Hear more about this amazing program from participants: Chava Edelman, Cindy Hammel, Rabbi Hirsch Hiller, Debbie Intravaia, Moria Lehman, Chaya Mann, and Yonina Schlusel.



## 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](#)



### **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.

We are planning to offer LOMED classes this summer. Please [let me know](#) what classes you would like to see offered in the coming months.

### **LOMED Lunch & Learns**

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

#### **Shavuot**

Friday, May 14, 2021, 12 - 1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

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

### **LOMED Book Clubs**

[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**



## YAMIM 2021 **STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY**



**Yom HaShoah**  
Holocaust Remembrance Day  
Sunday, April 11 • 3 p.m.

Stand with the Milwaukee community in memorial to the Six Million and in remembrance of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and all resistance.

This annual Yom HaShoah ceremony brings us together to remember and mourn the people and communities destroyed in the Shoah, to recognize those who resisted and fought, and to honor the survivors and preserve their legacy for future generations.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Ivan Moscovich, Holocaust Survivor**  
Moscovich is a world-renowned game, toy and puzzle inventor, and author of many books including the popular *The Big Book of Brain Games*.  
*The interview will be moderated by Dr. Rachel Baum, Deputy Director of the Sam & Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.*

Join in honoring Israel's victims of terror and fallen soldiers and veterans of the Israel Defense Forces and other Israeli security services.

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Professor Hanna Yablonka**  
Yablonka is an Israeli author, historian and scholar. Born in Tel Aviv, she is a professor of Holocaust Studies at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and staff historian for the Ghetto Fighters' House. In 2002, Yad



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Israel's Day of Remembrance  
Tuesday, April 13 • 6 p.m.



**Yom HaAtzmaut**  
Israeli Independence Day  
Sunday, April 18 • 2 p.m.

Enjoy Wisconsin's largest celebration of Israel at a virtual concert live from Tel Aviv.

**SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST**  
**Kobi Oz**  
Oz will perform a 45-minute concert created especially for Milwaukee's Yom HaAtzmaut celebration. Formerly a lead singer of the popular Israeli

bands Sfatayim and the Teapacks, Oz is a beloved Israeli singer, songwriter and keyboardist.  
*A 30-minute Q&A with Oz will immediately follow the concert.*

## 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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