



Kislev 5781 - November / December 2020 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

Kislev is the month of *Chanukah*. *Chanukah* means (re)dedication. It is also related to the word *chinuch* (education). The month of *Kislev* is an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to Jewish education.

In the past few weeks when I speak to educators, I hear two things:

- We are getting into a new pattern, a "new normal."
- We are exhausted. Teaching right now, whether virtual or in person, is much harder than it was a year ago.

CJL is here to be your bedrock of support during this challenging time. We provide not only professional development, but a supportive community for educators. Read on for information about all our course offerings.

Please be in touch with comments, questions, or to ask for support:
TziporahA@MilwaukeeJewish.org.

During the month of Cheshvan, the world lost a brilliant, compassionate, dedicated teacher and rabbi, Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, z'l. Rabbi Sacks was the chief rabbi of England; he believed in Jewish unity, mutual respect, and the centrality of Jewish education. We mourn him and remember his great work. We had already chosen one of his books, [Letters in the Scroll](#), for this year's book club. I hope you will read the book and join us for the discussion on May 4.

Stay safe, stay healthy. May the month of *Kislev* bring light into your life and help you rededicate yourself to the crucial work of Jewish education. Thank you for all that you do.

Tzipi

Chanukah

This year *Chanukah* begins on the evening of Thursday, December 10. Learn more about the story and rituals [here](#).

Chanukah reminds us that it only takes a small flame to light up the darkness. This year, our celebrations will look different than in the past. We will have small, home celebrations instead of huge communal gatherings. But *Chanukah* can still provide that light that we need more than ever. The *Macabees* fought for the right to live as proud Jews. As we approach *Chanukah*, which means dedication, let us dedicate ourselves to bringing more light to our families, our communities, and the world through:

- **Chesed**- kindness
- **Kavod**- respect
- **Tzedakah**- righteousness / giving to others
- **Chinuch**- Jewish education (also related to the word *Chanukah*)
- **Ga'avah Yehudit**- Jewish pride

Below are some *Chanukah* resources to get you started.

- [Chanukah Videos](#)
- [Chanukah Education Resources](#)
- [Chanukah Crafts](#)
- [Chanukah Games](#)
- [Chanukah Stories](#)

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](#)

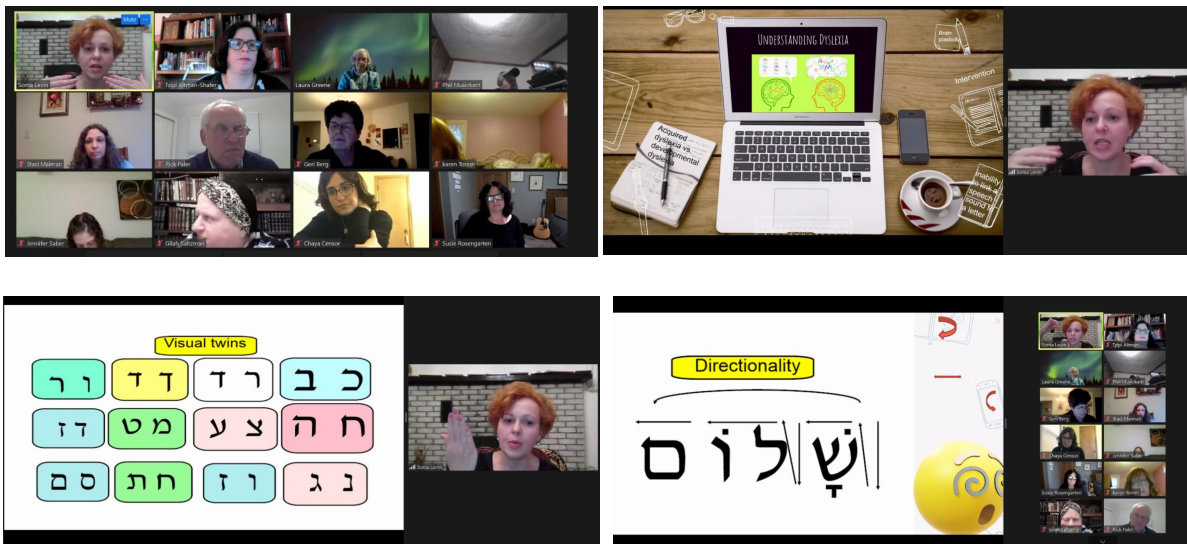
LOMED Class: Teaching Hebrew Using the Ortin-Gillingham Method

In November, Sonia Levin taught an online class about how using the Ortin-Gillingham method for Hebrew language instruction. Ortin-

Gillingham is an approach to teaching English reading through phonetics. Levin adapted this approach to Hebrew reading. Fifteen teachers spent three hours on a Sunday afternoon learning cutting edge techniques for teaching Hebrew to all students, including students with learning challenges.

One participant said, "This session was one of the most beneficial sessions I've attended. The time really flew. Thanks so much!! I look forward to having her again."

We plan to bring Sonia back in the 2021-2022 school year for a longer professional development.



LOMED Classes 2020-2021

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LOMED Classes						
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Book Clubs						
1/13/2021						
3/2/2021						

Lunch & Learns						
12/1/2020						
1/27/2021						
2/23/2021						
3/23/2021						

Salute to Jewish Educators						
2/28/2021						

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.

Investigating Impact: How Do Our Digital Technology Choices Affect Student Learning? with Mindy Gold (2 credits)

Tuesday, November 17, 7 pm
Through Zoom Conference [here](#)

Universal Design with Julie Guidry of Upstream Arts in Minnesota (1 credit)

This is a P2G (Partnership Together) seminar. P2G is a program of the Israel Center of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation
Sunday, November 22, 11:30 am - 1 pm
Register [here](#) for link

Our Diverse Jewish Community: A Three-Part Course for Educators (10 credits)

Presented in Partnership with Edot Midwest Regional Jewish Diversity Collaborative

Tuesdays, November 24, December 1 and 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Pre-registration is required by Nov. 18. Register online [here](#).

Meeting the Social and Emotional Needs of Our Special Needs Children with Friendship Circle of Wisconsin and Krembo Wings, Israel (1 credit)

This is a P2G (Partnership Together) seminar.

Sunday, January 10, 2021, 12 - 1:15 pm

Through Zoom, RSVP for link: AllisonH@MilwaukeeJewish.org.

Islands of Brilliance with Margaret Fairbanks, Autism Spectrum Disorder (1 credit)

This is a P2G (Partnership Together) seminar.

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

Through Zoom, RSVP for link: AllisonH@MilwaukeeJewish.org.

Midwinter Professional Development

Sunday, February 14, 2021, 10 am

Through Zoom Conference [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: AllisonH@MilwaukeeJewish.org.

LOMED Lunch & Learns

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

Explore Pirkey Avot / Ethics of the Fathers Part 2

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12 - 1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

Tu B'shvat

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 12 - 1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

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

[Lost at School](#) by Ross Greene

Wednesday, January 13, 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](#)

[Letters in the Scroll](#) by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, z'l

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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

Upcoming Events in the Community

[Learn More Here](#)

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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