

# Mar Cheshvan 5781 - October / November 2020 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

A new school year is well underway. The fall holidays are behind us. We now enter the month of *Mar Cheshvan*, called *Mar /* bitter because there are no holidays at all. Some of us may be relieved to be done with the holidays and get back to our "new normal." Others will miss the specialness of the fall holiday season.

However you feel about the holidays, CJL is offering a variety of classes, lunch & learns, and book clubs for the fall and winter. Of special note is the three part series about diversity and racial justice. This series is by advance registration only and requires participation in the entire series. Completion of this course earns 10 LOMED credits, enough for this year's stipend.

We also have peer mentoring available for teachers who need support teaching in an online environment.

Read on for information about all our course offerings.

Please be in touch with comments or questions: <a href="mailto:TziporahA@MilwaukeeJewish.org">TziporahA@MilwaukeeJewish.org</a>.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy your teaching.

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#### **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 in exploring 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.

# Emotional Support and Self Care for Teachers, with JFS therapist Aaron Heffernan (2 credits)

Monday, October 19, 7 pm Through Zoom Conference here

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

Tuesday, November 17, 7 pm Through Zoom Conference <u>here</u>

### 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 <a href="here">here</a> to get the Zoom 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 December 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Join us for a three-part course for educators on Jewish teaching and learning related to race, ethnicity, and bias, facilitated by Edot staff members Tamar Ghidalia and former Milwaukeean Shahanna McKinney-Baldon. Participants must commit to attending all three sessions (Nov. 24, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, all from 6:30-8 pm on Zoom). Completion of the series will earn Milwaukee teachers a full 10 LOMED credits (enough for this year's stipend). After the series, there is the possibility of continued work with Edot through a community of practice. We encourage schools to send a cohort of 2-3 teachers to participate together, but the course is open to all. **Pre-registration is required by Nov. 15. Register online** here.

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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, link information TBA

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, link information TBA

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, link information TBA

### **LOMED Lunch & Learns**

Lunch and Learns will be open to any interested members of the community. Teachers can earn 1 LOMED credit for attending a LOMED Lunch and Learn (no homework required). Bring your lunch, and/or something hot to drink, and join us for virtual learning opportunities:

### **Explore Pirkey Avot / Ethics of the Fathers Part 1**

Thursday, November 5, 2020 12 - 1 pm Through Zoom Video Conference **here** 

### **Explore Pirkey Avot / Ethics of the Fathers Part 2**

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12 - 1 pm Through Zoom Video Conference <u>here</u>

### 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 <u>here</u>

Watch recordings of past Lunch & Learns (**not for credit**) <u>here</u>.

**RSVP or More Information** 

### **LOMED Book Clubs**

### **Maid** by Stephanie Land

This book club will be held in conjunction with Jewish Museum Milwaukee and Women's Philanthropy, both programs of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation Wednesday, November 4, 7 pm Through Zoom Video Conference <a href="here">here</a>

### **Lost at School** by Ross Greene

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 7 pm Through Zoom Video Conference <u>here</u>

### **The Assignment** by Liza Wiemer

This book club will be held 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 Jonathan Sacks

May 2021, exact date TBD

**RSVP** or More Information

### Watch Recorded LOMED classes for Credit

Watch any of these recorded LOMED classes, do the assignment, and get the credit.

# Can You Still Be A Superhero? Finding Your Work/Life Balance While Teaching From Home (1 credit)

- Video Link
- Evaluation
- Assignment

# A Beginners Introduction-Techniques for Teaching Online (Part I) with Tzipi Altman-Shafer (1 credit)

- Video Link
- Evaluation
- Assignment

# A Beginners Introduction-Techniques for Teaching Online (Part II) with Yael Gal (1 credit)

- Video Link
- Evaluation
- Assignment

# Educating Every Child, Of All Abilities, a New Virtual Reality (1 credit)

- Video Link
- Evaluation
- Assignment

**RSVP** or More Information

### Social distancing.

It's an important matter of public safety, but the combination of social isolation and increased societal stress could create an increased risk for domestic violence.

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.

As the center for Jewish philanthropy in Milwaukee, we are leading our Jewish community's response to the coronavirus. 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.

Your donation to The Fund will offer critical help to our people – from caring for our elders to feeding the hungry. You'll also give much-

needed assistance to Jewish organizations that need our help now, and over the coming months, so our Jewish community comes out of the crisis as strong as ever. We're already working with 35 local Jewish institutions, with more to come, on a needs assessment that will guide the use of these dollars.

Support the Fund for Jewish MKE

# FALL 2020 UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS



#### Unknown Heroes: Hanoch Levin

#### Thursday, Sept. 10 | 5 pm

"Bringing Israel's Best Known Playwright — Hanoch Levin — to a Worldwide Audience." Hanoch Levin's funny and provocative plays established him as one of Israel's greatest playwrights. He set out to make his Israeli audiences squirm in discomfort, and the latest translations to English-language audiences brings his work to a world stage.

#### The Marathon Mother

#### Tuesday, Sept. 15 1 pm

From motherhood to marathon champion: juggling the journey of life with joy, love and faith. Beatie Deutsch just wanted to get back into shape after the birth of her fourth child, though she hadn't planned to be a professional runner, she realized she was "born to run" and now she is training for 2021 Olympics. Join us to hear Beatie's inspirational story, three days before Rosh Hashanah, so we can use some of her spirit. We also use this event to introduce Lior Halevi and Gal Dahan, two basketball players who came to Milwaukee from Israel. Lior will play for UWM and Gal will play for Cardinal Stritch.

### Navigating the Storm

#### Thursday, Sept. 24 3 pm

Shimon Levy and his friends Asaf and Deddi from the "Chovlim" (sailors) navy unit will share stories from their army service. After growing up in Nepal and Australia, Shimon returned to Israel and was drafted to the Israel Defense Forces in 2004. He graduated from the IDF Naval Academy in 2006, After serving as the Academy's First Captain from 2005-2006. Within seven days of graduation, Shimon was a Bridge Officer and the Deputy Commander of the Weapons Department on board the INS Romah, a class 4.5 Sahar Missile Ship in the Second Lebanon War. His eight-year military career included a BA in Political Science and Public Policy from the University of Haifa, command of INS Super Devorah MK832, Command of the Shark Squadron within the 916 Flotilla responsible for Israel's southern border

from Rafah to Herzliya, commanding 7 ships and close to 120 soldiers and officers. In his last position, he represented the Ashdod Naval base as the Major Projects Director and Foreign Liaison, responsible for the strategic planning of Israel's natural gas rigs and foreign media. Shimon is Milwaukee Jewish Federation's Chief Operating Officer.

#### Israeli Female Artist Series

#### Thursday, Oct. 1 | 2 pm | First in a 3-part series

The Israeli Female Artist Series is a three-part virtual exhibit experience showcasing the art of three women from Israel. They will share their work as well as what we can learn about Israel's society from that work. The other two sessions will be on Oct. 15 and Oct. 29.

#### 25 Years after Rabin's Assassination

#### Tuesday, Oct. 13 | 3 pm | First in a 4-part series

Twenty-five years after Rabin's assassination will be this four-part series about the biggest conflicts in Israel's society in retrospective from 1995-2020. Session 1: the Jewish-Arab conflict. Session 2: Religious-Secular conflict. Session 3: Right vs. Left. Session 4: screening of the movie "Incitement" followed by 0.8A with the director. The other three session will be on Oct. 27, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24.

### What Israelis Really Think of American Elections

#### Thursday, Oct. 22 3 pm

Join us for "What Israelis Really Think of American Elections." We will hear from Social Media Analyst Tal Been about how and what the Israelis are posting about the elections, who are they supporting, and how much they really know about American politics.

### Milwaukee Jewish Film Festival Films co-sponsored by Israel Center:

Tuesday, Oct. 27 7:30 pm: "Aulcie" Wednesday, Nov. 4 3 pm: "The Electrifiers"

For further information and to RSVP to receive each session's Zoom link: Email Allison Hayden at AllisonH@MilwaukeeJewish.org

# What are the Foundations of Social Justice?

Featuring Anita Johnson, winner of the Robert H. Friebert Social Justice Award, and a panel discussion



### 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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