



Tevet 5781 - December / January 2020 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

On *Rosh Chodesh Tevet* we are still celebrating the last days of Chanukah. Those last days of light bring us hope during dark times.

The Coalition for Jewish Learning continues to offer classes and support for teachers throughout this challenging time. Please read on to learn more about upcoming opportunities.

Of special note, the applications for the Salute to Jewish Educators awards are out. Our teachers are working so hard this year. Please nominate a deserving teacher for The CJL Levy Family Jewish Educator of the Year or the Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Jewish Education. Did you do a great project last year? Apply for the GIFT Award or the Lifshutz Mitzvah Award. Save the date of February 28, 2021 to celebrate all our educators.

We face these times as a community. As always, please let me know how I can support you in your teaching. Stay warm, stay healthy, stay positive!

Tzipi

Fast of Tevet

The fast of the 10th of Tevet commemorates the beginning of the Babylonian siege on Jerusalem. This led to the destruction of the First Temple 30 months later, on the 9th of Av. It is a daylight fast, lasting from sunrise until dark. This year in Milwaukee it falls on December 25 from 5:45 am - 4:55 pm.



Sunday, February 28, 2021, 3-5 pm

Join the community as we celebrate and honor the hard work of all our educators.

Nomination forms are available (click the links below). Please nominate someone you would like to see recognized this year.

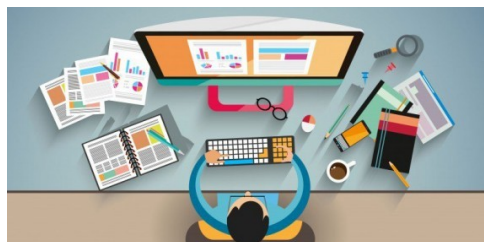
- [The CJL Levy Family Jewish Educator of the Year](#)
- [Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Jewish Education](#)
- [Gill Incentive for Teachers \(GIFT\) Award](#)
- [Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah Award](#)

Nomination forms are due Thursday, January 14, 2021.

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 / Edot Class Our Diverse Jewish Community: A Three-Part Course for Educators:

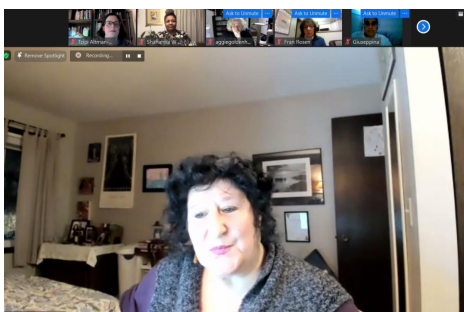
In November and December, over 40 teachers from Milwaukee and Minneapolis participated in an impactful class about issues of diversity in our Jewish classrooms (and our lives). The course was led by [Edot](#) staff Shahanna McKinney-Baldon and Tamar Ghidalia.

During the class, we were asked to confront our own biases and experiences. We also explored:

- Benefits of a diverse community
- Levels of oppression and change
- Systemic racism
- Implicit bias

Thoughts from participants:

- I enjoyed and learned from the session and the excellent article by Paul Kivel. Thoughtful and challenging questions about it and our community. Thanks!
- Working with my study partner was helpful, a great way to get everyone into discussion
- I thought the evening was really well run and thought provoking.



Our Diverse Jewish Community Because...

Bias as a Habit of Mind

Schemas: the patterns of thinking, or "frames" through which our brains help us understand and navigate the world:

Schemas they are shaped by our environment and largely reside in the subconscious.

- 1.Sort into categories
- 2.Create associations
- 3.Fill in the gaps



LOMED Classes 2020-2021

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LOMED Classes						
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12/8/2020						
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2/7/2021						
2/14/2021						
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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.

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
 RSVP for link: [here](#)

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: [here](#)

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: [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).

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, 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](#)

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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