



## Av 5781 - July / August 2021 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. It is so good to take some time to recharge and to see people in person!

CJL does not take a summer vacation. We will continue to have LOMED classes where you can finish your 2020-2021 stipend or start working toward your stipend for next year.

Please pay special attention to the SafeTALK suicide awareness training we are offering in partnership with Friendship Circle Wisconsin. It is worth 3 LOMED credits. Space is limited to the first 20 people and **pre-registration is required**. See more details below.

Also, we are starting a third cohort of **BINAH: Building Inquiry-based Network through Hevruta**. This program is open to teachers in Jewish schools **working with children age 3 and up**. It is a meaningful year long cohort professional development program. See more information below or contact me to learn more. You can apply [here](#).

Make sure to read [this great article](#) about CJL Advisory Board Member Yael Gal Ben-Yitschak, Nicolet and UWM Hebrew teacher. Yashar Koach Yael; we are so proud of you.

Please be in touch with any questions or comments. I am here to support you.

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## The Nine Days (July 10 - July 18)

The first nine days of the month of Av are days of increased mourning for the destruction of the Holy Temples in Jerusalem,

culminating with the highest level of mourning on Tisha B'Av.

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## ***Tisha B'Av (July 18)***

Tisha B'Av (the 9th of Av) is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar. This year the fast is observed on the 10th of Av because the 9th of Av is on *Shabbat* when fasting is prohibited.

Many tragedies have befallen the Jewish People on Tisha B'Av:

- Destruction of the 1st Temple by the Babylonians in 586 BCE
- Destruction of the 2nd Temple by the Romans in 70 CE
- Expulsion of Jews from England in 1290
- Expulsion of Jews from Spain 1492

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## **SafeTALK Workshop**

On June 29, a dozen local educators gathered together in person at Friendship Circle Cafe for a suicide awareness training workshop called SafeTALK by Rabbi Levi Stein. The powerful message of the class is that everyone can make a difference by being aware of signs that someone is considering suicide. Each of us has a part to play in supporting those around us.


Here are comments from some of the participants:

- "With the additional stress that our world has (and still) going through, suicide is a topic that needs to be brought up when someone shares their pain and sadness. Suicide is a taboo word in our community. Maybe, if we talk more openly about our personal feelings we can save a life. Ok, maybe not a life but a soul." (Rabbinic Pastor Aggie Goldenholz)
- "Have you ever felt that something is 'off' with someone you know or observe? Tap into your own intuition and learn to connect your sense that 'something is off' with a friend, acquaintance, or family member. Learn how to check out in a very direct way whether they might have thoughts of suicide. You may save a life!" (Marilyn Kraar)
- "As a teacher I regularly write lesson plans to prepare ahead for a student's line of questioning of classroom content. Participating in SafeTALK prepared me to not be caught off guard when my student questions their life choices, a serious and real topic not written into the curriculum." (Jennifer Saber)

I strongly encourage you to join our next training on July 25. Pre-registration is required [here](#).







## BINAH Teacher Certification:

### Building an Inquiry-based Network as Hevruta

Starting October 2021

Earn a \$500 Stipend  
& a \$1 per hour raise\*

\*Raise for Teachers at Participating  
Supplementary Schools Only

Contact:

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**Join a Milwaukee professional development cohort to strengthen your skills as a Jewish educator. Open to teachers at local Jewish schools. This is a one year program starting in October 2021. Participants will meet monthly for:**

- \* Hevruta (partner) text study
- \* Video observation
- \* Analysis of student work
- \* Analysis of curriculum
- \* Individual goals, classroom observation & follow up (2x per year)



## 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. You can use these credits to finish your 2020-2021 stipend or to work towards your 2021-2022 stipend.

At this point, all classes are scheduled on Zoom. I will let you know if any switch to being in person.

## 2020-2021 LOMED Classes

June '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### LOMED Classes

6/21/2021  
6/29/2021  
7/21/2021  
7/25/2021

July '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### Book Clubs

7/27/2021  
8/5/2021

August '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### Lunch & Learns

6/9/2021  
6/21/2021  
7/18/2021  
7/28/2021  
8/11/2021

## LOMED Classes

### Hoping Together: How We Have Responded to Child Grief and Healing During a Time of Uncertainty with Aaron Heffernan

Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7 pm

*Explore our collective experience of what reopening has looked and felt like so far, as we address the very unique type of grief and incomplete resolution of grief during the pandemic. Look at data on child mental health pre, during, and post-reopening*

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### SafeTALK Workshop with Rabbi Levi Stein of Friendship Circle

Sunday, July 25, 2021 from 3-6:30 pm. 3 LOMED Credits.

See description above.

**In person only.** Pre-registration for July session required [here](#).  
Gathering will be at Friendship Circle Cafe Limit 20 people. Sessions will be offered in August if there is sufficient interest.

**Hoping Together: Imagining a Unified Response to Student Need During the Next Uncertainty with Aaron Heffernan**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7 pm

*Consider a shared vision of what the new uncertainty of school will be and how we will respond to it. Unique and practical suggestions for engaging / re-engaging the unique needs of students during reopening will be explored.*

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**One Class, Many Students: How to Meet Everyone's Learning Needs with Jennifer Saber, CJL Keshner Inclusion Specialist**

Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:30 pm, hybrid, location TBD

All students have different learning needs. So how do you walk into your classroom to teach the same subject to each of those students? Learn how to use differentiation to tailor instruction and reach every student.

Through Zoom Video Conference [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). This year the theme of our Lunch & Learns is people of the Torah.

**All about Noah's Ark**

Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 12-1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**All about Abraham and Sarah**

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 12-1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**All about Isaac and Rebecca**

Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 12-1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

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

**LOMED Book Clubs**

**Virtual Book Talk-How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith**

Held in conjunction with Jewish Museum Milwaukee and Nurturing Diversity Partners

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7 pm

Register [here](#) for link

## **Book Talk-At The End of the World by Zhanna Slor**

Thursday, August 5, 2021, Time and Location TBD

Held in conjunction with Jewish Museum Milwaukee and NextGen, programs of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation

## **Isresilience by Michael Dickson and Dr. Naomi L Baum**

Held in conjunction with the Israel Center of Milwaukee Jewish Federation

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7 pm

**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**

## **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

