

## Tishrei 5782 - September / October 2021 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

Our month of holidays is here and so is the beginning of the school year! It is a busy and exciting time for all of us.

In this newsletter, find teaching ideas, holiday inspiration, and a list of upcoming LOMED classes.

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](#).

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

Wishing you a meaningful and successful school year.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

שנה של בריאות, שמחה, והצלחה

Happy new year. May you be inscribed for a good year.

Wishing you a year of health, joy, and success.

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### *Rosh Hashanah*

*Rosh Hashanah* is the beginning of the new Jewish year. It celebrates the creation of the world. It is on *Rosh Hashanah* that the Jewish calendar begins a new year (it will become 5782). *Rosh Hashanah* is a time for prayer, reflection on past deeds, and a commitment to improve in the coming year. The holiday is also the beginning of the Ten Days of Repentance, culminating with *Yom Kippur*. This year *Rosh Hashanah* falls on **Tuesday, September 7-Wednesday, September 8**.

## *Yom Kippur*

*Yom Kippur* (The Day of Atonement) is a day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. This is the last day to ask God for forgiveness for our wrongs during the past year.

*Yom Kippur* is a stringent fast (it lasts for 25 hours). It begins at sunset of the previous evening (this year at 6:43 pm in Milwaukee), and ends when there are 3 stars in the sky the next night (this year 7:42 pm in Milwaukee). This year *Yom Kippur* falls on **Thursday, September 16**.

Here are some great teacher resources for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*:

- [Music and Videos](#)
- [Materials from the CJL Teachers' Center](#)
- [Other resources](#)

## *Sukkot*

*Sukkot* is arguably the happiest holiday on the Jewish calendar. In fact, on *Sukkot*, we are commanded to rejoice. We celebrate *Sukkot* with all our senses and our whole body. We smell and wave the 4 species, we sit in the *Sukkah*, and eat festive meals there. This year *Sukkot* is from **Tuesday, September 21-Monday, September 27**.

## *Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah*

At the end of *Sukkot*, we spend a couple more days celebrating. We start to pray for rain (in Israel it is the beginning of the rainy season) and we rejoice with the Torah as we finish the cycle of Torah reading and immediately begin reading the Torah again. This year *Shmini Atzeret* falls on **Tuesday, September 28**. *Simchat Torah* is celebrated by some Jews on **Tuesday, September 28** and by others on **Wednesday, September 29**.

Here are some great teacher resources for *Sukkot*, *Shmini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*:

- [Music and Videos](#)
- [Materials from the CJL Teachers' Center](#)
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## LOMED Back to School Professional Development

On August 24, CJL held a Back to School Professional Development program for teachers in local Jewish schools. Forty-four educators from six schools came together to hear from a panel of experts about inclusion and making students feel welcome:

- Rabbi Alter spoke about LGBTQ
- Rabbi Hannah Wallick spoke about multifaith families
- Jennifer Saber spoke about disability
- Chelsea Cross spoke about Racial diversity



After listening to the speakers, teachers went into breakout rooms for small group discussions with teachers from their schools about how to apply what they learned in the coming school year. Feedback about the evening was extremely positive. This panel will be followed by related classes throughout the school year. View a recording of the panel:



# 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



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)

## Kesher Inclusion Korner by Jennifer Saber

*Jennifer Saber is the new CJL Inclusion Specialist. Each month she will share classroom tips for inclusion. Contact her at [JenniferS@MilwaukeeJewish.org](mailto:JenniferS@MilwaukeeJewish.org).*

### Daily Student Inventory

Our students travel to our classrooms each session with a suitcase full of baggage from the day. As the teacher we are often unaware of a student's feelings, home life, health, etc. Here are some simple tools to take a student's daily temperature in person or in the Zoom space:

1. At the beginning of each session, as a class community, ask each student to share one thing about their day, week or weekend
2. As the students walk in, distribute a piece of paper to each one. Ask them to write one word to describe how they are feeling today walking into the classroom (for the teacher's eyes only). And / or ask them to write down one thing they need to leave at the door so they can be present in their learning today. This activity can be done on Zoom in the chat box. Ask students to send a private message to you. Older students can pull out their phones and send you a text.
3. This tip is from a Facebook post called "Handle with Care". Here is a note to send home to parents. Put it into your own language.

"If your family is experiencing difficulties at home I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please text me "Handle with Care." Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day."



### 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.

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

## 2021-2022 LOMED Classes

### LOMED Classes

10/28/2021
12/16/2021

### Book Clubs

10/12/2021
12/8/2021

### Lunch & Learns

10/13/2021
11/8/2021
12/7/2021

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### LOMED Classes

#### One Class, Many Students: How to Meet Everyone's Learning Needs with Jennifer Saber, CJL Keshet Inclusion Specialist (Two part class, 3 credits total for attending both classes)

Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 16, 2021 6:30 pm

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. Support and mentoring available between the two classes.

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

## Salute to Jewish Educators

Sunday, February 13, 2022, 3 pm  
Harry & Rose Samson JCC

## 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 Jacob, Rachel, & Leah **NOTE NEW DATE**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### All about Sodom & Gomorrah

Monday, November 8, 2021, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### All about Joseph & His Brothers **NOTE NEW DATE**

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### All about The Twelve Tribes

Monday, January 10, 2022, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### All about Moses

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### All about Miriam

Monday, March 7, 2022, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### All about the Burning Bush

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

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

## LOMED Book Clubs

### [All of a Kind Family](#) by Sydney Taylor

Held in conjunction with Jewish Museum Milwaukee of Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

October 12, 2021, 7 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### [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

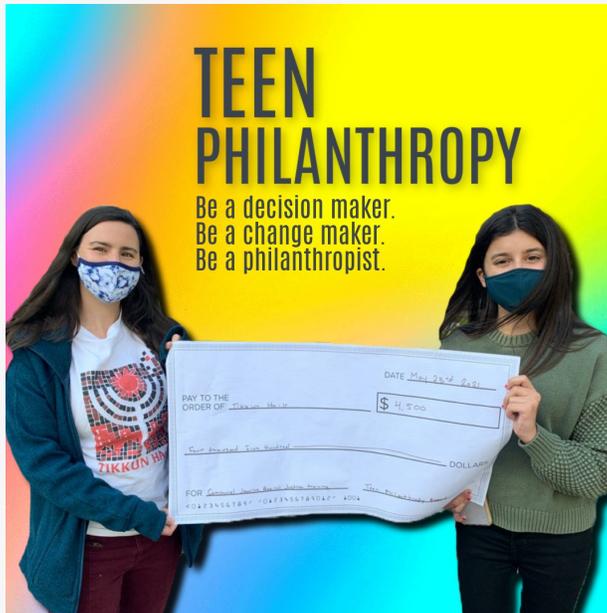
## Angels and Tahina by Tzippi Moss

Held in conjunction with the Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC  
March 31, 2022, Time and Location TBD

[RSVP or More Information](#)

Watch Recorded LOMED classes for [Credit](#)

Click for Class  
Links



### **Teen Philanthropy**

*CALLING MILWAUKEE-AREA JEWISH TEENS!*  *Do you want a voice at the table to make decisions? Are you wanting to be involved in the change making process instead of watching it? Not sure a teenager can be a philanthropist? We invite you and challenge you to be a part of the Milwaukee Jewish Teen Philanthropy Board. Applications for the Board are officially OPEN!*

*This teen program is designed to empower 9th through 12th graders to make our Milwaukee Jewish community and the community at large a better place. Here's some features of the things the board will be doing in the 2021-2022 Teen Philanthropy season:*

- 1. Work with a team of like-minded high school students who care about the same causes that you do*
- 2. Mentorship program with community professionals*
- 3. Collaborative programs with teens in Israel*
- 4. Special speakers and behind-the-scene visits to Jewish and other nonprofits in the Milwaukee area*

5. Gain lifelong skills of leadership, confidence, teamwork, responsibility, and community contribution  
New members and returning members are encouraged to apply!  
Applications are due on Monday, September 27. Apply now at <https://www.MilwaukeeJewish.org/Teens/>.



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

