

Tevet 5782 - December 2021 / January 2022 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

Are you are enjoying Chanukah? Sharing the light, warmth, and joy with the community is so inspiring.

I hope you will be able to join the community later today (Sunday, December 5) from 4-5:30 pm for Hanukkah on the Hoan, a community celebration. See details on the flyer below. More information available here.

Would you like to join the CJL team? I am looking for an administrative assistant to support CJL for about 8 hours a week. Good proofreading and computer skills are needed. This is a great opportunity for a teacher looking for more hour, or for a high school or college student looking for an internship. **Contact me** for more information.

We have some amazing classes on inclusion (of people with learning disabilities, of the LGBTQ community, of Jews of Color) this year. Please consider joining us for one or more of these classes. Remember teachers who complete 10 hours of LOMED classes earn a \$300 stipend. See the detailed list of classes below.

Wishing you a happy, healthy Chanukah.



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 Tuesday, December 14 from 5:39 am - 4:50 pm.

LOMED: Placemaking Workshop

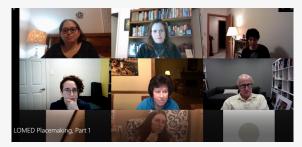
In November, a group teachers joined with Beverly Socher-Lerner of **Makom Community** to learn about Placemaking. Jewish Placemaking is focused on working with families and children to cocreate a learning environment filled with:

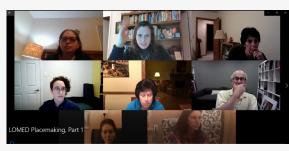
- Joy
- Empathy
- Self-efficacy
- Ownership of Jewish tradition
- Immersive environment
- Applied learning
- Bringing your whole self
- A Jewish parenting community

The class was inspirational, and we all came away with ideas of how to improve our teaching. The class was recorded. Contact **Tzipi** for a link. Plan to join us for part two of this class on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 7-8:30 pm.











Sunday, March 6, 2022,3:30-5:30 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 Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Kesher Inclusion Korner by Jennifer Saber

Jennifer Saber is the CJL Inclusion Specialist. Each month she will share classroom tips for inclusion. Contact her at **JenniferS@MilwaukeeJewish.org**.

Rule of Thumb

Imagine a world with no traffic rules. How would we know what to do when driving down the road? Intersections would be like playing a game of chicken. The highway would be like a NASCAR race. We grownups need traffic rules so we know the expectations on the roads.

Students are no different in the classroom. They too need to know the expectations for their learning journey. And for the students of all abilities in your class it's that much more important. As we come back from winter break, think about recalibrating with a class discussion on classroom rules and expectations. Here are a few creative ways to frame the discussion. Work together with the students to take ownership and to brainstorm their own classroom rules. Finalize the document with a signature or trace/paint a handprint or thumbprint. Post for all to see and you can refer back to in a challenge moment.

Kavod (Hebrew for respect)

Use the word as a centerpiece for the discussion. Ask students how they define respect in their classroom. What does it look and feel like? What do we respect? Property? Peers? Authority?

Class Brit (Hebrew for agreement)

Come together as a class to create a class agreement. How do you agree to act? How do you agree to speak to one another and the teacher?

10 Commandments of the Classroom

Create a set of positive classroom commandments. Thou shall keep an open mind during class discussions. Thou shall show respect towards your classmates.

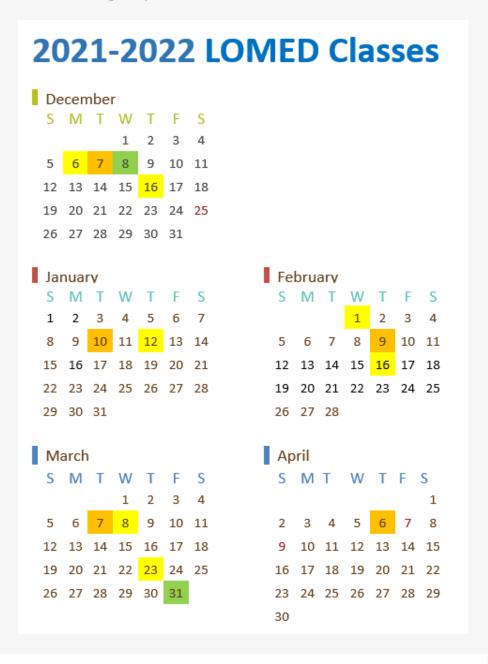
Have a creative way to work with your students to create classroom rules? Jennifer would love to hear at jennifers@milwaukeejewish.org.



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.



LOMED Classes
12/1/2021
12/16/2021
1/12/2022
2/1/2022
2/16/2022
3/8/2022
3/23/2022

Book Clubs
12/8/2021
3/31/2022

Lunch & <u>Learns</u>
12/7/2021
1/10/2022
2/9/2022
3/7/2022
4/6/2022

LOMED Classes

Lens (1 credit) Monday, December 6, 2021, 6:30 pm

A virtual panel discussion of Critical Race Theory and its impact on K-12 public education, which has exploded in national headlines, political campaigns, board rooms and family rooms. Please join us as our panelists tackle tough questions while looking at the issue through a Jewish lens: Dr. Fran Kaplan (Nurturing Diversity Partners), Shahanna McKinney-Baldon (Edot Midwest Regional Jewish Diversity and Racial Justice Collaborative), Dan Rossmiller (Wisconsin Association of School Boards), and Daniel A. Nerad (Wisconsin Association of School Boards).

RSVP required for Zoom link.

One Class, Many Students: How to Meet Everyone's Learning Needs with Jennifer Saber, CJL Kesher Inclusion Specialist, Part 2 (Two-part class, 3 credits total for attending both classes)

Thursday, December 16, 2021, 6:30-8 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

Placemaking Workshop with Beverly Socher-Lerner of <u>Makom</u> Community, Part 2

(Two-part class, 3 credits total for attending both classes) Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 7-8:30 pm

At Makom Community, we explore Jewish text as a platform for helping our learners grow their skills for emotional intelligence and empathy. They practice identifying, naming, and regulating their feelings and responding to both their own emotional experiences and the experiences of characters in our text or friends in their classroom with curiosity and compassion. Learn how we can combine those skills into a spiritual practice or a way of connecting to something larger than ourselves.

Through Zoom Video Conference here

Introduction to LGBTQ Belonging in the Classroom With Jackie Maris of Keshet

(Two-part class, 4 credits total for attending both classes)

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 6:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:30-8:30 pm

This two-part training is designed for teachers seeking to create an LGBTQ-affirming environment for students, colleagues, and the school community at large. The first session will discuss LGBTQ terms and concepts, will delve into LGBTQ youths' experiences, and will examine cisnormativity and heteronormativity. The second session - grounded in the information from the first - will address curriculum and representation, culture and language, school policies, and interventions into microaggressions and bullying. Both sessions focus on building shared vocabulary and awareness around LGBTQ

identities and identifying ways in which participants can build a

community of equality and belonging for LGBTQ people. Through Zoom Video Conference **here**

JEDI (Jewish Equity Diversity and Inclusion) in the Classroom (Two-part class, 3 credits total for attending both classes)

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 6:30-8:00 pm Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 6:30-8:00 pm

This two-part training for educators from Jewish schools. We will discuss Jewish Equity Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom. Cotaught by Kai Gardner-Mishlove of Jewish Community Relations Council and Tzipi Altman-Shafer of the Coalition for Jewish Learning, both programs of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Through Zoom Video Conference here

Salute to Jewish Educators NOTE THE NEW DATE!!

Sunday, March 6, 3:30 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 Joseph & His Brothers NOTE NEW DATE

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 12-1 pm Through Zoom Video Conference <u>here</u>

All about The Twelve Tribes

Monday, January 10, 2022, 12-1 pm Through Zoom Video Conference <u>here</u>

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

<u>Isresilience</u> 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 Thursday, March 31, 2022, 12 pm on Zoom

RSVP or More Information

Watch Recorded LOMED classes for Credit

Click for Class Links



What is the anti-CRT campaign?

REFLECTIONS THROUGH A JEWISH LENS

Monday, Dec. 6 · 6:30 pm

VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION WITH



Dr. Fran Kaplan, Co-Founder and Lead Trainer Nurturing Diversity Partners



Shahanna McKinney-Baldon, Wisconsin Center for Education Research Special Assistant for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion University of Wisconsin-Madison



Dan Rossmiller, Government Relations Director Wisconsin Association of School Boards



Daniel A. Nerad, Search Services Consultant, Wisconsin Association of School Boards

Critical Race Theory and its impact on K-12 public education has exploded in national headlines, political campaigns, board rooms and family rooms.

School boards, superintendents, principals and teachers are facing increased questions about Critical Race Theory as well as other Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts, and how their tenets should inform K-12 policy and practice.

Please join us as our panelists tackle these tough questions while looking at the issue through a Jewish lens.

RSVP required for Zoom link:

MilwaukeeJewish.org/JCRCevents or contact Allison Hayden at AllisonH@MilwaukeeJewish.org or (414) 390-5781.









INCLUSION TEEN TRAINING

TRAINING TEENS TO SUPPORT FRIENDS OF ALL ABILITIES







CO-FACILITATORS





ITT Dates

December 19th, 4-6pm

Sensitivity Training and Inclusive Language

January 16, 4-6pm

Communication Skills with Supervisors, Parents and Participants

February TBD- JDAIM event Bringing Inclusion to Your Community

March 13, 4-6pm

Practical Skills for working with Participants of All Abilities

Inclusion Teen Training Program educates & supports 8th -12th graders who work with children and peers with disabilities. Teens will learn how to assist in settings like synagogue schools, Friendship Circle, camp, and youth groups to fully create an inclusive environment.

The program will also help teens feel confident and equipped with the tools to make a difference. Hands-on, interactive workshops will be held throughout the school year.



SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 19TH, 2021**



4:00 - 6:00 PM



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE 8649 N PORT WASHINGTON RD

RSVP fcwi.org/rsvp

ITT'S THE THING TO DO!

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





