



Adar Bet 5782 - March 2022

Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

Welcome to Adar Bet. In just a couple of weeks we get to celebrate Purim! I'm so excited to spend this joyous holiday with the community.

The Salute to Jewish Educators is this Sunday (March 6) at 3:30 pm. Please join us to celebrate all teachers in our Jewish schools. All school teachers and staff are invited to join us in person at the Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC. Members of the community are invited to join us on Zoom. Everyone participating must RSVP at MilwaukeeJewish.org/salute. Please plan to join us via Zoom and share your love with our teachers. Your presence will mean the world to them.

In addition to the normal Purim celebrations, CJL is proud to join with local teen groups for a Community-wide teen celebration on Thursday, March 17 at 3:30 pm at the Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC. The Network for Teen Engagement Professionals in Milwaukee worked together to plan this event. (See the flyer below.) It is a wonderful (unprecedented) show of unity to have professionals from across our community come together to plan this fun opportunity for all our teens to celebrate.

CJL is here for you. We have lots of dynamic classes. I hope to see you soon. **Be in touch** with questions, ideas, or any support I can supply. Wishing you a month of health and joy.

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Purim

The holiday of *Purim* is on the 14th day of the month of *Adar*. This

year *Purim* falls on Thursday, March 17. The day before, Wednesday, March 16 is the Fast of Esther. In Milwaukee, the fast is from 5:33 am until 7:28 pm.

On *Purim*, we celebrate hidden miracles. A quick read of the *Megillah* might lead us to believe that the Jews were saved from wicked Haman by mere chance. A deeper dive shows us that God's hand was evident throughout the story, providing the solutions before the problems.

So let us celebrate in our *Purim* mask, as we focus on the 4 *mitzvot* of *Purim*:

1. *Megillah*--Listening to the story of *Purim* (מְגִלָּה)
2. *Se'udat Purim*--Having a festive *Purim* meal (סְעֻדַת פּוּרִים)
3. *Matanot L'evyonim*--Giving to the poor (מַתָּנוֹת לְעֵבְיוֹנִים)
4. *Mishloach Manot*--Exchanging of gifts (מִשְׁלוח מָנוֹת)

[Resources](#) for teaching about *Purim*.

[Teachers' Corner](#) for *Purim*.

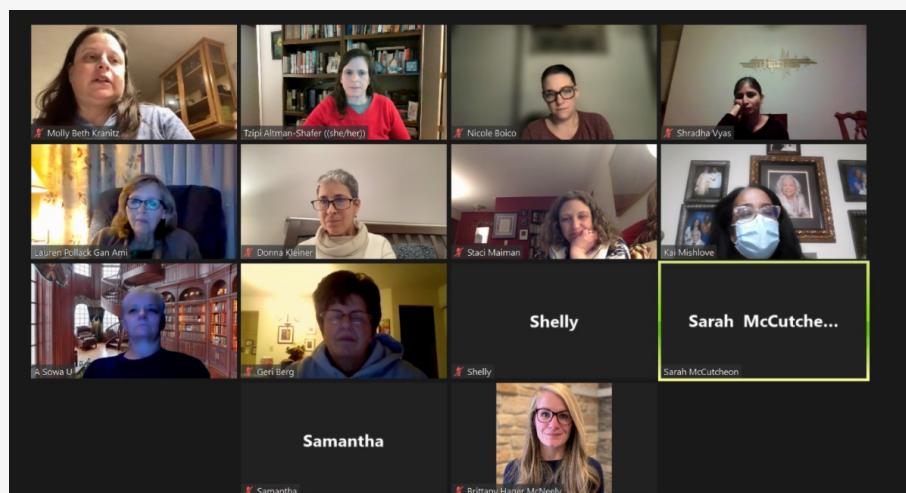
[Videos](#) for *Purim*.

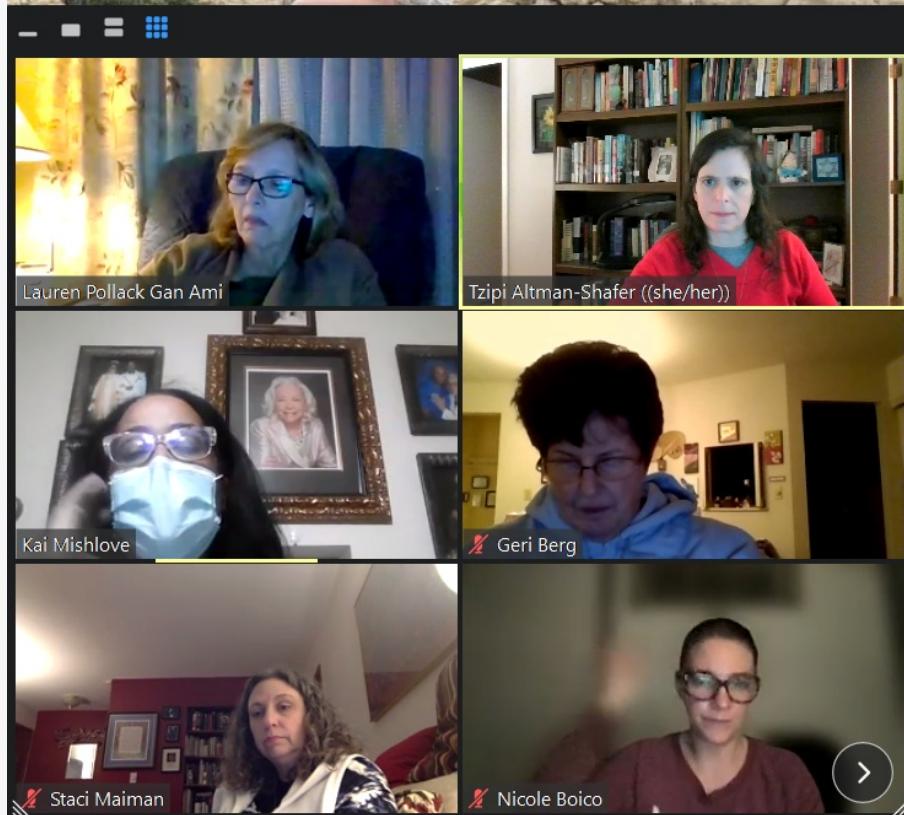
[Read More about Purim Here](#)

LOMED JEDI Class

In February, about a dozen people gathered to discuss Jewish Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. We explored the means of each of those terms, delved into text study, and strove to understand the diversity within the Jewish community. Afterwards, one participant commented: "I learned the definition of inclusion and I got a better understanding of what it means to be Jewish or what makes someone Jewish.

Please join us for part two of this class on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 on Zoom. Email [Tzipi](#) for the Zoom link.





Sunday, March 6, 2022

3:30-5:30 pm

Harry & Rose Samson JCC and on Zoom

Join the community as we celebrate and honor the hard work of all our educators. The event will be hybrid with teachers attending in person and friends, family, and community members attending online. RSVP for the event [here](#). I hope you will join us in celebrating all of Milwaukee's amazing Jewish educators.



Salute to
Jewish Educators

NEW THIS YEAR HYBRID EVENT

TODAY TEACHERS

Due to Covid safety protocols, only educators are allowed to attend in-person. Covid safety protocol will be enforced. Families and community supporters of our amazing Jewish school educators are invited to watch virtually via Zoom.

Sunday, March 6 • 3:30 pm
Harry and Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center
Daniel M. Soref Community Hall, 6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd.

 Coalition for Jewish Learning
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Lifetime Impact Award
Doris Shneidman

Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Jewish Education
Dalilah Brenier, Hillel Milwaukee

Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year
Rivkie Spalter, Mequon Jewish Preschool

Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award:
Roger Carp, Congregation Shalom

RSVP MilwaukeeJewish.org/Salute
or contact Tzipi at (414) 963-2718 or TziporahA@MilwaukeeJewish.org

Kesher Inclusion Korner by Jennifer Saber

Jennifer Saber is the CJL Inclusion Specialist. Each month she will share classroom tips for inclusion.

Group Your Groupies!

Full disclosure....When I walk into my classroom sometimes, I am overwhelmed by the ratio of only me to the entire group of students. My single classroom of students has multiple learning needs. How can I differentiate the learning for each student? Group your groupies! This provides an opportunity for peer support and a task for your madrichim (teen teaching assistants). The technique of grouping allows you to roam the room and attend to multiple students.

During a lesson, pair up (chevruta-style) students on a similar level for a Hebrew game, text study or project. Or pair up a student at

two different levels so one can support the other. Break your class into 2-4 small groups to work on an assignment together. If you have madrichim (teen teaching assistants), this is a great way to get them involved. Assign them to a group. As the teacher, assign yourself to a group, pair or a single student. By grouping your groupies, you are freed up to hone in on students to offer support or provide a challenge.

In your classroom, how do you use the method of grouping to meet the diverse needs of your students? Jennifer would love to hear from you! jennifers@milwaukeejewish.org.



To celebrate JDAIM (Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month) Friendship Circle and Federation led a teen inclusion training for the community. The program was about inclusion, self-advocacy and empowerment.

Guest speaker in photo is Jeffrey "JMatt" Matthias, former 103.7 Kiss FM radio host, and now TikTok sensation, talked to the teens about

his own disability journey and the 22 push-up challenge documented on TikTok for Veteran PTSD suicide awareness.



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

March

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LOMED Classes

3/8/2022

3/23/2022

Book Clubs

3/31/2022

Lunch & Learns

3/7/2022

4/6/2022

LOMED Classes

Introduction to LGBTQ Belonging in the Classroom With Jackie Maris of [Keshet](#) (Two-part class, 4 credits total for attending both classes)

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, March 23, 2022, 6:30-8:00 pm

This is a two-part training for educators from Jewish schools. We will discuss Jewish Equity Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom. Co-taught 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 Moses

Monday, March 7, 2022, 12-1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All about Miriam

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

[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**

In the Community

MILWAUKEE JEWISH COMMUNITY PROUDLY PRESENTS

COMMUNITY TEEN PURIM

MARCH 17TH
3:30 - 5:00 PM




Who: Jewish 8th-12th Graders
Where: Harry & Rose Samson JCC Community Hall
What: Comedy Sportz, Megillah Reading, & Snacks





 Help support our Mitzvah Project by bringing Kosher for Passover food (matzah, grape juice, soup mix) for the Passover Food Drive.


Covid masks are required. Costumes Encouraged!

RSVP: tinyurl.com/MkeTeenPurim22









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

