



Elul 5782 - September 2022 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year! It is such an exciting time, meeting new students and parents, seeing children's eyes light up as they see one another after a busy summer. I hope the positive energy stays with you through the year ahead.

CJL has some new things planned this year as well. We are still looking for college age students and young adults to join our Mentorship Moments Program (co-sponsored by Hillel MKE). Participants will be placed as teachers in local Sunday Schools, have 4 professional development workshops during the year, and be assigned a mentor to support them in their schools. They will also earn a \$180 stipend (plus their pay for teaching). Contact [Tzipi](#) for more information or to recommend someone for the program.

Our fourth cohort of BINAH begins in October. Join together with educators from preschools, day schools, and supplementary schools for a year of monthly learning and growth. The program includes a \$500 stipend. Apply [here](#).

Our professional development classes and book clubs will be in person this year! Most classes will be offered at specific schools (after school hours), but will be open to the entire community. This year you will not be able to earn LOMED credits through recorded sessions. Lunch & Learns will be hybrid (in person at Gan Ami or on Zoom). See the full list below.

Save the date for these important events:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8:30 pm:** Midwinter Professional Development
- **Sunday, March 19, 3-5 pm:** Salute to Jewish Educators

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Elul

Elul is the month before *Rosh Hashanah*. The Hebrew word אלול is an acronym for אני לדודי ודודי לי which means I am to my beloved as my beloved is to me (from the Song of Songs). During *Elul*, we search our hearts and strive to connect with God. During the month of *Elul* it is traditional to hear the *Shofar* blown every day (except *Shabbat*) to remind ourselves to wake up and do *teshuvah* (repent).

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 5783). *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 Monday, September 26 and Tuesday, September 27.

Here are some great teacher resources for Rosh Hashanah:

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

[Read More](#)

LOMED Back to School Professional Development

On August 17, over forty teachers from 12 different local Jewish schools gathered for our Back to School Professional Development program. Teachers enjoyed catching up and meeting new people during dinner. Our speaker, Shira Berkowitz of [Darcheinu](#), came from Chicago to teach us about SEL (Social Emotional Learning). After the program, many teachers stayed for a long time talking and spending time together after having our professional development online for so long. It was a great evening.





BINAH

We will be starting another BINAH cohort in the fall. The program is a year long commitment to monthly learning. It is open to teachers in any local Jewish schools. There is a \$500 stipend on completion of the program. If you are interested in joining the 2022-2023 cohort, contact [Tzipi](#) or apply [here](#).



BINAH Teacher Certification:

Building an Inquiry-based Network as Hevruta

Starting October 2022

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

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*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 2022. 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)



Contact:
Tzipi Altman-Shafer,
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.

Choose to Offer Choice

When my 17 year old daughter was a toddler she wouldn't eat a lick of vegetables. Our pediatrician suggested that I put out two veggies for my daughter to choose from. With me being content with either option. I'm happy to report it worked! And since it worked so well, I carried on this advice of empowering my children with choice still until this day.

Thinking about our students, they have choices made for them everyday, relinquishing their power to a higher power. Chores, bedtime, going to school, screen time, taking a test, etc. What would happen in our classrooms if we gave them the power of choice? As you are planning for the new school year, where do you see student choice as a possibility? Here are some suggestions:

- Get to know your students. Do they like to draw? Play games? Act? Write stories? Once you ascertain this, you will have a better sense of what choices to offer. Something agreeable to them and to you.
- When you teach a topic, think about offering 2-3 choices to the students to demonstrate their learning. For example, if you are teaching about the symbols of Rosh Hashanah, students can draw the symbols, listen to a song about the holiday and write a new verse, play a matching game ([Concentration](#)) with the symbols. Think about all the choices you are happy with, and those that meet your learning goals.
- Do you assign seats or let the students choose their seats? Students know their own learning style and may want to sit closer to the board to see better or sit in a seat not facing the open classroom door because the passing foot traffic is a distraction.
- Do your students like to work alone, in *chevruta* (with a partner) or in a small group? Are there activities in your lesson plans where you can offer this choice to your students? I find in my own teaching that Hebrew lessons often lend itself to this flexibility.
- A simple task, like the option to put a coat on a chair or at the back of the classroom, can make a student feel like they have a say in their learning environment even with the authority of a teacher at the head of the class.

Where else in your classrooms and lesson plans can you empower your students with choice? Share your ideas, successes and challenges or for inclusion support in your setting with Jennifer Saber, contact Kesher Inclusion Specialist at jennifers@milwaukeejewish.org.



LOMED: Learning Opportunities for Milwaukee Educators

LOMED Classes
9/8/2022
9/18/2022
11/13/2022
11/20/2022
12/4/2022
1/15/2023
2/12/2023
2/26/2023

Book Clubs
1/11/2023
3/14/2023
5/3/2023

Lunch & Learns
9/14/2022
10/25/2022
11/16/2022
12/8/2022
1/12/2023
2/14/2023
3/23/2023
4/19/2023
5/9/2023

2022-2023 LOMED Classes

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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.

This year the LOMED classes will be held at local schools (in person) and will also be open to teachers from other schools.

The Lesson: Israeli TV Show Screening (2 credits)

In cooperation with the Israel Center, a program of Milwaukee Jewish Federation

Thursday, September 8, 2022, 7-9:30 pm

Marcus North Shore Cinema

RSVP: www.MilwaukeeJewish.org/IsraelinMilwaukee

Mickey Mouse and the Holocaust (2 credits)

In cooperation with the Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center, a program of Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Sunday, September 18, 2022, 1-2:30 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC

RSVP: www.HolocaustCenterMilwaukee.org/MickeyMouse

Compassionate Communication: How to Listen Deeply and Communicate Effectively (1 credit)

Sunday, November 13, 2022, 11:45 am

Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun (open to all teachers from the community)

Inclusion and Racial Equity (1 credit)

Sunday, November 20, 2022, 11:45 am

Congregation Shalom (open to all teachers from the community)

LGBTQ+ Inclusion (1 credit)

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 12:15 pm

Congregation Sinai (open to all teachers from the community)

Teaching about Israel (1 credit)

Sunday, February 12, 2023, 11:45 am

Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun (open to all teachers from the community)

Creating Dynamic Lesson Plans (1 credit)

Sunday, February 26, 12 noon

The Shul Center in Bayside (open to all teachers from the community)

LOMED Lunch & Learns (1 credit each)

All about the Core beliefs of Judaism

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 12-1 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All About the Concept of *Betzelem Elohim* (In the Image of God)

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 1-2 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All About the Concept of *Hachanasat Orchim* (Hospitality)

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 12-1 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All About the Concept of *Kehilah* (Community)

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 1-2 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All About the Concept of *Tikun Olam* (Repairing the World)

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 1-2 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All About the Concept of *Kavod* (Respect and Honor)

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 1-2 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All About the Concept of *Kol Yisrael Aravim Zeh La'zeh* (All Jews are Responsible for One Another)

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 1-2 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All About The Land of Israel

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 12-1 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

All About the Concept of *Tzedakah* (Righteousness)

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 1-2 pm

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Glazer Board Room
or Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

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

LOMED Book Clubs

[My Second-Favorite Country: How American Jewish Children Think About Israel](#) by Sivan Zakai (1 credit)

In conjunction with Israel Center, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 7 pm

[Rolling Warrior: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark a Revolution](#) (1 credit) by Judith Heumann

In conjunction with Friendship Circle of Wisconsin and in honor of JDAIM (Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month)

February, date TBD

[Leonora in the Morning Light: A Novel](#) by Michaela Carter (1 credit)

in conjunction with Jewish Museum Milwaukee and the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center, programs of Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 7 pm

[The Sum of Us](#) by Heather McGhee (1 credit) in conjunction with Tikkun Ha-Ir.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 7 pm

[Organized Jewish Life: The Essential Guide for Planning Jewish Holidays, Events and Every Day](#) by Rebekah Chaifetz Saltzman (1 credit) Date TBD.

[Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators](#) by Elena Aguilar (1 credit) Date TBD.



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

Professional Development Opportunities
(Funding available. Contact [Tzipi](#) for more information)



Mentorship Moments

Looking for College Students & Young Adults!

CJL and Hillel MKE are joining forces to offer a new mentor program between current Sunday school teachers and college students or young adults looking to teach in a Sunday school setting.



Details

- ✓ \$25-\$30 an hour for teaching time
- ✓ 4 educational meetings
- ✓ Mentor to guide you in your journey
- ✓ \$180 Stipend upon completion
- ✓ Transportation provided if needed

Duration



August 2022 - May 2023

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THE LESSON ISRAELI TV SHOW SCREENING

**SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2022
7-9:30 P.M.**

Location: Marcus North Shore Cinema
Sponsored by Israel Center & CJL

Join us on September 8th for a screening of the award-winning Israeli TV drama 'The Lesson.' Highlighting a politically charged learning environment in Israel, this series navigates the complex world of facts, opinions, and beliefs, and how these conversations permeate all aspects of our lives, including our children's education. We'll watch the first two episodes in a six-part series and then discuss how the story relates to local issues here in the U.S.



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Visit MilwaukeeJewish.org/IsraelinMilwaukee
to learn more and register. Event is FREE
but space is limited, so **RSVP today!**

Sponsored by MJF's Israel Center &
Coalition for Jewish Learning.

MICKEY MOUSE

and the Holocaust

Sunday, Sept. 18 • 1-2:30 pm



United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum, courtesy
of The Shtetl Foundation



Professor Danny M. Cohen,
Northwestern University

In this interactive experience,
join us on a journey as we explore a
series of intriguing and puzzling historical
photographs that force us to reconsider
how we perceive Holocaust history.
Discover rich paradigms and lessons for
our contemporary world, as well as a
surprising connection to pop culture today.

*This intergenerational program is
recommended for ages 12 and up.*

Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center—
Daniel M. Soref Community Hall, 6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Whitefish Bay

RSVP 414-963-2710

HolocaustCenterMilwaukee.org/MickeyMouse

Free and open to the public, optional suggested donation.



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Remember. Educate. Inspire.

Seeking Families for 'Homes Against Hate'

Homes Against Hate is a program to break down barriers and build strong connections between families throughout our greater Milwaukee community. Sessions will be guided by expert facilitators to promote safety, dignity, and growth for all participants.

Let's help build the
community that
we envision!



Criteria:

- Households with youth aged 13 and up
- Eagerness to engage with people who live, look, love, or pray differently from yourself
- Attend in-person sessions at a central Milwaukee location on Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 13, and Jan. 8 from 1-2:30 pm

Facilitated by **Deja Garner**
and **Kelly O'Keefe-Boettcher**



Deja Garner is the Program Director at WAVE Educational Fund, a grassroots gun violence prevention organization in Wisconsin. She is the lead for equity work, criminal justice reform, policing reform, and youth programming.



Kelly O'Keefe-Boettcher is a Milwaukee local with 30+ years of classroom and community based education. She has leadership training in restorative practices including extensive interfaith and ecumenical programming.

Takeaways:

1. New friendships and connections across communities
2. Nourishing cross-cultural experiences
3. Skill building to respond to bias and have better conversations about differences



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Relations Council
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No cost. Space is limited. Apply by Sept. 1, 2022.

To learn more, contact Andrea Bernstein
at (414) 390-5775 or AndreaB@MilwaukeeJewish.org.



Make an Impact!

Considering a career in teaching or youth services? Are you 18 or older with a high school diploma? Join the MPL AmeriCorps team today and help build life-long skills in Milwaukee classrooms and libraries. Great benefits, including healthcare, a \$20K annual stipend and tuition funds!

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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

