



Menachem Av 5782 - August 2022 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

I hope everyone is having a good summer. We all deserve some time to relax, reflect, and rejuvenate. I hope summer is providing you with all those things.

We will be starting our 4th cohort of [BINAH](#) in October. See the information below if you are interested in [applying](#).

We are starting a program for local college students and young adults interested in teaching in our synagogue schools. The program would be co-sponsored by Hillel MKE and would include workshops, mentoring, and a stipend. If you know someone who would be interested, please [email me](#).

Save the dates for these 2022-2023 Events:

- **Wednesday, August 17, 6-8 pm (5:30 dinner):** Back to School Professional Development
- **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!

The Nine Days (July 29 - August 6)

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.

[Read More](#)

Tisha B'Av (August 7)

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

[Read More](#)

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](#).



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BINAH Teacher Certification: Building an Inquiry-based Network as Hevruta

Starting October 2022

**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 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,
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Kesher Inclusion Korner by Jennifer Saber

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

Get to Know Me

It's August and our thoughts are starting to shift from summer mode to a back-to-school mindset.

One of the key ways to create community in your near future classroom is by building a relationship with your students. We may not have our class lists yet, but we can start with what we do have. Us! We spend time getting to know our students with ice breakers and get-to-know-you games, but let's make it reciprocal and help them get to know us.

- Consider sending a get-to-know the teacher letter. This is an opportunity to share a bit about yourself. Craft a letter/email or cute one-pager sharing your hobbies, the summer fun you had, favorite Jewish holiday and food, and the best way to reach you.
 - [Here](#) is a helpful blog to inspire you called, "7 ways to write an "About Me" - A Teacher's Introductory Letter".
 - Check out this "[All About Your Teacher Printable](#)". There is a colorful example as well as a template you can fill in with your own information.
- Once you get together in September, play the "All About My Teacher Game".
 - Prep ahead over the summer.....List out some true and false facts about yourself.
 - On the first day of class try this activity adapted from www.classroomfreebies.com
 - Ask students to line up at the back of a room/playground.
 - Stand across from them.
 - Read a fact to the class. Offer the instructions that if they think it is true, to step forward. If they think it's false, stay put. If they get it wrong—they go back to the beginning, original spot.
 - Play until someone reaches you.
- [Here](#) are samples of parent and student questionnaires to send out once you get your class list. It's a great tool to gather information to get to know your students that I created for NewCAJE 2022. The session was about building relationships with parents to meet the needs of their children in the classroom. If you would like to explore the topic further, please be in touch at jennifers@milwaukee.org.

For inclusion support in your setting, please contact Jennifer Saber, Keshet Inclusion Specialist, 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.

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

Back to School Professional Development: The Classroom in 2022: It Ain't Like it Used to Be

Presented by Mrs. Shira Berkowitz, LCSW

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 5:30 dinner, 6-8 pm program

Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, Community Hall

[RSVP](#) required for dinner.

LOMED Lunch & Learns

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

Start reading these books now:

- **Wednesday, January 11, 7 pm: [My Second-Favorite Country: How American Jewish Children Think About Israel](#)** by Sivan Zakai, in conjunction with Israel Center, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.
- **Tuesday, March 14, 7 pm: [Leonora in the Morning Light](#):** A Novel by Michaela Carter, in conjunction with Jewish Museum Milwaukee and the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center, programs of Milwaukee Jewish Federation.
- **[Organized Jewish Life: The Essential Guide for Planning Jewish Holidays, Events and Every Day](#)** by Rebekah Chaifetz Saltzman, Date TBD.
- **[Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators](#)** by Elena Aguilar, 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)

COME & JOIN US FOR

THE CLASSROOM IN 2022:

IT AIN'T LIKE IT USED TO BE!

Learn to navigate today's classroom by educating the **WHOLE** child and creating an environment in which both teachers and students alike **LOVE** coming to school!

August 17th, 2022

Dinner @ 5:30

Program @ 6:00

Featuring Program Director of
Darcheinu and Our Path SEL

Mrs. Shira Berkowitz, LCSW

Shira's work around SEL (Social Emotional Learning) incorporates a school-based program powered by Amudim, which provides students in Jewish day schools worldwide with the skills needed to become healthy members of the Jewish community. Shira has been an educator and therapist, working with children, teens, and adults for over 20 years. She currently resides in Chicago with her husband and seven children.



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RSVP BY AUGUST 10TH

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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

