



THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATOR-
A weekly update of information for you and your school!
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Preschool Corner

We are proud to offer two in-service teacher training Mini-Courses to all preschool educators and one for directors only. Hope you can join us!

1. Mini-Course # 2: DEALING WITH PARENTS ON SENSITIVE ISSUES,
INSTRUCTOR: Caryn Bruckheimer, early childhood consultant and trainer.

This workshop provides proactive, workable suggestions to strengthen your daily interactions and difficult interventions. We will explore ways to develop and sustain trusting, respectful relationships with parents, even when problems arise.

DATE: Monday, Jan. 21, 10 - 11:30 LOCATION: Temple Beth Sholom, Fair Lawn

It's not too late to register! Call right away at (732) 738 - 4301, or email Nita at Levin@USCJ.org.

Other courses of interest:

2. Mini-Course # 5: WHAT'S YOUR S.Q.? (Supervisory Quotient)—for preschool directors only

INSTRUCTOR: Caryn Bruckheimer

Caryn will facilitate a discussion on strengthen leadership in the area of supervision and programming through practical realities and self-examination.

DATE: Monday, February 25, 7 - 9 p.m. LOCATION: NJ Regional USCJ office, Edison

Call office for directions; DO NOT rely on Map Quest—it will get you farblunged!!

3. Mini-Course # 7: INFUSING THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM WITH JEWISH VALUES

INSTRUCTOR: Janice Jumbo, veteran teacher, mentor and consultant

What about our preschool classrooms let all who enter know that this is a Jewish program? Janice, a very creative and innovative teacher, has been teaching nursery

school Jewishly for many years. Participants in this workshop will leave with many ideas they will feel comfortable adding to their daily routine. You might want to bring a tape recorder!

DATE: Friday, March 21, 10 - 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Cong. Beth Shalom, Livingston

Courses are free to educators of any USCJ-affiliated congregation as a benefit of membership in the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Contact Michelle Rich at Rich@USCJ.org to register, or call (732) 738-4301.

MINI-COURSES FOR THE WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER

Course # 1: HEBREW READING FLUENCY

INSTRUCTOR: DR. SHOSHANA SILBERMAN, Consultant, Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education, Phil.

Gain techniques to get students to read Hebrew fluently and with reasonable speed, while building their self-esteem.

DATE: Sunday, January 20, 2008, 9:30 – 11 a.m. LOCATION: Cong. Neve Shalom, Metuchen

Course # 2: DEALING WITH PRESCHOOL PARENTS ON SENSITIVE ISSUES

See above for details

Course: 3: CREATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES

INSTRUCTOR: DR. SHOSHANA SILBERMAN

Learn new approaches from this “teacher’s teacher,” who has been adapting and inventing activities appropriate for religious school education.

DATE: Wed., February 6, 4 – 5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Cong. Ahavat Achim, Howell

Course # 4: COOPERATIVE LEARNING TECHNIQUES

INSTRUCTOR: DR. SHOSHANA SILBERMAN

Dr. Silberman will teach participants how to use this effective tool which has been successful in secular education. She will teach you how to adapt it to religious school so that your students can take an active role in their own education.

DATE: Wed., March 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Beth El Synagogue, E. Windsor

Course # 5: WHAT’S YOUR S.Q.? (PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS ONLY)

See above for details

Course # 6: HELPING NON-CONSERVATIVE TEACHERS TEACH CONSERVATIVE STUDENTS

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI RON ISAACS, educator, lecturer and author

How do you teach student in a Conservative school when your religious values or affiliation are not with the Conservative movement? This workshop will be helpful for teachers who identify with the Orthodox, Reform, Reconstructionist, or Hassidic movements, or for teachers who are not religiously oriented. Helpful for Israelis who are more familiar with the Orthodox movement in Israel and even for teachers who grew up in the Conservative movement who are not sure of the ideology of the movement.

DATE: Mon., March 3, 6 – 7:30 pm
Plains

LOCATION: Cong. Beth Israel, Scotch

Course # 7: INFUSING PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS WITH JEWISH VALUES
INSTRUCTOR: JANICE JUMBO

See above for details

NO JEWISH CHILD LEFT ASIDE

A three-part series of workshops that will focus on identifying and accommodating students with special needs. For religious school principals and education directors

DATES: Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Feb. 5, March 4, and April 1.

LOCATION: NJ Regional USCJ office, Raritan Center, Edison

Brunch will be served

All workshops are free of charge to educators and teachers of member-synagogues of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. To register, call (732) 738 – 4301 or email Michelle Rich at Rich@USCJ.org.

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Tu b'Shevat Resources

Tu b'Shevat falls on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 this year ... here are some resources for home, synagogue, school, youth group, parents, educators, and students:

<http://www.uscj.org/seabd/SynagogueResourceCtr/TUBSHEVA.pdf>

http://www.uscj.org/Celebrating_the_Holi6023.html

http://www.uscj.org/Celebrating_Natures_7399.html

http://www.uscj.org/Make_a_Seder!6027.html

http://judaism.about.com/od/conservativejudaismfaq/a/dov_tubshvat.htm

The following resources are also available in PDF format from the USCJ Resource Library. If you would like any of these to be emailed to you, please send an email to Levin@uscj.org with the document numbers you would like!

- TU.01 Tu B'Shevat Programs
- TU.02 Tu B'Shevat Short (Brief) Seders
- TU.03 Tu B'Shevat Seder - USCJ Publication
- TU.04 Tu B'Shevat Seder (Sample): "Ma Nishtana"
- TU.05 Tu B'Shevat Seders & Environment
- TU.06 Tu B'Shevat: Food
- TU.07 Tu B'Shevat: Manual - JNF
- TU.08 Tu B'Shevat: Poetry
- TU.09 Tu B'Shevat: General Resources
- TU.10 Tu B'Shevat: Games and Quizzes
- TU.11 Tree in Rabbinic and Biblical Literature
- TU.12 Tu B'Shevat - History/Customs
- TU.13 Tu B'Shevat: Seder Haggadah - Rabbi Gershon
- TU.14 Tu B'Shevat: Haggadah - Beth Jacob, Mendota Heights, MN
- TU.15 Seder for Tu B'Shevat (for SSDS)
- TU.16 Tu B'Shevat: Verses in Tanakh About Trees - USCJ Publication
- TU.17 Seder for Tu B'Shevat - H.W. Appelman, Jane Shapiro
- TU.18 Tu B'Shevat Haggadah - Edited by Rabbi Moshe Edelman
- TU.19 Haggadah for Tu B'Shevat (compiled by Rabbi M. Unger) - Tifereth Israel, Columbus, OH
- TU.20 Rabbinic Texts, Programs for "Fruit Ideas" for Tu B'Shevat (20 pages) - Rabbi Dov Lerner
- TU.21 Tu B'Shevat Seder Program (13 pages) - Temple Israel, Ridgewood, NJ