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*We are pleased to announce that we will have our first one-day conference! Designed for religious school principals and teachers, as well as preschool directors and nursery school teachers, we are planning for the second week in June. We intend to bring you new and interesting workshops. **Be on the lookout for more information coming to you soon!!***

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**TEACHER TRAINING**  
**MINI-COURSES**  
**Winter/Spring Semester**

**Course #4: USING KNOWLEDGE OF LEARNING STYLES AND MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES TO TEACH ALL OF OUR CHILDREN**  
**Instructor: DR. SHOSHANA SILBERMAN, EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT, PHILADELPHIA & NEW JERSEY, AUTHOR AND LECTURER**

Since the monumental writings of Howard Gardner introduced educators to the fact that there are, in fact, 7 or 8 *different ways* in which students learn (of which MATH AND SCIENCE MAKE UP ONLY ONE OF THOSE!), educators have been designing methods for teaching all types of learners. Dr. Silberman will teach us how to be able to reach ALL of our children, no matter what type of learning style suits their needs.

**DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 6:45 – 8:15 PM**  
**LOCATION: Temple Beth Or, Brick**

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**COURSE # 5:TEACHING THE PARSHA THE ACTIVE WAY IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**  
**INSTRUCTOR: DR. SHOSHANA SILBERMAN, CONSULTANT, AUTHOR & LECTURER**

Author of the up-coming book on Active Learning Techniques as applied to the religious school classroom, Dr. Silberman will share Active Learning techniques that you can apply to any parsha in 5 - 15 minutes.



The Rabbinical Assembly is expected to take up the measure Thursday, one of more than a dozen under consideration at the group's annual convention currently under way in Jerusalem.

According to a draft of the resolution under discussion, the R.A. says the Chief Rabbinate has had an "unfortunate impact on Israeli society," which often associates it with "corruption, favoritism and cronyism."

The resolution also says the rabbinate "misrepresents the nature of Judaism to the world at large" and calls on the state to disband it.

Liberal American rabbis have had a number of squabbles over the years with Israeli religious authorities, who wield state power through their control of several hot-button issues, including marriage and conversion. The rabbinate, which is made up largely of fervently Orthodox rabbis, has even run afoul of liberal Orthodox rabbis in the United States, who accuse it of taking unnecessarily strict and authoritarian religious positions.

While some have responded to the problem by calling for an American-style separation of religion and state, the draft resolution endorses "state-supported religion in Israel" but calls for a more equitable distribution of resources to the various Jewish streams.

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### COMBING THROUGH MY FILES:

Be Happy: It's (almost) Adar !

It's not too early to start thinking about Purim !!

From Babaganewz : .com *Top 10 Ways the Purim Story Would Go Down in Modern Times; Shushan Classifieds (which Purim personality posted these ads??); High School Megillah (The shpiel)*

Crafts stories shpiels  
Recipes puzzles board games  
Carnivals Early Childhood activities  
Workshops Shlach manot baskets  
Whole school activities family programs

Also available from our files:

Kashrut Pursuit: the Board Game  
(an excellent game for teaching and reviewing about  
Kashrut)

Feeling creative but need help designing an idea? Call us!

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