



THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATOR-
 A weekly update of information for you and your school!
 A service of the NJ Region USCJ Dept. of Education
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Last of the Spring Mini-Courses!

Attention, Preschool Directors!

Please share this list with your faculty and encourage them to attend any courses that would be of benefit to them

COURSE: 7: INFUSING PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS WITH JEWISH VALUES
INSTRUCTOR: JANICE JUMBO
DATE: Friday, March 21, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Cong. Beth Shalom, Livingston

To register, contact Michelle Rich at Rich@uscj.org. All courses are free of charge, as a benefit of your school's membership in USCJ.

L'HitKasher

(L'hitkasher: to connect; to place a telephone call)

Our next L'Hitkasher conference course will be April 28 @ 10 am
 A discussion with Serene Victor, National Consultant for Synagogue Education,
 On: **WORKING WITH MY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: WHAT I NEED TO DO TO HELP THEM
 BE GOOD AT THEIR JOB: For principals only**
Serene, who is well-respected and popular with principals across the country, has announced her resignation as of July. You won't want to miss one of the last opportunities to learn from her! We have just a few more spots open. Register today to reserve your place!
Rich@USCJ.org. Or, just press "Reply" to this issue of the Electronic Educator and leave a message for Michelle Rich, Director of Education and Youth Activities

Thank you to those who requested information from us for Purim!

Now—on to Pesach!! Kadima!

**If you would like age-appropriate materials to teach about Pesach,
 please contact Nita: Levin@USCJ.org.**

We have:

**Seder options, including:
 Chocolate seders**

Ideas for a walk-through seder
Preschool seder
A few Sephardic customs to enhance your seder
Other ideas of interest

**RECIPES FOR CHAROSET: INTERNATIONAL VARIETIES
AND EVEN
NUT FREE!**

Board games (elementary, middle, & high school level): Fool
Pharaoh, Pesach Parchesi, From Slavery to Freedom, Flipping
For Freedom, Seder Lotto, Avoid the Plagues, Ufasachta

Card games

Activities, Stories, Plays and Riddles

Sorting cards

Puzzles galore

Songs & parodies

Activities using dance, music, poetry

RABBI SENTER'S MATZAH BAKERY

Student's seder companion puzzle (where are we now?)

Crafts, art

Whole school activities



For your purim pleasure!
Don't all apply at once!!

March 13th, 2008

Shalom Chaverim,

PURIM ...PURIM...PURIM...PURIM...PURIM...PURIM

PURIM PLACEMENT LISTINGS- Adar 5768

Intelliplex Shalom Education Director 0 (K-12)

Mars, THE UNIVERSE

\$85,000-\$155,000.53

+Benefits

Start-up congregation seeks dynamic, creative, innovative educator, pied piper in nature, with significant pioneering spirit. This could be the religious school that YOU create that really is out of this world. Our successful candidate will have excellent communication and organization skills, ability to work with volunteers and boards as well as represent the school in the general community. Fundraising experience is helpful. The vision of this congregation is that our children's Jewish education will resonate with the heavens as no other congregation before. We are completely egalitarian and intergalactic. While, at present there is no intelligent life in the neighboring vicinity, we do not see that as detrimental. Plus, we have great parking. Heavy educators are invited to apply to one of our 17 Presidents. Two Chabad congregations are already in the neighborhood.

YO-EIMAH CONGREGATION PT/ Family Educator 36 (K-12)
Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA \$90,000
PACKAGE

Yo-Eimah is a unique, relaxed congregational religious school that values every educator that has been previously hired for helping to create a stress free, relaxed, enriching Jewish educational environment. We are seeking that special *boychick and bubbasheinah* who will plant seeds of Jewish identity into each of our overachieving, rather attractive, very well dressed, precious children. We run a very laid back but fun educational program with no homework, certainly no Hebrew reading practice and no complaining parents. It is important to note that we don't want our children to be too Jewish. Their moving to Israel is an unacceptable option. We pride ourselves on our 'one on one' excellent staff and innovative programming. Some classes are by email and cell phone messaging. Knowledge of instant messaging a plus. Our special Yo-Eimah minhag is our frequent matzoh ball soup breaks. Please note that this job is part time, possibly like 6-10 hours a week, if you have to. So talk to your mama and call Yo-Eimah today. Resume and videotape preferred. Head shots are extra nice.

Solomon Schechter Ski School Headmaster 613 (K-12)
Boulder, COLLARUTGO \$222,000-\$400,000
+ Benefits

Become part of a dynamic community of educational leaders where Jewish education is going down hill by the moment. Packed powdered slopes enhance the psychological environment making coming to school a joy. Using the Daf a day program so important to United Synagogue Schools, we have incorporated a ski lift curriculum that is second to none. Boardmanship is a true plus: both ski-board and snowboard experience is necessary. Candidates must know the name of every piece of ski equipment in Hebrew. Those folks who fall down on the job need not apply.

BET PETSTIKVAH Educator/Groomer 18 (K-7)
Green Park, NEW YORK \$55,000-\$75,000
+Benefits of course

Boutique congregation seeks gentle educator to prepare our loved ones for their bark-mitzvah. Our serious minded students need a firm handed, consistent educator who understands the value of nature walks, environmental Torah study and keeping students well heeled. Some of our students have gone on to higher-level educational opportunities. Former students Shayna Layah Woofie Schwartz and Maccabee Fluffy Mitzvah Levy have gone on to become leaders in other innovative canine congregations throughout the country. Their parents Noel Schwartz and Christopher Levy couldn't have been more proud. We aim to groom all of our students to follow in their paw prints. While our students are still pups we put them through the rigors of Torah study so that they will never forget their roots. Little biscuit treats and soy sausages help them to stay focused on significant Hebrew and Aramaic manuscripts. Frequent testing results shows that their levels of accomplishment usually far exceed their human counterparts. This is the ideal work environment where no student speaks back or out of turn. Candidates allergic to pet dander need not apply.

Important information for all education candidates: The New England Journal of Medicine in a groundbreaking study reported this week that there is a direct correlation between the size (both length and width) of a Jewish education candidate's ear lobe and their likelihood for finding high level, successful and satisfying employment. This news has rocked the Jewish educational community sending educators scurrying for their rulers. Pursuant to this and in order to serve our congregations and day schools better, by giving them the most important information about each of our candidates, we are requesting that after taking very careful measurements of both right and left ear lobe, results are emailed to us and will be added to your placement application. "Remember measure twice, cut once"!

Dear Colleagues,

I know a number of you have participated in Nechama's UbD workshops in the past. This note is for you. Shabbat Shalom,
Serene

In honor of Israel's 60th anniversary, the JECC is delighted to announce its upcoming four-day summer course, "Beyond Camels and Falafel: Creating Israel Curriculum with Understanding by Design." Unlike other seminars offered at the JECC in past years, this one is considered a "second-tier" curriculum course -- those who attend need to have formal training and/or experience creating units with the Understanding by Design model. It will be assumed that participants can recognize and create: Enduring Understandings, Essential Questions, Evidence of Understanding, and generally coherent activities ... maybe not "perfectly" but at least well-enough <grin> We will review all these areas, but most of our new learnings will be in that of the third stage, that of developing engaging learning activities. Time will also be spent considering how we represent Israel in North American educational settings and on thinking outside-the-box about Israel education. Faculty from Cleveland's Siegal College of Judaic Studies will be on hand to help with the shaping of Enduring Understandings and offer some background resources.

The seminar is being held Sunday, June 29th through Wednesday July 2nd. This year, however, the JECC will only be accepting 12-14 participants; those who are interested should register early. Anyone with questions whether their background in UbD fits this course, please feel free to contact me. Those who were in previous JECC summer UbD courses can automatically assume the answer is "yes."

For those who were hoping we would again offer an introductory curriculum seminar using Understanding by Design, our apologies ... but hopefully you can wait till next summer!

For further information contact Nita Polay Levin at 732-738-7960

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Chevra:

After our conference call yesterday with Lisa Micley, Director of Education for Babaganewz Magazine, Lisa was kind enough to send us some resources. In case you missed the call, I am passing this on to you for your perusal. If you would like some information about how to get the most out of the magazine or the website, contact me!

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Good to talk to you today about Babaganewz Israel@60 resources. Please be in touch if you have any questions or would like to continue the conversation. I wanted to remind you of a few of the links we discussed and add a few more which are among my favorites for teaching Israel.

Israel@Sixty Home Page- includes the supplements, lesson plans, Israel resources for students and teachers, Israel Jewpardy

http://www.babaganewz.com/teachers/index_main.cfm?cat=10&sub=israelatsixty

We looked at this page and got to the lesson plan home pages from here with additional resources for teachers and students on the lessons.

In addition- take a look at :

Gateways Ceremony- on the gates of Jerusalem

http://www.babaganewz.com/teachers/index_main.cfm?cat=10&sub=8709lesson

The Journey to Jerusalem centerfold - we didn't discuss this but I think you might want to look at this interactive Jerusalem for students

<http://www.babaganewz.com/journeytojerusalem/>

and the lesson plan which includes a Jerusalem fair may also be useful in planning celebrations in your schools- very good for Yom Yerushalayim.

http://www.babaganewz.com/teachers/index_main.cfm?cat=10&sub=8706lesson

Zionism without Zion- play about the Sixth Zionist Congress and the Uganda Question

<http://www.babaganewz.com/activities/zionPlay/>

Lesson Plan and other resources-

http://www.babaganewz.com/teachers/index_main.cfm?cat=10&sub=8606lesson

This is good for older students in the school.

<http://www.babaganewz.com/youdontsay/>

You can see the David Ben Gurion picture here and the comments we've gotten so far.

We also mentioned Purim Central

<http://www.babaganewz.com/holidays/index.cfm?cat=23&sub=purimcentral>

and the Happiness Movie

<http://www.babaganewz.com/happiness/>

and High School Megillah

<http://www.babaganewz.com/highschoolmegillah/>

As promised , here is the link to our new feature on Unusual Seder Customs which goes with the feature in the Nisan magazine which you will receive soon.

http://www.babaganewz.com/unusual_seder_customs/index.cfm

Wishing you a Happy Purim.

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We wish you a most joyous Chag Purim Sam'e'ach!

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