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Shalom friends,

This morning we had the second of our conference call Mini-Courses (L'Hitkasher) with Serene Victor, national consultant for Synagogue Education. The topic was, *What Can You Do to Help Your School Committee Be More Effective?* Serene is a very knowledgeable educator and excellent presenter. Her insights were eye-opening. If you missed this morning's L'Hitkasher and would like the notes sent to you, please call me and I will send them out to you.

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If you would like to have an in-service teacher-training Mini-Course in the fall for your religious school faculty, please contact Nita at [Levin@uscj.org](mailto:Levin@uscj.org) or call (732) 738 – 4301.



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**April 22 2008/ 17 Nisan 5768**

The value for Iyar 5768/May 2008 is [shalom \(peace\)](#). Pursuing peace is important to us and our students. I hope we can provide you with inspiration for working toward that goal.

Keep reading to find out about our latest [lesson plans](#) and materials. In addition, BabagaNewz is eager to help you highlight [Israel](#) in your school this month in honor of [Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> Independence Day](#). Call our

### Torah Page Class!

BabagaNewz is looking for schools that would like to write commentary for our Torah Page. BabagaNewz will supply you with a quotation from a Jewish text that relates to the theme of a future issue. Each student should write his or her own commentary on this text. Some of this writing will be published on our Torah Page. To participate, get in touch with Michael at [michael@babaganewz.com](mailto:michael@babaganewz.com).

### Live *Hatikvah* Broadcast

On the eve of [Israel's 60th Independence Day](#), May 7, 2008, at 10:50 p.m. Israel time, Jews all over the world will unite to sing [Hatikvah](#). Visit [www.livehatikva.org](http://www.livehatikva.org) to learn how you and your students can participate in this amazing display of solidarity with [Israel](#) and with the global Jewish community.

### Quick Links

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honor of [Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> Independence Day](#). Call our special **Iyar Israel Hot Line at 617-581-6814** any time with questions about our resources for teaching Israel in your school this month. If we are unavailable at the time of your call, we will return your call as soon as we can. Lisa Micley, Director of Education will answer your questions.

Lastly, I want to let you know about our third supplement in celebration of Israel@60, entitled **Israel's Spirit@60 1968-2008**. It was shipped to subscribers, but you can click [here](#) to download the supplement and accompanying lesson plans.

I hope you are having a wonderful Pesach.

B'Shalom,  
Sara Lindholm Marx  
Web Editor

### Iyar/May Lessons on Peace

Resources and [lesson plans](#) relating to the articles in the new Iyar/May issue of BabagaNewz magazine and teachers' guide are available online for your convenience.

#### **Highlights include:**

#### **[An Ocean of Peace](#)**

Gilad Shalit is an Israeli MIA who, in June 2006 at 19 years old, was abducted by Hamas terrorists while he was serving in the Israel Defense Forces. This article features a [story about coexistence and peace](#) written by Gilad Shalit when he was in fifth grade, and describes an art exhibition inspired by Gilad's writing. In this [lesson](#), students will explore Biblical images of coexistence and do creative writing and/or artwork to express their visions of peace.

#### **[The Children of Sderot](#)**

While learning about what life is like in the town of Sderot, students are encouraged to find ways to create peaceful moments and help children in

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to create peaceful moments and help children in need.

### [Dennis Ross: Pursuing Peace](#)

In this lesson, students will participate in an activity to try their own hands at negotiating; they will also study [Jewish texts](#) to highlight the value of helping others strive for peace.

### **Also explore:**

- [More Iyar/May Lesson Plans and Materials](#)
- [Themes for 5769/2008-2009](#)
- [Torah for Teachers](#)
- [Book Study Guide of the Month: \*Duel\* by David Grossman](#)
- [Quick Start lesson plan](#)

### New Game

Ari Theyet is on a mission of great magnitude; he's rebuilding his time machine to resume his exploration of the cosmos. Ari needs the brainpower of young minds to sequence defining moments in Israel's history in order to get back on track. Challenge your students to partake in this visually appealing and highly educational adventure.

[Sequence](#) was designed by BabagaNewz to help overcome the challenges of instilling students with knowledge of Israel's history. By capturing visual learners through constructive, positive, and exciting game-play, this game helps students develop a stronger Jewish identity. Not only is the game engaging for the students, it is also a teaching tool for your everyday use.

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on Lag B'Omer and summer plans as well. On the call, we'll decide if we'll continue our calls all summer, or regroup in August.

Let me know if you can join un.

B'Shalom,

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Hi Folks,

Hope you had a wonderful Pesach as did I.

Below are some wonderful primary documents and 3 lesson plans for youth, adult ed and family/congregational education. I'm sure you will find these worthwhile.

B'shalom,  
Serene

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JEWISH WOMEN'S ARCHIVE: GO & LEARN

April 23, 2008

Dear Educator,

The latest edition of JWA's online resource "Go & Learn: Primary Documents and Lesson Plans" is now available! Go to <[http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001eT4ZHHqbbw-CN-E3iOHX2Svqf3qnv0m3McoUQDL6uTyFmPnz0Z461u88ZsAilD89odnrqgWpMvcjKZQmCkoLHVOomlwrFS2cHcMVgy5QuTskh14OFoSCvgB2A3dk4iC8rueokbi\\_ByQ=>](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001eT4ZHHqbbw-CN-E3iOHX2Svqf3qnv0m3McoUQDL6uTyFmPnz0Z461u88ZsAilD89odnrqgWpMvcjKZQmCkoLHVOomlwrFS2cHcMVgy5QuTskh14OFoSCvgB2A3dk4iC8rueokbi_ByQ=>) jwa.org/teach/golearn/apr08/ to find the primary document and instant lessons for learners of all ages.

This month's edition, A Young American Jew in Israel, 1947-1948, is designed for use in commemorating Israel @ 60. Featuring the letters of Zipporah Porath, these lesson plans explore the founding of the State of Israel from the perspective of a young American woman who joined the Zionist effort.

We hope you will find these resources useful and stimulating. Please share your feedback and questions by emailing me at [jrosenbaum@jwa.org](mailto:jrosenbaum@jwa.org).

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