



THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATOR-
A weekly update of information for you and your school!
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**We look forward to seeing you next Wed., at the
 NJ REGION USCJ**

CONFERENCE ON SYNAGOGUE EDUCATION

*For religious school teachers & principals, preschool teachers & directors,
 cantors, rabbis, school boards, and
 synagogue lay people who have an interest in bettering Jewish education in their synagogue*

WORKSHOPS:

*** WORKSHOPS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS with CARYN BRUCKHEIMER**

***SUZI ADELSON WAINER on MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES and HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS THAT CHALLENGE**

***RABBI ROBERT ABRAMSON, National Director of Education, speaking with school committee chairs and VPs about their role**

***LISA HARRIS GLASS, Executive Director, NJ Region USCJ, on navigating through these difficult economic times**

***TEACHING PRAYER THE "4MAT" WAY using Siddur Sim Shalom with ALEX WEINBERG, author of Siddur Sim Shalom, Remix 2.0**

*** The QUALITY HEBREW HIGH with RABBI RON ISAACS, creator and director of one of the best in the region!**

*** DR. SHOSHANA SILBERMAN, presenting techniques from her new book, ACTIVE JEWISH LEARNING**

AND:

*** BEHRMAN HOUSE PUBLISHERS will join us with their display and consultation w/ TERRY KAYE**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2009
 Cong. Neve Shalom, Metuchen, 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

New Directors Institute

Knowing how to run a school isn't intuitive, even for thoroughly well-educated and intuitive teachers. The Nat'l [education department](#) invites new directors of religious schools, along with directors who have been in place for up to two years, to NYC for the 10th Annual [New Directors Institute](#)

Tues., June 23, to Thurs., June 25

For a brochure and registration form, contact Nita Polay Levin, NJ Region USCJ Education Field Worker, at Levin@USCJ.org or (732) 738 – 4301

HEBREW RESOURCES FROM BEHRMAN HOUSE, May 2009

Dear Educator:

Now your Hebrew teachers can start planning their *Alef Bet Quest* and *Kol Yisrael* classes early. Your teachers can:

1. View a **WEBINAR** about the Hebrew reading research on which *Alef Bet Quest* is built. Teachers can go directly to the [video](#) of the webinar at <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/webinar/MaibenABQ.html>. If they prefer, they can just view the [PowerPoint](#) slides at <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/webinar/MaibenWebinar.pps>.
2. Print out **REVIEW SHEETS AND ANSWER KEYS** for *Kol Yisrael 1* at <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/pdfs/ky1/KY1ReviewSheets>.
3. Download **WAYS TO USE THE SOFTWARE, GAMES, AND TEACHING TECHNIQUES** from the first chapters of *Alef Bet Quest* Teacher's Guide at <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/pdfs/abqtg/p1-24.pdf>. The complete Teacher's Guide will be available in July.
4. Learn how to use *Alef Bet Quest* and *Kol Yisrael* by viewing an **ONLINE TUTORIAL** at <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/abq/VidDemo.html>.

In addition, *Kol Yisrael 1* Teacher's Guide is now available for purchase at www.behrmanhouse.com or by going directly to <http://behrman.powerwebbook.com/productdetails.cfm?SKU=822>.

As always, we are here to help. Please don't hesitate to call me at 800-221-2755, ext. 216, or to email me if you have questions or I can be of any other assistance.

Warm regards,

Terry

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Preschool Corner:

I'd like to alert you to a curriculum resource from Behrman House, a sort-of Jewish weekly reader for early childhood, called

Jewish and Me

I wrote the teacher's guide, which will be out this summer, because I believe there are many developmentally appropriate ways to use this type of resource to add another angle to the Jewish/holiday curriculum.

B'Shalom,
Maxine Segal Handelman,
USCJ Consultant on Early Childhood

There is a new early childhood product from Behrman House— *Jewish and Me*. Designed to engage all of the senses and reinforce key developmental skills, the 16 booklets in the series cover all of the Jewish holidays, with activities to complete in class and ways to bring the learning home. Students and their families will love the companion website www.behrmanhouse.com/jam, where they can learn holiday blessings, sing songs, find recipes, and read holiday stories.

Behrman House is offering a free set of the materials to you. Simply fill out the information on [this page](http://www.behrmanhouse.com/jewish-and-me-signup) (<http://www.behrmanhouse.com/jewish-and-me-signup>) and Behrman House will send you a free copy of *Jewish and Me* right away.

Directors: Not a member of the listserv? Contact
ECDir@USCJ.ORG

For your teachers: contact <http://uscj.org/archives/ecteach.html>

Click on “Join or leave the list (or change settings)” and fill in your information from there.

Why re-invent the wheel? Get in on this exciting exchange of ideas & find solutions to your issues!

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COMBING THROUGH MY FILES:

Opening the School year—activities for your first faculty meeting, first school board meeting, setting up the rooms, etc.

Friends,

This is our last Electronic Educator for the year. We wish you a restful and pleasant summer! We will be back in the fall!

Meanwhile, if you would like some information, please call and ask to speak to Michelle Rich.

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