



THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATOR-
 A weekly update of information for you and your school!
 A service of the NJ Region USCJ Dept. of Education
 Michelle Rich, Director of Education and Youth Activities
 Nita Polay Levin, Field Worker
 Lisa Harris Glass, Executive Director

ATTENTION PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS!!!!

We are pleased to present our first-time-ever in-service workshop for
PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS ONLY:

***MAINTAINING EXCELLENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD JEWISH
 EDUCATION,***

presented by Caryn Bruckheimer, Early Childhood Consultant and Trainer

A dialog to discuss ways in which to elevate the Jewish component of your
 early childhood education program to the same levels as the secular portion,
 incorporating best practices and NAEYC standards

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007
LOCATION: THE USCJ REGIONAL OFFICE:
 1090 King Georges Post Road, suite 1003
 Raritan Center, Edison, NJ

*As always, our in-service Mini-Courses are free of charge, as a benefit of
 your synagogue's membership in the United Synagogue of Conservative
 Judaism. Please RSVP to Michelle Rich, Director of Education and Youth
 Activities.*

Rich@USCJ.org (732) 738 - 4301

Please ask for directions to our office as it is a little complicated to find!

mini-courses for fall '07

1. **Maintaining Excellence in Early Childhood Jewish Education, with Caryn Bruckheimer**
OPEN TO PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS ONLY.

**A dialogue for directors to discuss ways in which to elevate the Jewish component of their early
 childhood education program to the same levels as the secular portion, incorporating best practices
 and NAEYC standards.**

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 14 , 7 – 8:30 at the regional office, Raritan Center, Edison

2. **Talking to God and Really Meaning It, with Rabbi Ron Isaacs**
Wed., August 29, 4:30 – 6 pm Temple Emanu-El in Closter
3. **Creative Ways to Teach with a Textbook, with Dr. Shoshana Silberman**
Tues., Sept. 4, 7:00 – 8:30 pm Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim, Cranford
4. **Positive Guidance and Discipline in the Preschool Class,**
with Caryn Bruckheimer
Wed., Sept. 5, 1:15 – 2:45 PM Temple Emanuel of Woodcliff Lake
5. **Multiple Intelligences, with Dr. Shoshana Silberman**
Wed., Sept. 5, 6:30 – 8 pm, Cong. B'nai Israel, Rumson
6. **Putting Israel in Your Curriculum, with Linda Ripps**
Thurs., Sept. 6, 4:30 – 6 pm., Cong. Neve Shalom, Metuchen
7. **From a Child's Perspective: How to "Work the Room,"**
With Dr. Shoshana Silberman
Thurs., Sept. 6, 6:30 – 8 PM Temple Beth Sholom, Park Ridge
8. **Talking to God and Really Meaning It, with Rabbi Ron Isaacs**
Wed., Sept. 6, 3 – 4:30 pm – 7:30 PM Temple Beth El, Oakhurst
9. **Your School Deserves to Be Within the USCJ Framework of Excellence in Education!**
with Wendy Light, National Consultant for USCJ Framework
Wed., November 7, 7 – 8:30 PM, Regional Office, Raritan Center, Edison

mark your calendars!!

OUR EXPERT FACULTY:

Caryn Bruckheimer, Early Childhood Consultant and Trainer
Rabbi Ron Isaacs, rabbi, author, educator

Dr. Shoshana Silberman, Consultant for Jewish Education, Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education, Philadelphia

Linda Ripps, veteran educator and former NJ Region USCJ Education Field Worker

Wendy Light, National Education Consultant, Framework for Excellence, USCJ



CAJE PAGE

EARLY CHILDHOOD CORNER

CAJE
Early Childhood Department

May 2007
Sivan5767

A Start-up
Tool Kit for
Early
Childhood

CAJE 32 and the
Early Childhood Conference @CAJE 32

Jewish Schools has been prepared under the auspices of the CAJE Early Childhood Department, working with a committee of seasoned early childhood Jewish educators with expertise in starting early childhood Jewish programs.

This tool kit is meant to be a guide or a framework with the necessary steps **to create a quality early childhood Jewish program**. The order and specifics may differ, depending on the individual circumstances of each community and the requirements of each state licensing agency.

Please note that the Tool Kit is available for **current CAJE members only**. The Tool Kit is found in the early childhood section of the CAJE [Curriculum Bank](#), accessed using your **PIN number, 166940**.

In addition to



[CAJE 32](#)

[The Early Childhood Conference](#)

Washington University

St. Louis, MO

August 5- 9

[Pre-Conference:](#)

August 2 - 5

[Shabbat:](#) **August 4**

this guide, the CAJE [Early Childhood Department](#) is available for consultation about your community's individual needs.

For further information or to schedule a consultation, please contact [Mary Lou Allen](#), Director of the CAJE Early Childhood Department.

B'hatzlacha - Good luck!



Quick Links

[Register Now](#)

[Keynote Speakers](#)

[Collaborative Programs](#)

[Grant Writing Seminar](#)

[Conference Scholarships](#)



Join Our Mailing List!

OUR OWN NATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSULTANT, MAXINE SEGAL HANDELMAN, WAS ONE OF THE CREATORS OF THIS TOOL KIT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD-COPY, CONTACT NITA POLAY LEVIN, EDUCATION FIELD WORKER, AT LEVIN@USCJ.ORG; (732) 738-4301 BEFORE JUNE 15.

Have a Great Summer with BabagaNewz

In This Issue

[You Picked a Winner](#)

[Summer Fun](#)

[Renew Today!](#)



Congratulations! You picked a winner

Compliments to all of you for recognizing the caliber of BabagaNewz.

Apparently, you are not alone!

BabagaNewz has just received the prestigious **Bennett I. Solomon Award** and a **Keter Torah Award** for Educational Leadership from the Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Boston.

We've also been nominated this year by the *Association of Educational Publishers* for four **Distinguished Achievement Awards**. They liked our design, features, interviews and themes as much as you do!

And lastly, BabagaNewz recently received a 2007 **Gold**

Dear NITA POLAY,

After Shavuot, you and your students may be dreaming of summer, but for several schools there are still a few more weeks left in the school year. Consider these fun activities to bring the class together at the end of the year and have some educational fun which they may remember all summer.

Visit the [games section](#) of [BabagaNewz.com](#) for ideas of educational games to play with your students during the last days of school.

[A class Jewpardy tournament](#) is sure to be a hit.

Another favorite with students and teachers is [Jew\(ish\) Truths and a Lie](#)- Our newest trivia game asks you to tell truth from fiction.

Teach your students how to play [Hamesh Avanim](#), the popular Israeli children's game. Students will enjoy playing this game which is also referred to as Israeli jacks. Everything you and your students need to know in order to begin to play is [here](#).

We'd like to thank everyone in Jewish education for their support in helping us finish another banner year at BABAGANEWZ. *Have a great summer.*

The **BABAGANEWZ** Staff

Summer fun for your students...

For summer fun, encourage your students to visit the games section of [babaganewz.com](#) when they have time to spare. They will especially enjoy our newest game [Bubbie's Bubble Adventure](#) and our popular [Holli Day's Putt-Putt World](#).

Your students will learn something this summer while spending time on the computer by viewing [Avi Gooday's news reports](#).

Encourage kids to send [ready-made e-cards](#) to friends and family during the summer-whether it's for a birthday, a get well or a thank you. They can even [customize an e-card](#) to send any message for any occasion.



Award from the *New England Direct Marketing Association* for Most Innovative Direct Mail Format. We entered our mousepad mailer which so many of you proudly displayed in your classrooms.

Crafts & Recipes

If your students enjoy crafts, making [Israeli-American Bead Pins](#) may be the perfect end of school activity for your class.

[Check out these great craft activities](#)

If cooking is how your class likes to have a good time, check out the recipes in Baba's Vault

[Fun and easy recipes](#)

::



Renew Today!

If you have not already done so, renew your subscription now to ensure on-time delivery this fall. The cost is just \$11.99 per student per year. That's over 60% OFF

the cover price. This rate reflects a generous subsidy by The AVI CHAI Foundation.

We *do* require a minimum of 10 classroom subscriptions for next year, but you can adjust your numbers at any time.

No payment is due now.

You will be invoiced in the summer.

CALL 1-800-434-3934, ext. 18

FAX 301-962-9635

e-mail: subscriptions@babaganewz.com

or renew online at babaganewz.com/orders

We look forward to bringing you Babaganewz at its best!

Subscribe Today

Next year three *free* BABAGANEWZ supplements will help you celebrate **Israel's 60th Birthday** as well as teach Jewish values during the 2007/8 school year. Babaganewz is pleased to announce expanded editorial content in honor of Israel's sixty years of independence.

Material will be organized into three historic periods: 1900-1948, 1948-1967, and 1967-present. Communities and individuals will be profiled in each supplement to help your students connect with Israel's past, and timelines will be included so they can get the facts.

[Renew](#) now to ensure on-time delivery when school starts in the fall.

Thanks to USCJ, several of our congregants are on their way to becoming great shofar blowers. They made great music after only two lessons.

Charlotte Frank,
Education Director,
Cong. Adath Shalom,
Morris Plains

