



**THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATOR-**  
A weekly update of information for you and your school!  
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## L'HIT-KASHER

### *Connecting with Conference Calls*

*(L'hit-kasher: to connect; to make a phone call)*

Join us for a conference call from the comfort of your own home, or wherever you are comfortable. Learn from the experts. All for free!

## ISRAEL AT 60

*FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHERS & PRINCIPALS of 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades*

**INSTRUCTOR:** LISA MICLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, BABAGANEWZ MAGAZINE

**DATE:** Monday, March 17, 10 a.m.

**CALL NUMBER:** 1-888-247-2572, pin: 9607#

Join us to talk about the BabagaNewz *Israel@60* supplements as you think about ways to connect your students to Israel and its history during this special anniversary. The 3 supplements offer a window into Israel's rich history and culture, from 1900 - the present, featuring different aspects of Israeli society and timelines. We will focus on the second supplement entitled; *A Proud Nation Establishes Roots: 1949 - 1967*.

Lisa Micley is involved in the development of the magazine, teachers' guide, and web site for BabagaNewz. She works with teachers and principals in schools across the country, helping them to use the magazine's innovative, multi-media, full-color, glossy, attractive and inviting design. Lisa joined the BabagaNewz team after 28 years on the faculty of a Solomon Schechter Day School. She received undergraduate degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University before coming to Boston to pursue graduate studies at Harvard Graduate School of Education. She was also a Senior Educator at the Melton Center of Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The articles are a "living laboratory" of Jewish values-in-action that encourage and guide students to view all aspects of life through a Jewish lens. **Designed for middle schoolers**, "Baba" does the research for us on what's hot and what's not with

this age group. It is a joy to see the students' faces as they mumble, "I didn't know that s/he was Jewish." It makes them more willing to listen to what Judaism has to say.

*If you have not received the copy of the first Israel supplement from Baba that we sent out electronically, let Nita know: [Levin@uscj.org](mailto:Levin@uscj.org) we will send it right away.*

*If you sign up for the conference call by tomorrow, Wed., we can still send out the SECOND supplement in time for the conference call next week.*

*L'HIT-KASHER is free, a benefit of your school's membership in USCJ.  
Registration is required: contact Michelle Rich at (732) 738 - 4301  
Or [Rich@USCJ.org](mailto:Rich@USCJ.org)*

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### Up-Coming Mini-Courses

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

**COURSE # 4: COOPERATIVE LEARNING TECHNIQUES**

**INSTRUCTOR: DR. SHOSHANA SILBERMAN**

**LAST CALL!**

**DATE: tomorrow--Wed., March 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Beth El Synagogue, E. Windsor**

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**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**

**Don't forget to consider the *L'Hit-kasher* courses-by-phone!**

*To sign up, contact Michelle Rich at [Rich@uscj.org](mailto:Rich@uscj.org). All courses are free of charge, as a benefit of your school's membership in USCJ.*

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