



THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATOR-
A weekly update of information for you and your school!
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GET IN THE PICTURE!

Dear Colleagues,

Recently, we sent you a flyer inviting you to join us on Wednesday night, November 7, to meet with Wendy Light to discuss the Framework for Excellence in Jewish Education.

Framework gives everyone United Synagogue's high standards for educational excellence, a proven system that fits into the changing needs of our school population. We would like to see you receive the accolades you deserve from regional & national USCJ and your colleagues around the country.

There are many different models and options you can choose; one is right for your school community. Wendy will discuss the options and help you see where you fit in. We can help you begin the process for this recognition of excellence.

Even if you are not ready to sign your name on the dotted line, we urge you to attend to find out more about the program so you can make an informed decision. Wendy will guide you as to how to bring this program back to your lay committee and clergy in order to gain their support and bring them "on board."

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, November 7, from 7 – 8:30 pm at our regional office in Edison, NJ. Please let me know if you can join us for this important discussion.

Hi Folks,

I came across this resource on the USCJ website. Thought you might be interested especially those without a rabbi in your congregation right now.

B'shalom,
Serene

Ask a Conservative Rabbi

Have you been wondering about some fine point of Jewish law? Do you want to know why you do something, or how you should do something, or whether you should do something? A group of Conservative rabbis, each a specialist in some aspect of halakha, can answer your emailed question. These rabbis should not be seen as replacements for your own rabbi, whose opinion is definitive in his or her own synagogue, but they can provide in-depth explanations to a whole range of questions. To ask a question, email <mailto:askarabbi@uscj.org>askarabbi@uscj.org.

Serene Victor
USCJ National Consultant for Synagogue Education

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FROM OUR FRIENDS AT BEHRMAN HOUSE

- Two excerpts from [*Three Times Chai: 54 Rabbis Tell Their Favorite Stories*](#) are now available as a **PODCAST**.

Visit www.behrmanhouse.com/podcast to hear all of our podcasts, which can help you to: Learn about the books' contents—listen to the streaming audio on your computer

- Motivate students—offer downloads as MP3 files on students' iPods
- Involve parents—share samples of what their children are studying in class
- Teach families about Jewish belief and practice—allow the warm, personal voice of the author to bring the written words to life

More podcasts will follow in the future. Let us know which ones *you* would like to hear.



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THE WELL STOCKED CLASSROOM ART SUPPLY CABINET

Crayons markers, broad & fine tip a pair of scissors for each student
 Glue glue stick stapler extra staples
 Scotch tape masking tape construction paper
Colored xerox paper craft sticks poster board (including colors)
 Pencil sharpener rulers

*THE WELL-STOCKED PRINCIPAL'S ART SUPPLY CABINET
(in addition to the above)*

Avery dots bingo inkers varied colors of washable stamp pads
Colored tissue paper watercolor paints and brushes tempera paint
Hebrew newspapers paper edging scissors colored masking tape
 Craft sticks, plain & colored beads & "jewels" Velcro
Markers, broad and fine tip & fabric colored pencils library pockets
 safety pins needles and varied colors of thread

ART SUPPLY SOURCES:

Michaels: 1-800- MICHAELS
Hobby Lobby: www.hobbylobby.com
Discount School Supply: 1 - 800 - 627 - 2829
Nasco: 1 - 800 - 558-9595; www.eNasco.com/artsandcrafts
Dick Blick: DickBlick.com

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*ANOTHER GREAT IDEA FOR A HALLOWEEN SUBSTITUTE PROGRAM
From Gail Buchbinder, Education Director at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield*

At Temple Beth Ahm we presented a program called "Mitzvot, not Mischief", where we learned about different mitzvot- welcoming guests, honoring your parents, visiting the sick. We made crafts for each of these: special hangers for guests, door hangers for our parents and games for kids in hospitals. We then had some candy because "learning is sweet". Hope this helps.

Gail Buchbinder

FALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
CELEBRATING
ISRAEL AT 60
SUNDAY, 11/11, 2007
TEMPLE BETH OR,
WASHINGTON, NJ
Sponsored by the JES of UJANNJ
Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.
For further information, contact (201) 457 – 0960 or
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Thank you to Dr. Shoshana Silberman for introducing this method of learning!

JIGSAW LEARNING

Overview: Jigsaw learning is similar to group-to-group exchange with one important difference: every single student presents or teaches something. It is an exciting alternative whenever there is material to be learned that can be segmented or chunked and where no one segment must be taught before the others. Each student learns something which, when combined with the material learned by others, forms a coherent body of knowledge or skill.

Procedure:

1. Choose learning material that can be broken into parts. A segment can be as short as one sentence or as long as several pages. (examples: *different prayers; different holidays or different customs for a single holiday; different famous Jewish personalities; different Hebrew vocabulary*).
2. Count the number of learning segments and the number of students. In an equitable manner, give assignments to different groups of students. E.g.: in a class of 12 students, divide them into 3 groups of 4. You could also begin with

