



New Directors' Institute (NDI) JULY 12-15, 2021

INFORMATION SHEET

We are very excited about this year's Virtual NDI 2021 conference!
Below are the areas of focus for the conference and benefits of participating.

Leadership

- Collaborate with new and experienced educators to formulate your style of leadership.
- Understanding your various roles and setting your priorities.
- Contemplating your own leadership style and finding your 'leadership voice'.
- Learn approaches to teacher mentoring and supervision.
- Experience a variety of teaching methodologies, with emphasis on experiential and interactive models of teaching and learning.

Reflection

- How you can maximize your strengths for successful management.
- Consider how vision, goals and values inform practice.
- Time set aside for journaling, sharing and reflecting on your daily learning experiences.

Peer Networks and Support

- The creation of "Peer- Pods" – small peer groups, pre-assigned, who will work together before, during, and after the conference.
- Creating a collegial network of Jewish educators for you to connect with post-conference.

Special Cohorts

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD:** Separate sessions to address unique concerns and responsibilities for educational leaders in early childhood settings.
- **NEW THIS YEAR: Clergy-Educators:** Separate sessions for rabbis and cantors who function primarily as educational leaders in their synagogues; address unique situations and concerns.

Pre-Work and Conference Schedule

- Some pre-work will be sent in advance of the conference to help you prepare for particular sessions.
- We will send you the full schedule the week leading up to the conference, as well as Zoom links, daily schedules, and updates during the conference.

We ensure an interactive experience with small group work, *hevruta* study, and opportunities to work with a variety of colleagues. We will use ZOOM to see your faces and hear your voices, and will be providing brief breaks away from the screen.

We look forward to learning with you!

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