



**JEWISH EDUCATORS ASSEMBLY
67th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Sunday – Wednesday, January 27-30, 2019

**College Park Marriott
College Park, Maryland**

SOCIAL ACTION / CIVIL DISCOURSE

Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

3:00 PM ברוכים הבאים
Conference Opens
מנחה

OPENING SESSION
**Understanding Anti-Semitism and
Empowering Young People**
Presented by ADL
Seth Gordon-Lipkin, Education Director
Washington DC Region, ADL

General Vessey I

ADL has tracked an alarming rise in anti-Semitic incidents and attitudes on display since 2016. Many in the Jewish community are looking for strategies to respond to this bigotry on display and students especially need the guidance of educators and community leaders to understand and confront anti-Semitism when they encounter it in their schools or communities. This session will examine these trends and provide suggestions for how educators can empower youth to challenge anti-Semitism and other forms of hate.

5:30 PM **New Member Reception**

Hospitality Suite

Prepare for Dinner

5:45 PM	מעריב		<i>General Vessey I</i>
6:00 PM	ארוחת ערב	Dinner	<i>General Vessey II</i>
7:45 PM	Fighting for Armando Rabbi Aaron Brusso Bet Torah Synagogue, Mt. Kisco, NY		<i>General Vessey I</i>
	<p>After 30 years in the United States, Armando Rojas the veteran custodian of Bet Torah in Mt Kisco, NY was deported to Mexico, a country he hadn't lived in since he was 18. Rabbi Aaron Brusso will describe how his community responded and the complicated nature of navigating the politics, privilege, community organizing and pedagogy of wading into one of the most volatile issues in the United States today.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by Friends of Rabbi Marim Charry in honor of the celebration of his second Bar Mitzvah.</i></p>		
9:30 PM	Hospitality / Entertainment		<i>Hospitality Suite</i>

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019

7:00 AM	שחרית		<i>2110/11</i>
8:00 AM	ארוחת בקר	Breakfast	<i>General Vessey II</i>
	<i>Sponsored by Judy and Steve Kerbel</i>		
9:00 AM	לימוד	Limmud	<i>General Vessey I</i>
	<p>"Tikkun Olam: All it is (not) fixed up to be... and Steve Jobs!" Rabbi Ari Israel – Executive Director University of Maryland Hillel An analysis of the historical, liturgical and mystical development of Tikkun Olam from ancient Rabbinic sources to Steve Jobs' approach to (re)creating the world.</p>		
10:00 AM	Panel Discussion		<i>General Vessey I</i>
	<p>How do we as Jewish educators model and convey the Jewish values of <i>bein adam l'chaveiro</i> in a world that seems to embrace, excuse and tolerate behaviors that are so contrary to our values?</p>		

Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer – Education Director, HIAS
Rabbi Jack Moline – President, Interfaith Alliance
Rabbi Lev Meirowitz Nelson – Education Director, T’ruah

11:15 AM **Coffee Break** *Vendor Area*

11:30 AM **Break-out Workshops with Panelists**

Building a Jewish Voice for Welcome: **2510/11**

The Global Refugee Crisis Through a Jewish Lens

Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer – Education Director, HIAS

Over the last year, the number of refugees and displaced people across the world has grown to more than 68 million – more than any time in history. Learn about the current global refugee crisis and explore how Jewish values and history call on us to respond.

Between Independence and Constitution – **2115**

Adventures in the First Amendment

Rabbi Jack Moline – President, Interfaith Alliance

Two boulevards define the National Mall, our nation’s front lawn. The religion clauses in our founding documents provide the basis of Jewish engagement with other faith communities and the government. Interfaith Alliance is devoted to protecting faith and freedom – and educating people of all faiths and philosophies about our first freedoms.

Anti-Semitism, White Nationalism, **2100/01**
and Immigration: Defining America

Rabbi Lev Meirowitz Nelson – Education Director, T’ruah

White nationalism is the backdrop on which both anti-Semitism and anti-immigrant sentiment are playing out in America. Through texts both classical and contemporary, this session will tease out those relationships and make the case for why it is crucial that we stand against both.

1:00 PM **ארוחת צהרים** **Lunch** *General Vessey II*

1:30 PM **Coffee, Dessert, Vendor Visitation** *Vendor Area*

2:15 PM **מנחה** *General Vessey I*

2:30 PM **Afternoon Workshops I**

#OnwardHebrew – 2115
The Secret to Happier Hebrew Learning

Nachama Moskowitz

#OnwardHebrew is energizing Hebrew learning in congregational programs across North America! Take this opportunity to learn about its four elements (including Hebrew Through Movement and Jewish Life Vocabulary) and then consider which might be right for your students and teachers. You'll get a bird's eye view of the initiative, learn of supporting-research, hear a director's personal experiences, and go home with some great handouts.

Thinking Differently About B'nai Mitzvah – 2110/11
Moving Traditions B'nai Mitzvah Program

Lisa Alter Krule & Eve Berger

Celebrating a bar or bat mitzvah brings parents and 6th and 7th graders great joy as well as a complicated set of social expectations to navigate. The Moving Traditions sessions help pre-teens and their parents explore what it means to be a guest and host, how to navigate peer pressure, social media, and the experience of being the center of attention, as well as other social-emotional challenges and joys associated with the b'nai mitzvah. Come get a taste of what our curriculum offers!

Learning the lessons of the Holocaust 2108
to inspire the creation of a more just and equitable society.

Scott Littky

Teaching the Holocaust has evolved to be more than facts and numbers. The lessons learned through our in-depth study and review allow the educator to open the door for their students to work to improve today's world to be more just and equitable.

New Approaches to T'filah Education 2106
Aviva Gutnick

The vast majority of religious schools have a prayer-based Hebrew curriculum. In what ways are you successful? What's not working? What are you seeking to change? We'll talk about the focus on skills development, the move to integrate Hebrew and t'filah, meeting families' needs by offering options, and, most important, the steps educators can take to infuse meaning into t'filah and help students develop

personal connections. Participants will receive complimentary copies of (and we'll use) Hebrew in Harmony and Making T'filah Meaningful—materials to add spirituality and intention to a prayer program.

Teaching and Reaching All Learners: 2100/01
A Guide to Differentiated Instruction in the
Congregational School Setting and Beyond
Meredith Polsky

As the Jewish community becomes more committed to inclusion, you likely have students in your classrooms and programs who learn in diverse ways. In this session, we will explore concrete strategies for making sure that all children can successfully access their formal or informal Jewish educational experience.

4:00 PM **Coffee Break** *Vendor Area*

4:15 PM **Afternoon Workshops II**

Better Together: Engaging Teens in 2115
Tikkun Olam through Intergenerational
Relationships
Bess Adler

This session will walk you through applying for and implementing the Legacy Heritage Better Together program grant. The Better Together™ program provides schools with the funding (50K+) guidance and curriculum, to give students (6th-12th grade) the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with local community seniors. Come learn how to get and maintain this multi-year grant to implement this life-changing intergenerational program in your community!

Anachnu B'Yachad – Working Together: 2110/11
Teens in a #MeToo World
Lisa Alter Krule & Eve Berger

In this moment of #MeToo, how do we help our teens learn about consent, pressurization, harassment, etc. without fear? Come learn how Moving Traditions is working with our partners, parents, and teens to have these important conversations to help teens navigate these issues in an increasingly complicated world.

Engaging with Israel in your Classrooms **2106**
Anne Greenspoon

Jewish National Fund is the single largest provider of Israel engagement programs in the US. Come discover the unique tools we have to engage students in your classrooms to learn about Israel through the topics of water, geography, the environment, Megillat Ha'atzmaut and more. This will be an interactive workshop with a lot of moving around.

Simple Tech Ideas to Use in Jewish Educational Settings **2108**
Debi Himmelfarb

Participants will need a laptop or mobile device for this session. Through the use of two apps, ShalomLearning will show participants, through hands-on activities, how we can take these free and easy to use applications into the classroom to enhance learning and student engagement.

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ארוחת ערב **Dinner** **General Vessey II**

7:30 PM **Evening Program** **General Vessey I**
Honoring Barry Krasner
Entertainment by Robyn Helzner
Dessert

10:00 PM **Limmud and Libation – A Virtual tour of Washington's Sites Through a Jewish Lens** **2100/01**
Steve Kerbel

The Weather outside is frightful, but inside its so delightful. For over 20 years I've led a tour of Washington's Sites Through a Jewish Lens. I've done it for Americans, Israelis, teens, adults, 6th graders,

Melton Adult Mini-School Students, summer camps. I've done it on foot, bike, bus and soon by Segway. Due to the weather and government shut down, I decided to try it as a virtual tour. Drinking on this tour is encouraged.

Hospitality
Sponsored by Hebrew College

Hospitality Suite

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

7:45 AM	שחרית		2110/11
8:30 AM	ארוחת בקר	Breakfast	General Vessey II
9:30 AM	לימוד	Limmud	General Vessey I
10:30 AM	Sustainable Nation – A New Film From Jerusalem U		General Vessey I
	<i>Sustainable Nation</i> follows three innovators who are taking valuable lessons learned from Israel's water shortage to the rest of the world. Discover how they are bringing clean, safe water to millions of people around the world.		
	Questions and discussion facilitated by Steve Kerbel		
	Sponsored by Jewish National Fund / Alexander Muss High School in Israel		
12:30 PM	ארוחת צהרים		General Vessey II
	Lunch – Table-top Discussions		
	JEA Business Meeting		General Vessey I
	מנחה		
2:45 PM	Afternoon Sessions I		
	Embracing Multiple Opinions on Israel		2100/01
	Rich Walter		
	Understanding the differences of opinion on Israel and how they emerged is critical for today's Jewish leadership and communities. This session will focus on answering the		

questions: How do we embrace and welcome community members who may have differing opinions on Israel? How do we make sure that Israel is fairly represented in our classrooms and schools?

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Rabbi Nechunia: A Teacher's Prayer **2108**
as a Gateway to Teaching Prayer
Melissa Ser

How can we teach the challenging topics of God and faith with our faculty, congregants, and students? With limited time to teach, we may focus more on the **what** and **how** of prayer, and not as much on the ever so important **why**. In this session we will explore best practices in guiding our faculty to take a leap of faith in teaching prayer and getting beyond the fixed text on the page to delve into deeper concepts.

See the Challenge: An Introduction to **2115**
the Etgar Yesodi Curriculum
Shira Hammerman

This session will explore the Etgar Yesodi curriculum. Etgar Yesodi was developed by the Jewish Theological Seminary to support educators as they attend to the innovations and challenges emerging in the early decades of the 21st century. Its three-year scope and sequence invites students to find personal meaning in their Judaism through a variety of learning modalities, including text study, art, music, writing, projects, and other hands-on experiences and is supplemented by ongoing support for teachers.

4:00 PM **Coffee Break** **Vendor Area**

4:15 PM **Afternoon Sessions II**

Strategies for Teaching and Learning **2100/01**
about Israel's 2019 Election
Rich Walter

With the next Knesset election scheduled for April 2019, this session will focus on practical strategies for teaching learners of various ages about Israel's politics and electoral process. Special emphasis will be placed on understanding how the Knesset and government are selected and formed as well as some of the issues that will likely play a role in the campaign and elections.

“Improv -ing Jewish Lives” –

2110/11

Fun Educator Workshop

The Bible Players

Come learn *Jewish* improv exercises that help build empathetic and welcoming classrooms and communities with expert improviser-educators Andrew Davies & Aaron Friedman (M.A., Davidson School). You will leave with tools you can use, and a fresh perspective on our enduring values of *chesed* (kindness) and *kavod* (respect).

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Who Takes Care of the Educator?

2108

Standing Up for Ourselves

Eddie Edelstein

Serving as an educator may often feel like working in a pressure cooker. The demands of the job so overwhelm us that we have no time or energy left to speak up for our own needs. In this session we'll discuss time management, board and parent relations, contract negotiations and knowing when to come and when to go. Questions from participants will also help guide the session.

6:30 PM

ארוחת ערב

General Vessey II

Dinner - Installation – Awards Presentations

מעריב

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Israeli Dance with Judy Kerbel

10:00 PM **Hospitality** *Hospitality Suite*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

7:30 AM שחרית **2110/11**

8:15 AM ארוחת בקר **Continental Breakfast** *General Vessey II*

9:15 AM **Speaker – Todd Gillman** *General Vessey I*
Washington Bureau Chief for the Dallas Morning News
A Journalist’s Perspective

Closing Brunch *General Vessey II*

שלום ולהתראות

SEE YOU IN 2020!

1:00 PM **JEA Board Meeting Begins**
