



CONFERENCES: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE GOALS

- to provide a collaborative forum of schools throughout North America with an open exchange of practical ideas
- to provide professional development opportunities for schools without adding a financial burden
- to provide educators access to a diverse network of colleagues
- to receive feedback from school leaders in order to continue providing the best resources and services available

Principals and school administrators throughout North America look forward to attending the annual CoJDS Summer Think Tank. Think Tank serves as an opportunity for school leaders to connect, share their ideas with each other and the team at CoJDS, and gain from professional development opportunities that they can bring back to their school community.

On July 12 and 13, approximately 100 school leaders attended CoJDS Principal Think Tank VIII: The Many Facets of Leadership, both in person and online, representing many communities across North America and beyond, including: Moscow, Russia; Manchester, England; Houston; Dallas; Pittsburgh; Jacksonville; Miami; Memphis; Providence; Calgary; Portland; Chicago; Rochester; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Baltimore; Philadelphia; Indianapolis; Vancouver; St. Louis; Scranton; the NY tri-state area and more.

PRESENTS

PRINCIPAL THINK TANK^{VIII}

The Many Facets of School Leadership

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021 9:00AM-5:30PM EST IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM

8:30AM ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

9:00AM OPENING REMARKS

RABBI HESHY GLASS, Ed. D
National Chairman, CoJDS



9:15AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

HARAV SHALOM KAMENETSKY
*Rosh Yeshiva,
Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia, PA*



9:45AM THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LEADERSHIP: A CONVERSATION WITH



DENNIS WALCOTT

CEO, Queens Public Library

DR. MARIAN STOLTZ-LOIKE

*Dean, Lander College for Women
Vice President, Online Education,
Touro College*

FACILITATOR: DR. ELI SHAPIRO, Director of Educational Initiatives, CoJDS

11:00AM UPSTREAM LEADERSHIP: HOW STRATEGIC PLANNING CAN ELEVATE YOUR SCHOOL



RABBI YONI FEIN

*Head of School,
Brauser Maimonides Academy*

DR. CHAIM BOTWINICK

*General Studies Principal,
Lubavitch Hebrew Academy*

FACILITATOR: ELI HAGLER, Executive Director, Brauser Maimonides

12:15PM LUNCH

**1:30PM LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD: CHANGING LEADERSHIP
IN CHANGING TIMES**

AHUVAH HEYMAN

School Director, Bnos Yisroel of Baltimore



**2:30PM FINANCIAL HEALTH IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY –
A LEADERSHIP PROPOSAL**

GEDALIA LITKE, ESQ

Financial Literacy Consultant, LSJ



3:30PM BREAK

**3:50PM ATTRACT, RETAIN AND SATISFY! THE 9 THINGS EVERY JEWISH SCHOOL LEADER MUST KNOW
ABOUT CONNECTING TO THEIR COMMUNITY IN THIS DIGITAL WORLD**

LEV STARK

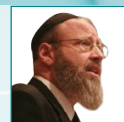
*Executive Director,
Valley Torah High School*



5:00PM CLOSING REMARKS

HARAV AHRON LOPIANSKY

*Rosh Yeshiva,
Yeshiva of Greater Washington*



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l-r: Mr. Shimon Pluchenik, HaRav Ahron Lopiansky, HaRav Shalom Kamenetsky, Rabbi Heshy Glass, Ed.D., Dr. Eli Shapiro

97% of participants surveyed reported the conference
met or exceeded their expectations

100%
of live-stream participants reported it was
"a great way to participate without the challenges of travel"

*In order to accommodate all participants during summer 2021,
CoJDS developed a Think Tank format
with **limited seating and a livestream broadcast***

Leaders representing diverse schools and communities were able to learn from each other, as well as from the distinguished presenters. In exploring “The Many Facets of School Leadership,” two complementary themes emerged: the importance of setting mission-aligned goals, and valuing individuals with their diversity of thought.



Keynote Address

HAHAV SHALOM KAMENETSKY, Rosh Yeshiva, Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia, PA

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HaRav Shalom Kamenetsky spoke about valuing individuals as a key to leadership. He emphasized that one who has clarity of thought is not troubled by those with contrary views.



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The Fundamentals of Leadership: A CONVERSATION WITH

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NOTES FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS

"Really great! Both offered really great perspectives that were adaptive to all areas of leadership."

"So many valuable and important ideas were shared."

"Loved it and Dr. Shapiro was a great facilitator!"

Dennis Walcott and **Dr. Marian Stoltz-Loike**, in a conversation about "The Fundamentals of Leadership", shared their experiences as distinguished organizational leaders. They further explored the ideas of goal setting and flexibility as complementary approaches. Additionally, they emphasized investing in the school staff, listening to staff and students, and building with positivity.



Upstream Leadership: HOW STRATEGIC PLANNING CAN ELEVATE YOUR SCHOOL

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Head of School, Brauser Maimonides Academy

DR. CHAIM BOTWINICK

General Studies Principal, Lubavitch Hebrew Academy

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"The presenters were enjoyable to listen to and I was inspired by the work that they do"

"It made me think about roles and how to empower people"

"I felt there was so much to be learned"

Rabbi Yoni Fein and **Dr. Chaim Botwinick** laid out the importance of strategic planning. Data-driven and collaborative, strategic planning provides a framework for solving problems before they arise. With core values and vision at the center, strategic planning builds communal trust, incorporates the institution's culture, and sets the stage for everyone to grow in the same direction.

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Looking Back, Looking Forward: CHANGING LEADERSHIP IN CHANGING TIMES

AHUVAH HEYMAN, School Director, Bnos Yisroel of Baltimore

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NOTES FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS

"This was a WOW session and really left me thinking!!!"

"She was great and provided chizuk in an engaging and entertaining style!"

"She had good, solid perspectives and I learned a lot from her presentation."

Mrs. Ahuva Heyman provided the keys to "Changing Leadership." Speaking from the heart, she emphasized being honest and vulnerable, leading with empathy, and creating an environment in which every girl can shine. With passion and humor, she enjoined school leaders to identify the unique strengths of each staff member, to use those strengths, and to reward and celebrate staff regularly.



Financial Health in the School Community – A LEADERSHIP PROPOSAL

GEDALIA LITKE, ESQ., Financial Literacy Consultant, LSJ

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"A parent approached me with the idea of introducing in grades 4-8 practical economics and finance, and I jumped at her offer because of Mr. Litke's presentation!"

Gedalia Litke highlighted the responsibility of school leaders to promote financial literacy throughout the school community. He reiterated the idea that specificity helps goals in this arena as well.

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Attract, Retain and Satisfy!

THE 9 THINGS EVERY JEWISH SCHOOL LEADER MUST KNOW ABOUT CONNECTING TO THEIR COMMUNITY IN THIS DIGITAL WORLD

LEV STARK, *Executive Director, Valley Torah High School*

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"He was fantastic! I will definitely be following up with him!"

"I loved Lev Stark's presentation. I learned both big picture-why social media is important to my school and the practical-how to utilize social media to my school's advantage no matter what our budget is."

"Enjoyable and insightful"

Lev Stark demonstrated how to create a positive connection to the school that is shareable. Key components include defining yourself as a school, projecting that definition, and reinforcing positive memories. Using a unique blend of humor, empathy, and creativity, Lev exhibited low-budget marketing techniques that can create a memorable brand for the school.



Closing Remarks

HARAV AHRON LOPIANSKY, *Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva of Greater Washington*

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In his closing remarks, **HaRav Ahron Lopiansky** explored tapping into the mindset of today's students and drawing them in. He explained that the power of speech enables man to take concepts and make them tangible. Educators, therefore, must constantly have a double focus: what is the language of the student, and what is the language that he needs to obtain? This enables teachers to meet the students where they are, and to subsequently raise them to ever-higher levels of achievement.

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The Many Facets of School Leadership

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021 10:30AM-2:00PM EST ONLINE ONLY

JOIN SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT THE MANY RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH CoJDS AND OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS. PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF ATTENDING ANY SESSION DURING EACH TIME SLOT. SESSION TIMES: 10:30AM, 11:05AM, 11:40AM

12:30PM THINK TANK—MOVING FORWARD

A conversation about how CoJDS can meet your needs

RABBI HESHY GLASS, ED. D. | DR. ELI SHAPIRO | RABBI HILLEL ADLER

COJDS RESOURCES



**CAREERS &
PLACEMENT**

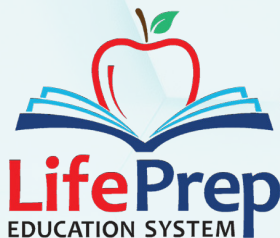


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GUEST RESOURCES



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Day two of Think Tank VIII presented participants with the opportunity to learn about the many resources that CoJDS offers, as well as those of CoJDS partner organizations. School leaders were able to enter more than a dozen unique breakout rooms dedicated to a variety of resources.

Administrators learned how to ensure that the **L'havin U'lehaskil Chumash** curriculum succeeds in their school, viewed a demo of the new **Quizalize** online assessment and **LhavinConnect** platforms, and learned about the value of the **JSAT** exam. Participants met with Rabbi Heshy Glass, CoJDS chairman, to learn how to maximize their potential as a school leader. School leaders learned ways to enhance their schools' **Educational Technology** infrastructure and were introduced to **Ap-ploi**, the CoJDS hiring platform.

At the conclusion of Think Tank, CoJDS chairman Rabbi Heshy Glass facilitated a candid conversation on *Moving Forward*, discussing how CoJDS can meet schools' needs. Several school leaders discussed various topics in Jewish education including: the expansion of JSAT to possibly include a version for small communities, the idea of defining a specific overall curriculum for all schools beyond *chumash* and Navi, how to attract quality teachers, and creating a teacher training certificate program.



Lastly, as a final wrap up to the conference, a vibrant conversation of small-community leaders was initiated by CoJDS to process the lessons from day one of Think Tank VIII as they apply to small and mid-size communities. The challenges of day school leadership in smaller communities differ in many ways from their counterparts in larger communities. Issues such as enrollment, Judaic staffing, community dynamics, Judaic curriculum strategies, and finances, create constant pressure on these school leaders.

SMALL COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

LED BY **MRS. RIVKA GOTTLIEB**, ROBERT M. BEREN ACADEMY, HOUSTON, TX

Wilmington, DE	Allentown, PA	Myrtle Beach, SC
Rochester, NY	Charleston, SC	Indianapolis, IN
Houston, TX	Buffalo Grove, IL	Seattle, WA
Calgary, AB	New Orleans, LA	Vancouver, BC
Providence, RI	Albany, NY	Scranton, PA

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

GOALS

- to provide professional development and to collaborate with schools on a local level
- to provide schools with limited budgets a chance for all their educators to join a conference
- to create a unified regional platform for local schools to work together and exchange ideas

For more information or to bring a CoJDS regional conference to your community, please contact Dr. Eli Shapiro at eshapiro@cojds.org



featuring
Larry Thompson, M.Ed

CREATE A CULTURE OF CALM IN YOUR CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Learn to respond to disruptive behavior and spiraling situations and inculcate a sense of behavioral responsibility amongst your students.

THE RCD METHOD WILL:

- Enhance school climate
- Improve classroom management
- Reduce disruptive behaviors
- Increase core competencies

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to Jewish day schools across the USA**

● **Regional Conference Locations
2020-2021**

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CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Monday, April 26, 2021

10:00AM-4:00PM

Cincinnati, Ohio

CINCINNATI HEBREW DAY SCHOOL



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, June 13, 2021

11:00am-5:00pm

Phoenix, Arizona

SHERATON CRESCENT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Monday, August 23, 2021

10:00AM-4:00PM

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

SHAARE TORAH CONGREGATION



CENTRAL JERSEY REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

10:00am-4:00pm

Deal, NJ

HILLEL YESHIVA

Larry Thompson, author of *Roadmap to Responsibility* and *Give 'em Five*, is often called upon to deliver keynote presentations for state and national education conferences because of his knowledge, humor and passion for assisting today's students. He has helped thousands of educators and schools throughout North America break away from their traditional discipline models to a model that creates a responsible climate and responsible students. Larry has served in a wide variety of roles in education – from special education teacher to alternative and traditional high school principal. As creator of the Responsibility-Centered Discipline program, Larry understands that systems must be created that can be realistically implemented and sustained.

CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

CINCINNATI, OH | 04.26.21



SCHOOLS IN ATTENDANCE

Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, OH
CONFERENCE HOST

Atara Girls High School, Cincinnati, OH

Mesivta of Cincinnati, OH

Hasten Hebrew Academy, Indianapolis, IN

Rockwern Academy, Cincinnati, OH

Arie Crown Hebrew Day School, Chicago, IL

Montessori Torah Academy, Louisville, KY

Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago, IL

Yeshiva Schools of Pittsburgh, PA



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

PHOENIX, AZ | 06.13.21
SHERATON CRESCENT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER



SCHOOLS IN ATTENDANCE

Torah Day School of Phoenix, AZ
Phoenix Hebrew Academy, AZ
Menachem Mendel Academy, Scottsdale, AZ
Akiba Yavneh Academy of Dallas, TX
Caskey Torah Academy, Wynnwood, PA
Chabad Hebrew Academy, San Diego, CA
Fasman Yeshiva High School, Skokie, IL
Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy,
Los Angeles, CA
Hillel Academy of Denver, CO
Nefesh After School Religious Studies Program,
Scottsdale, AZ
Shearim Torah High School for Girls, Phoenix, AZ
Torah Academy of Jacksonville, FL
Yeshiva Torat Emet, Houston, TX
Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, OH
Pardes Jewish Day School, Scottsdale, AZ
Cheder Lubavitch of Arizona, AZ



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH, PA | 08.23.21



SCHOOLS IN ATTENDANCE

Yeshiva Schools, Pittsburgh, PA
Hillel Academy, Pittsburgh, PA



CENTRAL JERSEY REGIONAL CONFERENCE

DEAL, NJ | 11.02.21



SCHOOLS IN ATTENDANCE

Hillel Yeshiva, Deal, NJ

CONFERENCE HOST

Shalom Torah Academy, Morganville, NJ

Politz Day School, Cherry Hill, NJ

Bnot Shirah of Deal, NJ

South Bend Hebrew Day School, IN

Yeshivat He'Atid, Teaneck, NJ

Bnos Menachem, Brooklyn, NY

Bais Yaakov Ateres Miriam, Far Rockaway, NY

Manhattan Day School, NY

Bais Yaakov Machon Ora, Passaic, NJ

Bnos Zion of Bobov, Monsey, NY

Caskey Torah Academy, Wynnwood, PA

Kosloff Torah Academy Girls HS, Bala Cynwyd, PA





Consortium of Jewish Day Schools invites you to an
Early Childhood Regional Conference
Engaging the Whole Child

Shalom Torah Academy, Morganville, NJ
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 | 10:30AM-2:30PM

10:30AM-12:00PM

SESSION 1: Seeing Your Students in 3D
CHAYA SHAPIRO



In this workshop, teachers will learn the skills of addressing problematic behavior in the classroom by using Morah Chaya's 3D method. The 3D method incorporates the concepts of mindful teaching, consistency, and responsibility-centered discipline to quickly and effectively turn difficult behavioral moments into teachable moments. Participants will leave with implementable skills that will change how they view their students, classroom culture and role as a teacher. 3D glasses included.

Morah Chaya Shapiro is a graduate of the Toronto Seminary, where she pursued a bachelor's degree in human services. She has over two decades of experience in early childhood education teaching kindergarten at Torah Academy for Girls in Manhattan. She is a certified JNTP teacher coach and mentor. Morah Chaya's warm, supportive style and ability to identify and utilize the strengths of each individual student consistently have earned her accolades from parents and teachers alike. Through the use of differentiated instruction she has built a reputation as a teacher whose classroom lessons serve as role models for preschool teachers worldwide.

12:00PM-1:00PM

LUNCH

1:00PM-2:30PM

SESSION 2: Promoting Social Competence in Young Children
ESTHER KIRSCHBAUM



In this workshop, we examine the important life skills of social competence, analyze the Black and Chase study on promoting young children's social competence and then apply the results of the study in the classroom.

Esther Kirschbaum is director of early childhood at Shulamith School for Girls in the Five Towns. Prior to becoming early childhood director at Shulamith, Esther was the early childhood director at Bais Yaakov of Queens for over twenty five years. She was on staff at Stern College for Women teaching a course in education. Esther has presented professional development workshops to directors and teachers on a wide range of topics related to the field of early childhood for over thirty years. Esther is committed to leading a program that strives for excellence and one that provides young children with a high quality education based on research and best practice.

\$36 per person. Group discounts available

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"I reached out to the Consortium to inquire about our elementary and middle school staff joining the training with Larry Thompson in Deal. I spoke with Dr. Shapiro about ideas for presenters on a similar topic geared specifically to our preschool staff. It was way beyond our expectations for CoJDS to organize an entire conference for early childhood educators based on that request. We had the fantastic opportunity to host teachers from many different schools across New Jersey and beyond. The presentations were relevant, the topics resonated, and everyone walked away with new ideas. Morah Chaya Shapiro discussed seeing your students in "3D"- how to turn behavioral challenges into teachable moments, while Mrs. Esther Kirschbaum presented on developing social competence in young children, a key factor in children's development. Thank you for giving us the opportunity for our teachers to collaborate and learn!"

Mrs. Aviva Hoberman

Principal, Shalom Torah Academy of Central New Jersey, Morganville, NJ

