

THE LEADERSHIP DIFFERENCE: AN ALUMNI GATHERING CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAVIDSON SCHOOL

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Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

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334 Amsterdam Avenue (at 76th Street), New York City



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WILLIAM DAVIDSON GRADUATE SCHOOL
OF JEWISH EDUCATION

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The William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education trains the leaders who will shape the lives and communities of the Jewish people for decades to come.

The Davidson School is the largest pluralistic school of Jewish education in North America. For over a century, JTS has graduated leaders who go on to define the field of Jewish education and shape Jewish experience in schools, start-ups, congregations, nonprofits, and beyond.

A NOTE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Alumni,

I write with great excitement and admiration as we mark the 20th anniversary of The Davidson School, for all that Davidson has achieved—and for all that **you** have achieved. You, esteemed JTS alumni, are the current leaders, innovators, teachers, and changemakers in Jewish education. You create and manage dynamic Jewish experiences that inspire future generations to live an active Jewish life. You educate heart and soul as well as mind, nurture character and passion along with intellect, and foster close connection to Jewish tradition and community. You are what this celebration is all about.



JTS has a storied and proud history of training Jewish educators dating back to the founding of the Teachers Institute in 1909. We still draw from this tradition in guiding our work today. The Davidson School maintains a distinctive and dynamic combination of training, research, and scholarship, and serves as a convener of the thought leaders and key players in the field for discussion and debate. We look to you, our alumni, as partners in this pursuit. I hope that this gathering will advance the work we do together.

I treasure the passage in the Book of Deuteronomy in which Moses proclaims that the covenant was made not only with those who stood at Sinai that day, but with all those who were not present, as well. We all carry on the conversation, and the covenant, that began there. That is us. All of our voices, insights, and support are essential to the future success of The Davidson School and of the communities of covenant that we serve.

With pride, great thanks, and humility for all that each of you does for the field of Jewish education, I welcome you to this 20th anniversary celebration.

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Arnold M. Eisen
Chancellor, The Jewish Theological Seminary

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN OF THE DAVIDSON SCHOOL



Dear Alumni,

It is an honor to serve as dean of The Davidson School during this momentous occasion. Two decades ago, William Davidson (ז"ל) provided JTS the initial gift to found our school with a charge to “flood the field” with quality Jewish educators and educational leaders. Now in our 20th year of granting academic degrees and preparing leaders for the field, we can feel confident that William Davidson would be pleased with you, one of our nearly 1,000 alumni, and the difference you have made in the world. What a treat it is to spend these two days celebrating, networking, and learning together, as we toast the achievements that have brought our vision to reality.

At the same time, we are still on that journey. We celebrate 20 years of The Davidson School within a landscape that has changed dramatically over the past two decades. The vital center of the Jewish People in North America seems to be declining in number—as the extremes grow. Schools struggle with maintaining excellence and providing life-relevant learning; institutions struggle with membership and movements with adherence. Yet there are sparks of light everywhere among us—deeply meaningful educational experiences, inspiring communities of purpose, and plenty of valuable reasons to be actively Jewish today in diverse and empowering ways.

When I look to our alumni, I see the leading thinkers, doers, and visionaries—bold, purposeful, collaborative, and adaptive—from all corners of Jewish education who are shaping this emerging Jewish future. You are meeting the challenges of today and inscribing a path toward a bright tomorrow by creating dynamic Jewish camps, impactful models of day school and congregational learning, innovative college and social justice programming, and rich environments of Jewish discovery for families with young children, to name just a few.

You exemplify **The Leadership Difference**. We look forward to continuing to walk side by side with you toward a common and inspiring future.

Thank you and congratulations,

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Bill Robinson, PhD
Dean, The Davidson School

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURRENT CHAIR OF THE DAVIDSON SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Dear Alumni,

On behalf of the advisory board of The Davidson School, we wish to offer all of our school's alumni a *kol ha'kavod*. We appreciate and admire your leadership and dedication to the field of Jewish education, and for representing Davidson with honor, purpose, and strong character.

For the past 15 years, I have been humbled to lead our school's advisory board, a distinguished group of lay leaders whose expertise and support have advanced the vision and direction of The Davidson School. It has always been a pleasure to hear directly about the work our alumni do. To my mind, no other school of Jewish education can come close to the breadth and depth of our alumni base and your impact on the field. Your leadership difference is clear.

Again, congratulations to you.

Floy Kaminski
Chair, The Davidson School Advisory Board, 2001-2016

A MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING CHAIR OF THE DAVIDSON SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Dear Alumni,

To borrow thoughts from The Davidson School's strategic plan, the new question for many of those today who identify themselves as Jewish is, "How can Judaism guide and help me in living a good human life?" You, the Davidson graduates, are on the frontlines, using your creativity, energy, and teaching ability to provide your community with the "knowledge, skills, experiences, connections, and inspiration" to find the answer to that question within our rich tradition.

I am honored to succeed Floy Kaminski as chair of the Advisory Board. Her love for and loyalty to Davidson and its mission has been manifest over 15 years of exemplary service. We are proud to be associated with a school that continues to develop leaders in Jewish education such as you, whether you are just entering the field or have been in it for many years.

As part of a committed and appreciative laity, I look forward to getting to know you and to learning from you. Thank you for using what you have learned to continue to inspire us and for so ably transmitting Jewish knowledge from generation to generation.

Best regards,

Henry Glanternik
Incoming Chair, The Davidson School Advisory Board

A NOTE FROM THE DAVIDSON SCHOOL'S DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

*Welcome, Shalom, so glad you are here!
It's time to raise your glass of water, soda, wine, or beer
To the work that you do and the people you lead
The learners you guide and the knowledge you feed
The experiences you create and the management you undertake
With authenticity, humility, and passion, the opposite of fake
So pleased you are with us so we'll cheer,
To you, our alumni, our source of pride and accomplishment...hear hear!*

Long before I began working at The Davidson School in 2010, I was a song leader at Jewish camp. I wrote songs in between leading “Ma Tov” and “Not By Might,” so rhymes are always in my head. Back then, I didn’t think there was a job as great as being a Jewish educator and playing music at summer camp, nor a career path in Jewish education and leadership.

Many of you found out about this incredible career path before I did. I take tremendous pride and humility that my fulltime role is to support you in your career success. I thought I’d never find a job as enjoyable and soul-fulfilling as educating at Jewish camp, but I did, right here, engaging with all of you.

We are taking **Davidson Alumni Engagement** very seriously. We want to ensure that our efforts best serve your career growth and personal needs. In this, our first year, we have launched many new programs, including virtual career workshops and expanded career service support to alumni, professional development webinars, celebrations at conferences around the country, and social media spaces. We have strengthened our alumni database and, of course, organized this alumni gathering in honor of our 20th anniversary celebration.

But we realize that we are only scratching the surface. We have heard from you many great ideas—peer mentoring, regional gatherings, best practicing sharing, just to name a few—that we hope to launch in year two and beyond. In light of our theme for this celebration, **The Leadership Difference**, we hope many of you will take a leadership role in leading and guiding these new efforts. Interested? Be in touch!

Speaking of alumni leadership, I’d like to give a special thanks to many of you who lent your time, expertise, and guidance to making this celebration possible and (hopefully) awesome. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Thank you for being leaders and innovators in our field. It is a pleasure and honor to serve you.

Enjoy the celebration!

Sincerely,

Mark S. Young
Director of Alumni Engagement, The Davidson School

GOPA FOR OUR GATHERING

For those who have studied with Dr. Jeffrey Kress and Cheryl Magen, among others on our esteemed faculty and staff, you may recall the acronym GOPA (Goals, Objectives, Program/Procedure, and Assessment of a given Jewish educational experience).

In the spirit of modeling Davidson learning throughout these two days, we share with you the GOPA for our alumni gathering.

GOALS:

- Further engage in a stronger relationship between you and your alma mater that can lead to your continued utilization of our resources, programs, and alumni network to support and advance your career
- Increase the visibility and viability of The Davidson School's resources
- Inspire you with interesting, innovative people and ideas
- Engage you in the rich, vibrant, and diverse community of Davidson alumni

OBJECTIVES OR AWBAT (ALUMNI WILL BE ABLE TO):

- Feel a stronger sense of community among alumni peers and Davidson faculty and staff
- Leave with a sense of purpose and plan of action for how to implement both what was learned and how to continue to support and engage with The Davidson School in the future
- Partner with JTS to strengthen admissions, fundraising, and alumni efforts that will support the mission and financial sustainability of The Davidson School

PROGRAM:

- Two days of celebration, learning, professional development, and networking featuring Davidson faculty and alumni and renowned keynote educators (Rabbi Naomi Levy, Ruth Messinger, and Dr. Tony Wagner)
- Opportunities to celebrate and honor those who founded The Davidson School
- *Tefillah* experiences, opening *kavanot*, and presentations that showcase the talent, expertise, and passion of Davidson alumni, faculty, and staff

ASSESSMENT:

- Opportunities to share feedback on all sessions: what you learned and experienced
- Opportunities to share your reflections post-gathering and your thoughts for future alumni initiatives

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

Time	Session
NOON	Pre-Conference Experience: Tour and discussion at the 9/11 Memorial with Shana Zionts and Lesley Goldenberg
3:30 P.M.	Registration Opens (Lower Level 2 in front of Auditorium)
4:00 P.M.	Program Opens; refreshments served
4:30 P.M.	Welcome and Gathering Goals with Mark S. Young
4:45 P.M.	The Davidson School Today and Tomorrow with Dr. Bill Robinson
5:00 P.M.	Keynote learning with Rabbi Naomi Levy , founder of <i>Nashuva</i>
6:00 P.M.	Dinner
7:00 P.M. BREAKOUT #1	LEARNING FROM YOUR FACULTY AND FELLOW ALUMNI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and Effective Education of our American Jewish Adults Dr. Carol Ingall and Dr. Lisa Grant • Intersectionality and Israel Education Dr. Alex Sinclair, Dr. Ofra Backenroth, Dana Levinson, and Allie Conn Kanter • Rabbis as Educators, Facilitators and Co-learners Dr. Sarah Tauber and Rabbi Dave Siegel • How Leadership in Congregational Education Promotes Synagogue Change Rabbi Jason Gitlin, Nancy Parkes, and Rabbi Ari Isenberg
8:30 P.M.	Dessert and creative <i>Ma'ariv</i> with Sara Beth Berman
9:15 P.M.	Closing reflections

See maps on pages 14 and 15 for locations.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

Time	Session
8:00 A.M. SHAHARIT	SHAHARIT OPTIONS: Egalitarian minyan, morning text study, and <i>tefillah</i> through yoga
8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
9:00 A.M.	Welcome and introduction to morning conversation from Rabbi Joy Levitt , executive director, JCC Manhattan
9:15 A.M.	A conversation with Ruth Messinger , president of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), facilitated by Rabbi Stephanie Ruskay , associate dean, The Rabbinical School
10:30 A.M. BREAKOUT #2	LEARNING FROM YOUR FACULTY AND FELLOW ALUMNI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Leadership Capacity, Collaboration, and Vision through Text Study Charlotte Abramson, Rabbi Sheryl Katzman, Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, Dr Cynthia Reich, and Aviva Silverman • Leadership and Gender Issues in Jewish Education Dr. Shira Epstein and Hillary Gardenswartz • Utilizing Online Learning to Train Jewish Education Leaders Dr. Meredith Katz, Terri Soifer, Miles Roger, and Heather Fielder
NOON	Lunch
12:40 P.M.	Keynote learning with Dr. Tony Wagner , expert-in-residence at Harvard University's new Innovation Lab and senior research fellow at the Learning Policy Institute
2:15 P.M. BREAKOUT #3	LEARNING FROM YOUR FACULTY AND FELLOW ALUMNI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerful Messages on Leadership Originating in Early Childhood Education Lyndall Miller, Jill Clark, Alana Weinberg, and Rabbi Sarah Meytin • Spirit, Emotional Intelligence, and Entrepreneurship in Jewish Education Dr. Jeffrey Kress, Joshua Troderman, and Yoni Stadlin • Leadership and Inclusion in Jewish Education Today Dr. Abby Uhrman and Dori Frumin Kirshner • Leadership Presence—Profiles of Jewish Educational Leaders Dr. Ray Levi, Jane T. Cohen, Rabbi Yossi Kastan, Rabbi Ya'akov Green, and Alina Spaulding
3:45 P.M.	Everyone gathers at the JCC Rooftop
4:00 P.M.	Address to the alumni by Dr. Arnold M. Eisen , chancellor of JTS
4:15 P.M.	Honoring of Dr. Aryeh Davidson , founding dean of The Davidson School, and Board Chair Floy Kaminski ; address by Dr. Barry Holtz
4:30 P.M.	Community <i>minhah</i> and recognition of spring 2016 Davidson alumni
4:45 P.M.	Closing cocktail reception
6:00 P.M.	Dinner and program for doctoral alumni and current students (invite only)
6:30 P.M.	Gathering concludes
7:00 P.M.	Post-program dinners by program cohorts

DETAILED PROGRAM

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

NOON

Pre-Conference Experience: Tour and discussion at the 9/11 Memorial with Shana Zionts (DS '10) and Lesley Goldenberg (DS '05)

9/11 Memorial Site (Downtown)

Why you should attend:

In this unique opportunity for those who wish to start earlier in the day, two Davidson alumni, Shana Zionts (DS '10) and Lesley Goldenberg (DS '05) invite you to join them on a tour of the new 9/11 Memorial at Ground Zero, followed by a facilitated discussion over some nosh. Shana and Lesley will consider the implications of 9/11 for Jewish educators and leaders in North America today as a result of the experiences at the memorial and the larger role 9/11 still plays in our Jewish and general world. Program will meet at the memorial at noon for a group tour. *(Participants must separately RSVP for this experience).*

3:30 P.M.

Registration Opens

Lower Level 2 outside of the auditorium

Registration opens on Lower Level 2 of the JCC Manhattan in front of the auditorium where our main sessions will be held. Appetizers and drinks, including beer and wine, will be available beginning at 4:00 p.m. during this opportunity for informal networking and reuniting.

4:30 P.M.

Opening Kavanah, Leadership Videos, Gathering Goals, Welcome

Auditorium

Opening remarks will be made by Mark S. Young, director of Alumni Engagement, followed by a quick icebreaker and the premiere of the first of our leadership videos featuring many of our esteemed alumni. We will also be led in an opening *kavanah* to our learning with Davidson alumnus David Wolkin (DS '07).

4:45 P.M.

The Davidson School Today and Tomorrow with Dr. Bill Robinson

Auditorium

We know now how The Davidson School came to be and a bit of what we have accomplished over the past 20 years. Where are we headed and what is the key role of alumni? Our current dean, Dr. Bill Robinson, will speak briefly on the leadership difference and innovation, followed by our keynote speaker, Rabbi Naomi Levy (RS '89).

5:00 P.M.

Keynote Educator Rabbi Naomi Levy (RS '89)

Auditorium



In her days since being part of the first class of female rabbis to be ordained by JTS, Naomi has been an inspiring leader of Jewish life and education, demonstrating what it truly takes to engage the unengaged and forge a new, more compelling narrative of Judaism to those who had been otherwise disaffected. She will speak about leadership with soul, and draw from her own Jewish educational leadership experiences, including the founding of the spiritual community *Nashuva*, which she currently leads, and how we can understand her work within the context of our own. Naomi will be available after her keynote for those who wish to purchase her book and have it signed.

6:00 P.M.

Dinner

Auditorium

We will remain in the auditorium for a catered dinner by Simply Divine with time for informal networking.

6:45 P.M.

Break: Transition to Breakout Sessions

7:00 P.M. BREAKOUT #1**Learning from Your Faculty and Fellow Alumni:**

This is the first of three opportunities to learn in a more intimate setting from your favorite faculty member, fellow alumni, or someone new from the Davidson community.

Leadership and Effective Education of our American Jewish Adults

Dr. Carol Ingall (faculty, Seminary College '61) and Dr. Lisa Grant (GS, DS '00)

Auditorium

Why you should attend:

Understanding the role of adult learning is essential to our success. How do we best engage adults in Jewish learning for both their own growth and investment in Jewish life so they can be more fully supportive of the Jewish learning of their children in our schools, JCCs, youth groups, Hillel, and Jewish camps? Join alumni favorite Dr. Carol Ingall and JTS alumna and current Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion professor Dr. Lisa Grant for a rich and informative discussion that will include key takeaways for how we can better design and facilitate learning for today's American Jewish adults.

Intersectionality and Israel Education

Dr. Alex Sinclair (faculty) and Dr. Ofra Backenroth (associate dean, The Davidson School, EdD '04), Allie Conn Kanter (DS '14), and Dana Levinson (DS '13)

Lower Level 1 (Older Adult Center)

Why you should attend:

Teaching Israel has become more complex than it has ever been, and over the past five years, The Davidson School has expanded its scope and breadth of Israel education through its cutting-edge Keshet Hadash semester-in-Israel program and annual Visions and Voices experience for our MA students. Recently, we have begun to craft Israel education learning through the lens of Ari Shavit's *My Promised Land*. Our session will raise questions about Israel educational leadership that, while perennial, have been brought into greater focus as a result of the widespread discussion about Shavit's book in the American Jewish community.

Rabbis as Educators, Community Builders, Facilitators, and Co-Learners

Dr. Sarah Tauber (faculty, DS '10) and Rabbi Dave Siegel (DS '07; RS '11, EdD candidate)

7th floor, Makom

Why You Should Attend:

How can we best understand and apply the role of rabbi (whether you are a rabbi or not) as an effective Jewish educator, and what are the implications for rabbis who see themselves (or have formally been trained) as Jewish educators? What about educators working closely with rabbis in educational capacities? Dr. Sarah Tauber, esteemed faculty and Davidson alumna, shares insights and key takeaways from her recent publication, *Open Minds, Devoted Hearts*, with discussion facilitated by Davidson alumnus and Hillel executive director Rabbi Dave Siegel. *Session encouraged for all dual-degree RS and DS grads.*

How Leadership in Congregational Education Promotes Synagogue Change

Rabbi Jason Gitlin (RS '13), Nancy Parkes (DS '06, EdD candidate) and Rabbi Ari Isenberg (RS '13)

Lower Level 2, Classroom 1

Why You Should Attend:

What does it look like when the congregational school advances change throughout the synagogue? As synagogues continue to consider the ramifications for a changing Jewish landscape in the 21st Century and what each congregation needs to do to be relevant, alive, and well, one can look at the many models of leadership from the religious school that have helped promote synagogue change. We welcome DS Alumna Nancy Parkes and her colleague at Temple Israel Center of White Plains, Rabbi Ari Isenberg, to discuss their experiences and suggest action items for all of us to consider.

8:15 P.M.**Break: Transition to Auditorium****8:30 P.M.****Dessert and Creative *Ma'ariv* with Sara Beth Berman**

Auditorium

Be sure to join us again in the auditorium not only for delicious desserts and coffee/tea, but also an engaging evening prayer experience led by Sara Beth Berman (DS '09).

9:15 P.M.**Closing Reflections**

Auditorium

We will engage in a brief reflection activity to share what we've learned from the day, followed by a quick review of the day ahead.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016**8:00–8:45 A.M.****CREATIVE SHAHARIT** (multiple options)

- “Yoga as a Tool for Jewish Practice: Tefillah Example” with Dr. Zachary Lasker (staff)
Lower Level 2—Teen Center
- Morning text study with Cheryl Magen (SCJS-T1 '78)
Lower Level 1—Older Adult Center
- Egalitarian Shaharit with Rabbi Jonathan Lipnick (RS '92)
7th Floor Conference Room

We invite you to three options to start your day with a little creative prayer. If you need to stretch while you daven, join **Dr. Zachary Lasker**, director of our Melton Center and Field Programs for yoga as a tool for Jewish practice! If you want to do a little text learning to get your day going, join senior experiential educator **Cheryl Magen** for a dynamic morning text study. For those who wish an egalitarian *shaharit*, please join The Davidson School’s rabbi-in-residence **Rabbi Jonathan Lipnick** up on the 7th floor.

8:30 A.M.**Breakfast***Auditorium*

Join us for delicious breakfast and morning networking. The registration table will be open just outside the auditorium for those joining the gathering just for today.

9:00 A.M.**Opening *Kavanah* and Leadership Videos**

Our day begins with an opening *kavanah* and story by Davidson alumna and Jewish musician Naomi Less (DS '00), followed by more of our alumni leadership videos.

9:10 A.M.

Welcome and Introduction to morning conversation from **Rabbi Joy Levitt**.

We welcome Rabbi Joy Levitt, executive director of the JCC Manhattan, for brief remarks and to introduce our morning keynote conversation.

9:15 A.M.**A Conversation with Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service (AJWS)***Auditorium*

Retiring president of the American Jewish World Service Ruth Messinger will give us her reflections on the leadership difference in the Jewish community today, looking back on her 25 years leading AJWS to new heights in its pursuit of social justice around the world. DS alumna Rabbi Stephanie Ruskay, current associate dean of The Rabbinical School, will interview Ruth, with a Q&A session to follow.

**10:15 A.M.****Break: Transition to Breakout Sessions**

10:30 A.M. BREAKOUT #2

Learning from Your Faculty and Fellow Alumni:

This is the second of three opportunities to learn in a more intimate setting from your favorite faculty member, fellow alumni, or someone new from the Davidson community.

Building Leadership Capacity, Collaboration and Vision through Text Study

Charlotte Abramson (director of Legacy Heritage Instructional Leadership Institute), Rabbi Sheryl Katzman (DS '01, RS '01), Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer (RS '73), Dr. Cynthia Reich, and Aviva Silverman
Auditorium

Why you should attend:

What are the standards of a leader and what do leaders do when their standards for leadership are in conflict? Examples of this tension are not only found in today's world (and among our incredible alumni), but from our Jewish tradition. In this session we will examine a biblical leader who made a leadership difference in their time, what standards they navigated, and the key lessons for us today. Join Charlotte Abramson, director of Davidson's Legacy Heritage Instructional Leadership Institute and Rabbi Sheryl Katzman for an extraordinary text study session that will reveal for all of us key learning on the leadership difference.

Leadership and Gender Issues in Jewish Education

Dr. Shira Epstein (faculty) and Hillary Gardenswartz (GS and DS '06)
7th floor, Makom

Why you should attend:

What are the challenges of approaching gender issues today and what do we need to be aware of so we can play these issues correctly? Both Dr. Shira Epstein and alumna Hillary Gardenswartz are experts on this issue and will take you through activities and discussion to advance your thinking and action planning.

Utilizing Online Learning to Train Jewish Education Leaders

Dr. Meredith Katz (faculty), Miles Roger (DS '15), Heather Fiedler (DS '14), Terri Soifer (DS '16)
Lower Level 3-Culinary Studio

Why you should attend:

Online tools for learning have paved the way for us to reach new people and communities or reach learners outside of our typical learning environments. But online forums come with limitations, and we need to be strategic and knowledgeable about how we can engage our learners, whether they are lay leaders, those we also see in the physical learning environment, or those who are at a substantial geographic distance from the instructor or host institution. Join us for discussion and key insights from faculty Dr. Meredith Katz, online learning coordinator at The Davidson School, along with three esteemed alumni of our online MA program.

11:45 A.M.

Break: Transition to Auditorium

NOON

Lunch

We will reconvene in the auditorium for a catered lunch from Simply Divine with time for informal networking.

12:30 P.M.

Opening *Kavanah* and Leadership Videos

We will begin our formal time together by viewing more of our alumni leadership videos, followed by an opening *kavanah* from Davidson JELI graduate Monika Flurer Singletary.

12:40 P.M.

Keynote Learning with Dr. Tony Wagner, Harvard Education Lab Auditorium

Dr. Tony Wagner is a pioneer and catalyst of change in how we approach the goals and experiences of education today. What are the skills we are teaching today and are they still relevant? What should we be teaching and how? How can the revolution in secular education—in how we create critical thinkers, collaborators, and social innovators, and we transform from a *culture of education* to a *culture of learning*—be applied to our work in Jewish education? Dr. Wagner will speak to this and provide us with key ideas to take back to our Jewish educational environments. He will be available to sign his books available for purchase after his keynote.



2:00 P.M.**Break: Transition to Breakouts****2:15 P.M. BREAKOUT #3****Learning from Your Faculty and Fellow Alumni:**

Learn in a more intimate setting from your favorite faculty member, fellow alumni, or someone new from the Davidson community.

Powerful Messages on Leadership Originating in Jewish Early Childhood Education

Lyndall Miller (JECELI director), Jill Clark, Alana Weinberg, and Rabbi Sarah Meytin (JECELI alumna)

L2, Classroom 1

Why you should attend:

One might argue that the best educational models in Jewish education today can be found in the early childhood learning environment. What can all of us learn from the successful models of Jewish early childhood education and bring to the learning and leadership environment for other learners from elementary school students to adults? Join our Jewish Early Childhood Education Leadership Institute (JECELI) director, Lyndall Miller, and alumni from our JECELI program for insights sourced from the wondrous world of Jewish early childhood education.

Spirit, Emotional Intelligence, and Entrepreneurship in Jewish Education

Dr. Jeffrey Kress (faculty), Joshua Troderman (DS '05), Yoni Stadlin (DS '08)

7th Floor, Reception Room

Why you should attend:

What does it take to start our own Jewish educational venture? Engage in conversation with two Davidson alumni that have launched highly successful Jewish education institutions (JChoice and Eden Village Camp) and utilized their emotional intelligence to create a culture that supports their success. Our social and emotional learning expert on the Davidson faculty, Dr. Jeffrey Kress, will facilitate. Learn how to apply their experiences to your own and consider the entrepreneurial opportunities out there for you.

Leadership and Inclusion in Jewish Education Today

Dr. Abby Uhrman (faculty) and Dori Frumin Kirshner (GS '96)
L2, Teen Center

Why you should attend:

Our work involves learners of all kinds and it has become ever more clear and important to create experiences and environments that include all learners, including those classified as "special needs" and their families. A specialty of Dr. Abby Uhrman of the Davidson Faculty, and JTS education alumna Dori Frumin Kirshner, who directs the highly impactful *MATAN* nonprofit to train educators to better lead institutions in a movement toward inclusion and support for all learners. Join us for the critical important conversation.

Leadership Presence—Profiles and Challenges of Leading in Jewish Education

Rabbi Yossi Kastan (S&B, DSLTI alumnus), Rabbi Ya'akov Green (DSLTI alumnus), Alina Spaulding, (DSLTI alumna), Jane Taubenfeld Cohen (DSLTI mentor) and Dr. Ray Levi (DSLTI director)

Auditorium

Why you should attend:

What should a leader of a Jewish educational institution look like today? Where are learners most confident and most vulnerable? How do we best navigate these highly stressful, sought after, and rewarding roles? We are privileged to hear from three alumni of our Day School Leadership Training Institute (DSLTI), who will share their own journeys, their strengths, and their areas of vulnerability, giving attendees an opportunity to reflect on their own leadership presence in their work, and how to act successfully on this awareness. DSLTI Director Ray Levi and DSLTI Mentor Jane Cohen will facilitate the presentations and de-brief discussions.

3:30 P.M.**Break: Transition to the JCC Rooftop****3:45 P.M.**
**All attendees gather at the rooftop
(Rain Location: JCC Lobby)**

4:00 P.M.

Address to alumni by Arnold M. Eisen, chancellor of JTS

We are thrilled to hear from our chancellor, who will address our alumni and provide us with words of inspiration.

4:15 P.M.

**Honoring The Davidson School founding dean
Dr. Aryeh Davidson and outgoing board chair
Floy Kaminski**

We would not be here today if it weren't for several leaders and visionaries of JTS that helped make The Davidson School a reality. We welcome **Dr. Barry Holtz**, the Bernard Heller Professor of Jewish Education and dean of The Davidson School from 2008–2013, to recognize the work of Dr. Aryeh Davidson, who led the way as the founding dean of The Davidson School, from 1996–2002 and Floy Kaminski, long time board chair. Dr. Davidson will then make a few remarks.

4:30 P.M.

Community *Mincha* and Recognition of Newest Davidson Alumni

Join us for one final community prayer experience led by Eliana Light (DS '16), coming together on the JCC Rooftop for *minhah* outside! We will also honor our newest alumni, those who graduated with an MA in May 2016.

4:45 P.M.

Cocktail Reception, Thank You, and Closing Reflections

After a few closing remarks, please stay to enjoy drinks and delicious appetizers as we conclude celebrating you, our alumni, and the first 20 years of The Davidson School of JTS.

6:00 P.M.

Dinner and Program for Doctoral Alumni and Current Students (Invite Only)

7th Floor, Conference Room

We present a special dinner for all alumni and current students in The Davidson School's doctoral programs, as well as JTS alumni with PhDs in Jewish Education. Join us for a light dinner and opportunity to connect, including discussion and sharing our current work and research. This session will be facilitated by Sara Shapiro Plevan (DS '97, EdD candidate).

6:30 P.M.

Thank You

We give one final thank you with the hope of connecting in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

7:00 P.M.

Post-Program Dinner by Program Cohorts

Program cohorts are encouraged to make private dinner reservations on the Upper West Side or elsewhere in New York City.

GETTING AROUND THE JCC

Most events and some breakout sessions will take place in the auditorium.
Locations and directions to additional breakout sessions may be found below.

Rooms on Lower Level 2:

Same floor as Auditorium

AUDITORIUM

TUESDAY, MAY 17

3:30 P.M. Registration Opens

4:00–7:00 P.M.

Welcome, Mark Young, Bill Robinson, Naomi Levy, and Dinner

TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.:

Carol Ingall and Lisa Grant

TUESDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Dessert, Sara Beth Berman, and Closing Reflections

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

8:30–10:30 A.M.

Breakfast, David Wolkin, Joy Levitt, Ruth Messinger, and Stephanie Ruskey

WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Charlotte Abramson and Sheryl Katzman

WEDNESDAY, NOON–2:00 P.M.

Lunch, Monica Flurer, and Tony Wagner

WEDNESDAY, 2:15 P.M.

Yossi Kastan, Ya'akov Green, Alina Spaulding, Jane Taubenfeld Cohen, and Ray Levi

TEEN CENTER

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 A.M.

Zach Lasker

WEDNESDAY, 2:15 P.M.

Abby Uhrman and Dori Frumin Kirshner

L2 CLASSROOM 1

TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.

Jason Gitlin, Nancy Parkes, and Ari Isenberg

WEDNESDAY, 2:15 P.M.

Lyndall Miller, Jill Clark, Alana Weinberg, and Sarah Meytin

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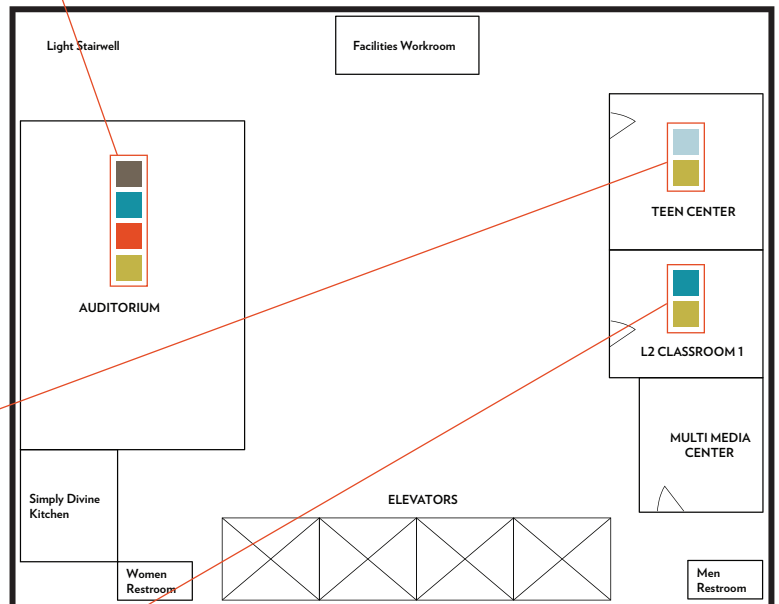
■ TUESDAY NIGHT BREAKOUT

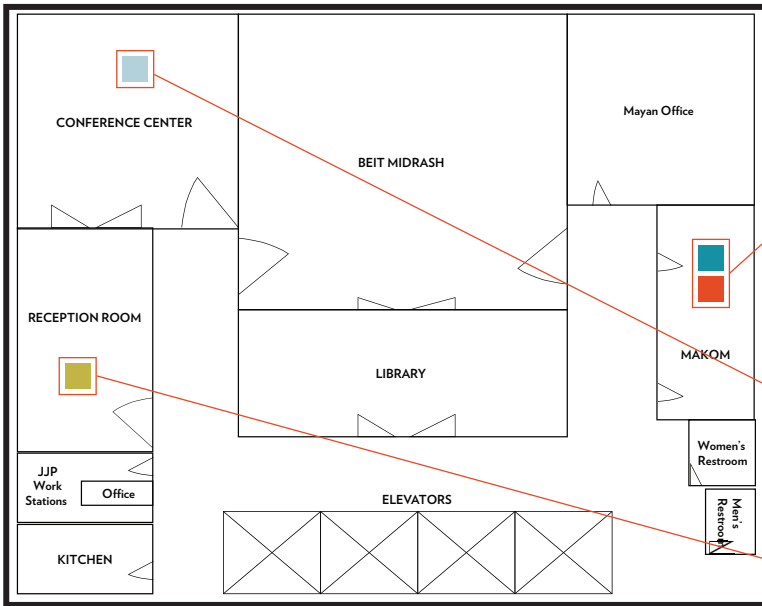
■ WEDNESDAY MORNING SHAHARIT

■ WEDNESDAY 10:30 A.M. BREAKOUT

■ WEDNESDAY 2:15 P.M. BREAKOUT

■ EVERYONE TOGETHER





Rooms on 7th Floor:

From Auditorium take elevator to 7th floor

MAKOM

TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.

Sarah Tauber and Dave Siegel

WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Shira Epstein and Hillary Gardenswartz

CONFERENCE CENTER

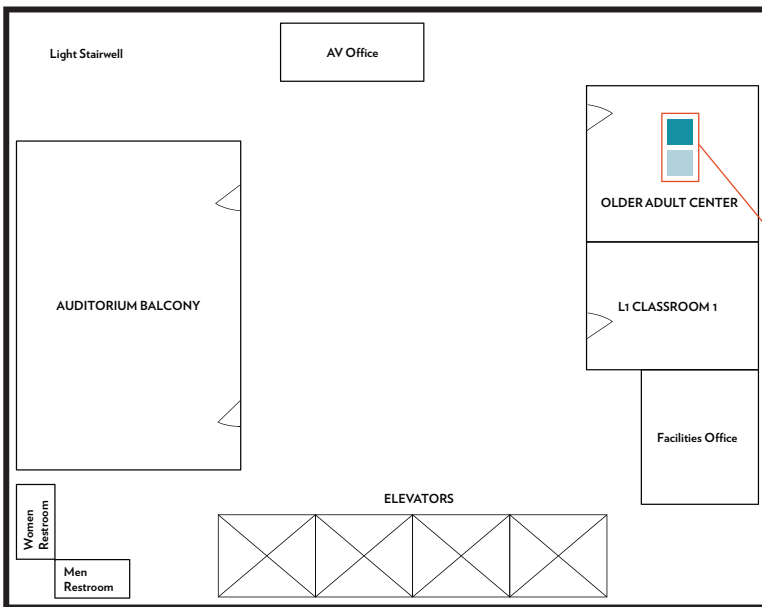
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 A.M.

Jonathan Lipnick

RECEPTION ROOM

WEDNESDAY, 2:15 P.M.

Jeff Kress, Joshua Troderman, and Yoni Stadlin



Rooms on Lower Level 1:

From Auditorium take stairs or elevator up to L1

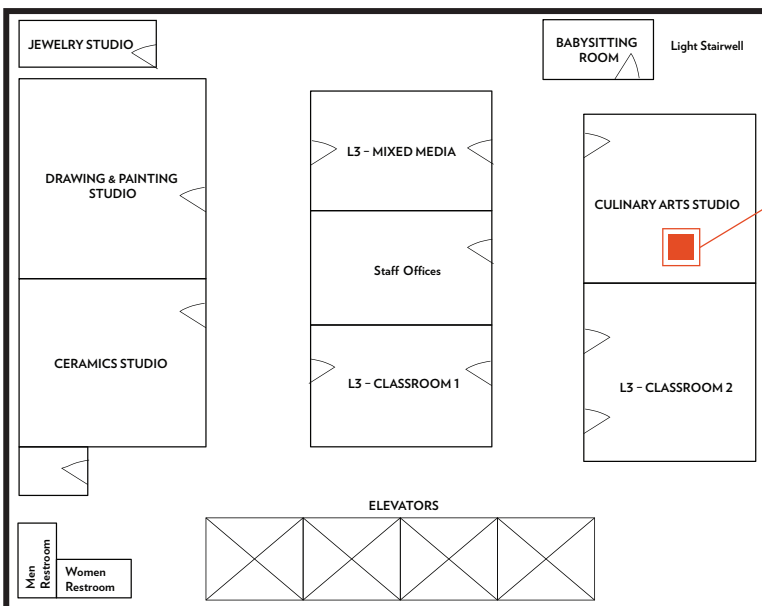
OLDER ADULT CENTER

TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.

Alex Sinclair and Ofra Backenroth

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 A.M.

Cheryl Magen



Rooms on Lower Level 3:

From Auditorium take stairs or elevator down to L3

CULINARY ARTS STUDIO

WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Meredith Katz, Miles Roger, Heather Fiedler, and Terri Soifer

THANK YOU TO OUR ALUMNI COMMITTEE

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David Wolkin

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