



REFLECT, REFRESH, REFOCUS

Sunday, January 10, 2021 - Reflect

Day One will focus on Reflection. What has happened in the year? What does it mean to come together? What are we celebrating, and what have we lost?

Pre-Gathering Opportunities

4:00PM - 4:45PM EST / 1:00PM - 1:45PM PST

ARJE 101: How To Make The Most Of ARJE Membership (For new and new-ish members)

Calling all new ARJE members and those that would like a refresher of how our organization enhances your career! Learn all there is to know about the ARJE and how you can get the most out of your membership. Meet some of our board members and others who have recently joined the ARJE for a fun and informative start to a great few days together.

Facilitator(s): Membership Team Chairs Heather Erez, RJE and Stephanie Schwartz, RJE

ShalomLearning Come and Play Event

Stop by to chat, play a game, and walk away with a fun tool for teaching Hebrew in a virtual classroom

Facilitator(s): Debi Himelfarb, Chief Operating Officer and Heidi Lovitz, Director of Educational Programming
Format: Interactive and Drop-Ins Welcome

Core Sessions: "Reflect"

5:00PM - 5:45PM EST / 2:00PM - 2:45PM PST

Welcome Program: Igniting Our Flame

After a year like no other, we will gather together to allow space for reflection, to re-ignite our communal flame, and enter into holy space together.

Speaker(s): Rabbi Stacy Rigler, RJE, Rachel Opatowsky, RJE, Dr. Katherine Schwartz, RJE, Marisa Kaiser, RJE, and the ARJE members.

Facilitator(s): Beth Young, RJE.

Format: This will be a large group gathering featuring music, ritual, craft, and break-out sessions.

6:00PM - 6:45PM EST / 3:00PM - 3:45PM PST

Reflection Program 1: Falling Forward

Together we will reflect with colleagues on how we have succeeded and what we have learned during the COVID pandemic. Three educators from the areas of early childhood, elementary, and informal education/engagement will share about their pivots and successes during the COVID pandemic.

Speaker(s): Kerith Braunfeld, Hannah Demick, Ellen Lefkowitz, RJE.

Facilitator(s): Rabbi Jen Goldsmith, Emily Messinger, RJE.

Format: A large group session followed by small breakout rooms.



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Reflection Program 2: Our Past Year And Cohort Connection Time

In this session, we will explore all that was lost and hopefully gained while living through a pandemic, both on a personal level as well as a professional level. Through small and large group reflections, our hope is that we leave this session honoring what has happened, so we can look to the future to refresh ourselves.

Facilitator(s): Heather Rosenthal, Denise Crevin, RJE, and cohort group leaders.

Format: Pre-assigned cohort groups ending with a large group reflection and music.

"After Hours" Events

8:00PM - 8:45PM EST / 5:00PM - 5:45PM PST

Educators' Toast

Join us as we roast and toast the past year and the amazing educators of ARJE Toasts and Roasts with surprise guests.

Facilitator(s): Advocacy Team chairs Rabbi Rena Rifkin, Laura Perpinyal, RJE.

Format: Anything and everything...You will laugh, cry and enjoy everything ARJE



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“Early Risers” Events

10:00AM - 10:45AM EST / 7:00AM - 7:45AM PST

Affinity Group - How Has COVID Affected Our Work Life?

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Facilitator(s): Rabbi Carrie Vogel, RJE

ARJE Workout Options

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Facilitator(s): Rabbi Arianna Gordon, RJE

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11:00AM - 12:45PM EST / 8:00AM - 9:45AM PST

Refresh Program 1: Creative T'filah Experience

Rae Antonoff will combine her expertise in art and Jewish spirituality to guide us for a special Tefilah experience. She will share examples of her artistic interpretations of specific prayer themes and guide us through creating our own original art pieces. Rae regularly leads workshops, classes, retreats, & Artist-in-Residence programs, both locally in Southern California and throughout the U.S.

Speaker(s): Rae Antonoff

Facilitator(s): Rabbi Lisa Levenberg and Andrea Fleekop, RJE

Format: Large group art activity, prayer, and Torah service

1:00PM - 1:45PM EST / 10:00AM - 10:45AM PST

Refresh Program 2: Hope and Possibility During a Time of Uncertainty

We will begin with an introductory presentation about self-care during times of stress and then segue into a panel Q&A featuring some of Beit T'Shuvah's rabbis and senior staff. They will answer questions from participants and also share the texts they have found to be sustained during the pandemic - so people will walk away with some resources they can use for their own benefit and the benefit of others.



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2:00PM - 2:45PM EST / 11:00AM - 11:45AM PST

Refresh Program 3: Self Care

Refresh with your ARJE community by choosing your own way to engage during this session. Take a moment to move, laugh, and breathe during this session. Try something new or enjoy a familiar hobby, but no matter what, take this time to refresh. Choose between:

- Crafting
- Dancing
- Meditation
- Torah L'ishma
- A New "Wild Card" Skill

Facilitator(s): Molly Levy

Format: Register for one of five Self Care Options

3:00PM - 3:45PM EST / 12:00PM - 12:45PM PST

Cohort Connection Time

After a day focused on refreshing, connecting with colleagues to reflect and connect. Format: Re-group with your cohort from Sunday night to spend some time processing the day together.

Facilitator(s): Denise Crevin, RJE and Cohort leaders

"After Hours" Events

4:00PM - 4:45PM EST / 1:00PM - 1:45PM PST

Let's Play: Bingo: Brain Break!

After a busy day of learning, join colleagues for an informal opportunity to socialize and play Bingo. Bring your favorite snacks for this virtual game.

Facilitator(s): Rabbi Arianna Gordon, RJE

Format: Large Group Game

Better Together: Intergenerational Learning: Using Technology to Bridge the Gaps

Are you interested in a way to engage your teens... and a way to connect the generations in your community even as we can't get together safely in person... AND how to seamlessly introduce a mitzvah project? Come to this session to not only learn how to do all of the above but get a grant to make it possible.

Facilitator(s): Bess Adler, Program Director



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Schmooze & Snack

Join ARJE friends and colleagues for a chance to schmooze

Format: Sign up on Facebook or in the Whova app

Chaver Society Presents: ShalomLearning: What Do We Take Into the Future?

Education Directors and teachers share the jewels they discovered while schools were in hybrid mode. What will we bring into the future to effect positive change in Jewish Education?

Facilitator(s): Debi Himelfarb, Chief Operating Officer and Heidi Lovitz, Director of Educational Programing

Format: Presentation and Interactive dialogue

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Chaver Society Presents: Mandel Teacher Educator Institute - Conflict Resolution

Details Coming Soon!

6:00PM - 10:00PM EST / 3:00PM - 7:00PM PST

ARJE Sponsor Hour

Get to know our AG21 sponsors! Take this time to visit our AG21 sponsors. Drop by to ask questions, to personally interact with new and exciting materials, and to learn more about some fantastic members of our extended community of Jewish educators.



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Facilitator(s): Rabbi Carrie Vogel, RJE

9:00PM - 11:45PM EST / 6:00PM - 8:45PM PST

Dinner &/or Drinks

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Traditional T’filah Service

A joyful and upbeat, “traditional” service. We will be using Mishkan Tefilah as well as a variety of additional readings and stories.

Led By: Cantor Rebecca Robbins and Rabbi Carrie Vogel, RJE

Attitude Of Gratitude T’filah Service

How can we create and experience powerful spiritual moments on the same devices we use for Netflix, work, and social media? Let’s “refocus” with creative ways to connect and be present in sacred space even while distant. Service will be interactive, intentional, reflective, and embrace an attitude of gratitude! Featuring new original musical prayer settings.

Led By: Jay Rapoport, RJE

Facilitator(s): Andrea Fleekop, RJE

Format: Register for one of two T’filah options



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12:00PM - 12:45PM EST / 9:00AM - 9:45AM PST

Refocus Program 1: What Lies Ahead Personally

There's no wrong way to care for yourself as we head towards the future. Making an effort to keep yourself fulfilled and focused in times of uncertainty.

- *Contract Negotiations with Rabbi Stan Schickler, RJE - How to navigate employment in uncertain times.*
- *We All Knead Some Love with Natalie Peikoff - Baking as self-care*
- *Who Knew? Creating a Quarantine Staple with Micah Hart - A deep dive into the world of Who Knows One?*

Facilitator(s): Joel Swedlove

Format: Register for one of three sessions

1:00PM - 1:45PM EST / 10:00AM - 10:45AM PST

Refocus Program 2: Get Back On Track, Or Build A New One

Finding inspiration and energy for what lies ahead, and planning for a new vision of the future.

- *Keep It or Leave It with Rabbi Sam Joseph, Ph.D., RJE - How the adjustments we've already made can inspire how we move forward*
- *Best Foot Forward with Lisa Langer, RJE Taking inventory of available resources, strengths, and skills to plan for future successes*
- *Be Brave and Bold with Nachama Moskowitz, RJE Building a roadmap to new experiences, instead of rebuilding the old ones*

Facilitator(s): Ben Mazur

Format: Register for one of three sessions

2:00PM - 2:45PM EST / 11:00AM - 11:45AM PST

Refocus Program 3: Closing Program: Bein Kodesh L'Chol

As we prepare to depart from this shared holy space, we will savor what we've gained as we have imagined what lies ahead. Having experienced a mini Shabbaton we will commit to re-igniting our personal and professional paths with the help of our colleagues and friends. With Havdalah as our metaphor, we will take a moment to be present in our senses and our awareness of being blessed.

Presenter(s): Dr. Miriam Heller Stern, RJE

Format: As a large group we will mark a communal moment of bravery and courage



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We're Off To Houston: An Evening On Racial Justice With Eric Ward Of Race Forward

Paula and Alfred Friedlander Forum present Eric K. Ward, Western States Center's Executive Director on Pursuing Justice: Racial and Social Justice in Our Time sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, Texas and the ADL. Zoom details will be provided upon registration.

Facilitator(s): David Scott, RJE