

Department of Jewish Education
Teacher Training Seminar 30th October 2011

**Session descriptions and presenter biographies for
Buzz sessions**

1. Beyond Colouring - Debi Penhey

Take your courage in your hands! Learn how to use art to stimulate creative thought and discussion. You don't have to be an artist to use art as a teaching tool in a Jewish educational setting. A relaxed and experiential session employing a variety of materials.

Debi Penhey is the Communities' Consultant for the Department of Jewish Education (DJE), working with הנהגות Head Teachers and their communities. She taught in הנהגות for many years, has worked as a family education co-ordinator and teaches on the DJE Foundation Course. Debi runs arts and crafts workshops for both teachers and children, and she enjoys encouraging others to use arts and crafts in their teaching, without resorting to the dreaded "colouring-in".

2. How to bring a traditional text to life in the classroom - Daniel Lichman

This buzz session will enable you to make text study into an exciting, fun-filled and worthwhile experience for your הנהגות class.

Daniel Lichman has been Youth and Education Hub co-Manager at Alyth since September 2010 working on the new גלילימ programme. He has previously worked for RSY- נצ"ר and the Three Faiths' Forum.

3. Here we go round the Jewish year - Judith Ish Horowicz

This session will use a different approach for teaching the festivals through music, drama and stories.

Judith Ish-Horowicz opened Apples and Honey Nursery 20 years ago and, having difficulty in separating from the children, followed them into the cheder, becoming Head Teacher at Wimbledon and District Synagogue Religion School! She is constantly seeking new ways to communicate Jewish learning and values and is a committed 'Limmudnik'. Judith is an Ashdown Fellow, holds an MA in Early Childhood Studies and has been awarded an MBE for her contribution to Early Childhood Education.

4. שְׁמַע קוֹלֵינוּ (Hear our voice) - Rabbi Monique Mayer

Do you panic when you think about teaching a song to your children? Do you dread hearing the words “You’re teaching the song for assembly”? Join Rabbi Monique Mayer in this taster class for bringing the joy of music into your class. She will introduce some of the methods and activities in the DJE’s soon-to-be-offered music course, שְׁמַע קוֹלֵינוּ. No prior musical training or guitar-playing required - just bring your enthusiasm!

Rabbi Monique Mayer is an education consultant for the DJE and the part-time Rabbi for Liverpool Reform Synagogue. She received ordination from Leo Baeck College and holds a Master’s degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Monique is passionate about Jewish music and liturgy, and she seeks to make Judaism meaningful to the 21st century Jew.

5. Inviting Israel into your classroom - Debbie Juggler

Debbie will demonstrate innovative and inspirational ways to bring Israel into the class through informal games and activities.

Debbie Juggler is a former history teacher turned Director of Education at Finchley Reform Synagogue. As well as leading youth trips to Europe and Israel, Debbie is a keen supporter of Free the Children, a charity that empowers teenagers to support young people in less developed countries.

6. Puppet Pageant - Ann Angel

We will play with מַכְבֵּי puppets, פִּטְחָה puppets and a variety of others and discuss how to use them to dramatise a Jewish story, celebrate a festival or as the focus of an intergenerational activity. You will go home with a template to make a simple stick puppet. Puppets can be used with young children through to adults and you will have a chance to think about adapting techniques to suit your students.

Ann Angel is the DJE’s Northern Communities’ Consultant for Leo Baeck College. She enjoys storytelling with puppets. She has used puppets in her work with communities, in the religion school and with children with special educational needs. She learnt to make puppets, and to bring them alive, with Anna Markus, a professional puppeteer.