

2010 Mini-CAJE - Creative Aspects of Jewish Education



This past February 14 over 80 educators gathered for the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library's Annual Mini-CAJE teacher workshop. Mini-CAJE, a daylong opportunity to foster learning, offers a variety of programs to enhance our educators' skills. This development opportunity is one of the ways in which the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center promotes lifelong Jewish Learning through the generous support of the Lenora Stein Fund for Creative Community Learning and the Blumenthal Foundation.

During the first session, Rabbi Micah Streiffer tried to fit his wealth of knowledge on the topic

of Jewish History into a 45-minute presentation, while nearby Mandy DiFilipo revealed her secrets for mastering lesson plans. With one session to go, some headed to the teacher resource room to hear Dr. David Verhaagen's illuminating approach on how to identify and cope with struggling students.

Others, who wanted to focus on early learners, saved their spots for Mary B. Moore's child development presentation. Other presenters throughout the day included local shaliach Asaf Shenhav and Mariashi Groner, who educated teachers on how to incorporate sacred texts into the classroom.

Although many teachers

yearned for the falafel and chips portion of the development day, it was difficult to shift away from keynote speaker Kirk Martin for even a second. During his program, Boosters Interventions for the 21st Century Classroom, Martin had the room of teachers enraptured by his unique blend of wit, poise, and knowledge on the teaching profession. Through startling anecdotes and experiences, Martin exposed the audience to the issues such as bullying, impulsivity and distraction that plague early learners. By the end of the lecture, Martin had modeled a variety of effective options to identify and treat these classroom

problems.

By the end, the group of educators gave a heartfelt ovation for Martin and commented favorably on the day as a whole. ☆



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Katya Lezin signs copies of her book, "Knight Swam," at Joseph Beth Bookseller. "Knight Swam" is a Young Adult novel about a national Scrabble contest. Lezin is the mother of Noah, Hannah, and Eliza Lieberman and a member of Temple Beth El.

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