

Letter from the Author

Congratulations on becoming a Jewish teacher!

Teaching is inherently holy work, and Judaism has a long tradition of holding teachers in the highest esteem.

This handbook will expand your understanding of children and will help you build the skills you need to master the many roles of a Jewish teacher. Each of the six chapters functions as a complete workshop. You will discover what makes a Jewish classroom distinctive, the different ways students learn, and how to include students with learning differences. You will learn how to create a master calendar, how to build dynamic bulletin boards, and how to work effectively with *madrichim*. You will also learn the theory of lesson planning, and you'll practice a variety of classroom management techniques. Throughout, you will view the role of the teacher through the lens of sacred text and reflect on how the lessons in each chapter apply to your own classroom experience.

Teaching can be tremendously satisfying. I hope that as you take on your teaching responsibilities, you find joy in working with your students.

B'hatzlahah,

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