

June 2, 2009

Dear Teacher,

On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, Congregation Etz Chaim in Lombard will offer its highly acclaimed workshop for public school teachers, **“Cultural Diversity: Cycles and Symbols of Judaism.”** The course will be held from 4:30-7:30 pm, and carries three CDPU credits. The course fee is \$10.

In this **three hour workshop**, you will learn how your classroom can be a welcoming environment for cultural diversity, while increasing your knowledge of Jewish holy days and culture. Upon completion you will:

- Explain how the Jewish calendar corresponds to the school year calendar;
- Classify which Jewish holidays are most important and which are less so;
- Appreciate important symbols and events in the lives of your Jewish students;
- Experience traditional Jewish foods, rituals, music and literature.

Instructional methods will include discussion, hands-on observation, comparison and analysis of materials, and demonstrations of significant rituals. Handouts will be provided. The course fits into a number of the state goals, including 2B under Language Arts, and 18A and B under Social Sciences.

Here are some comments from1 your colleagues who attended in past years:

“...extremely beneficial and informative...”

“I've already marked my calendar based on the holy days shared with us and their significance so that I may better plan lessons and the scheduling of projects.”

“I would highly recommend the course to other teachers in the District.”

Please check our website [http://congetzchaim.org/learning/religious\\_schools.php?page=16930](http://congetzchaim.org/learning/religious_schools.php?page=16930) for more information and a video from last year’s session.

To enroll, please complete the form below and return it, with \$10 course fee, to Congregation Etz Chaim, 1710 S. Highland Ave., Lombard, IL 60148. If you have any questions, please call me at 630-627-3912 or email [ceceduc8r@aol.com](mailto:ceceduc8r@aol.com). Please register by October 19<sup>th</sup> to ensure your place at this unique professional development course.

Anne Stein  
Director of Education  
Congregation Etz Chaim of DuPage County

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**YES! I am interested in participating in this unique workshop.** Enclosed is my check for \$10.00.

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School City District

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Dear Principal,

On Tuesday, November 23, 2009 Congregation Etz Chaim in Lombard will offer its highly acclaimed workshop for public school teachers and administrators, **“Cultural Diversity: Cycles and Symbols of Judaism.”** The course will be held from 4:30-7:30 pm, and carries three CDPU credits. The course fee is \$10.

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Instructional methods will include group discussion; hands-on observation; comparison and analysis of materials, and demonstrations of significant rituals. Handouts will be provided. The course fits into a number of the state goals, including 2B under Language Arts, and 18A and B under Social Sciences.

**Here are some comments from your colleagues** who attended in past years:

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