

Graduate Center for Education Winter 2013 Newsletter

Faculty in the Field:

Moving the Needle: Galvanizing Change in our Day Schools

The RAVSAK/PARDES Jewish Day School Leadership Conference
Los Angeles, CA • January 19-21, 2014

**Look for us at the RAVSAK
/PARDES Conference in L.A!**
Dean, Dr. Miriam Heller Stern
will present a session entitled:

Guidelines and Principles for Pluralism. Additionally, Associate Dean Lauren Applebaum will lead a session entitled: *Who is wise?: Collaborative teacher learning and leadership.* Be sure to look for our new recruitment brochure in the conference bags.

Recently, faculty member Dr. Ron Wolfson gave a plenary session talk at United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism biennial conference. He also spoke to 5 groups at the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial in San Diego...including keynote to the Presidents, the program directors, the caring commission, and the membership/outreach commission. Dr. Wolfson's book *Relational Judaism* was named one of the top ten Jewish books of the year.

Faculty member Dr. Sivan Zakai, Director of Research and Teacher Education was a panelist on the subject "How do the purposes and practices of Hebrew education shape, and how are they shaped by Israel education?" Run by the Consortium for Applied Studies in Jewish Education, Dr. Zakai spoke as the expert on research in Israel education in a conversation that brought together researchers, funders, and practitioners committed to thinking about the relationships between Hebrew education and Israel education

Etzah:

My Jewish Coach University Is Coming In February!

Research shows a growing need for professional and volunteer leaders to develop concrete management, communication, fundraising and presentation skills. **In response, Etzah, a new coaching initiative of the Graduate Center for Education at American Jewish University, along with partners Jewish Communal Professionals of Southern California and My Jewish Coach is offering a series of live, local and low-cost professional development opportunities** for the education and non-profit sector on **February 4-5, 2014.** Participants may choose to enroll in any of one to four seminars, lead by Deborah Grayson Riegel, a leading provider of professional and volunteer training, coaching and consulting. The sessions are open to



anyone in the Southern California area, and include: Supervision Skills for the Somewhat-Seasoned Supervisor, Managing Up: Creating Win-Win Partnerships with Your Supervisor, Strategic Storytelling to Recruit and Inspire Members, Donors and Volunteers, and Presentation Skills Boot-Camp: How to Speak with More Power, Passion and Polish. For more information, go to www.myjewishcoach.com/mjcu.

Welcome to:

It is our pleasure to welcome **Dee Garner** to AJU as our new administrative assistant. Like her predecessors, she will be supporting the Graduate Center for Education, the Graduate School of Nonprofit Management, and the Sigi Ziering Institute Holocaust Studies. Dee Garner is a native Californian who graduated from U.C.L.A. Following graduation Dee worked in music industry in Los Angeles for several years, but was offered a position to start a record label in New York. Dee lived in New York for many years, and has just recently relocated back to Southern California. When you're on campus, please stop by the Deans' suite and introduce yourself to Dee. We're excited to have her join our team.



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Mazel tov to:

We are delighted to announce that **Dean Miriam Heller Stern** gave birth to a healthy and beautiful baby girl, Zoe Isabelle in November. Mazal tov to Miriam and her family!

Alumnus Rabbi Adam Stein and his wife had a baby boy named Eli in the spring. Adam is Rabbi at Kehilat Nitzan Synagogue in Melbourne, Australia.

Happenings at your school: We would like to feature highlights and innovative programs on our FB page that our alumni are spearheading. Please send us links to your websites, news features, etc. Submissions can be emailed to: Millie Wexler at mwexler@aju.edu.



Referrals: Any rising stars to send our way? We count on you as ambassadors in the field to not only spread the word about our education programs, but also to recommend budding Jewish educators to us. With another year of substantial tuition scholarships offered, the time has never been better to recommend AJU's MAEd to your colleagues. Referrals can contact us at: mwexler@aju.edu or 310-440-1249.



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B'Shalom, Millie Wexler, Director of Recruitment and Outreach