

JSL Conference Call #5

January 12, 2009, 1pm

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Due to confusion around the topic, we had low participation. We decided to push the scheduled topic (Evaluation) back one month. We did hold the call open for about 30 minutes and had a free-flow discussion on Jewish service-learning.

We discussed parent buy-in and different ways to integrate service-learning into a school's culture. Judy has a great weekly mitzvah project system. She is going to e-mail some materials to Rachel for possible use during this summer's training. She is still working on connecting the projects to Jewish themes/texts. One idea raised was integrating the reflection into the Mincha service that immediately follows the projects. Charlotte has trouble getting participation in off-site or off-schedule service projects. Ideas that were raised was publicizing the dates far in advance (even if the project itself is not secured), assigning parent chaperones, and working only during school hours. Renting buses is becoming less and less affordable.

Interest was expressed in the Advance training option. It will be offered during the June NEI at UMD, June 21-25. Application information will come soon.