

### Masterclass Torah: Developing Our Teaching as a Craft

Designed by the Center for Jewish and Israel Education

#### Purpose:

Teaching is a lifelong craft. However, we rarely have the opportunity to refine our teaching skills within the environments in which we deliver our Torah or practice with peers to sharpen our practice. This course aims to convene a community of thoughtful, self-reflective practitioners who “get it” and provide skills and language to sharpen our teaching of Torah. Designed for teachers of Torah, **Masterclass: Torah** will dive deeply into the art of teaching and illuminate how we might make Jewish wisdom become alive and vibrant for emerging adults. By gathering a community of high-level Hillel educators, **Masterclass: Torah** will create a platform for self-reflection, sharpened pedagogical skills, feedback from respected peers, and intensive study with inspiring faculty.

**Masterclass: Torah** is an 8-month intensive, cohort-based skill accelerator, bookended by immersive experiences with high-level faculty. It begins June 22-25, 2020 at Dwell and ends in February 2021. Between immersives, cohort members will participate in monthly online learning, receive educational coaching from experienced pedagogues, and have an opportunity to give and receive concrete feedback on classes you’re teaching. For **Masterclass: Torah 2020**, our **guest faculty member is Aryeh Ben David**, Founder and Director of [Ayeka](#). Other faculty include Leah Kahn, R. Ben Berger, Erica Frankel, R. Charlie Schwartz and Arielle Braude, among others.

#### Who are you?

- A passionate Hillel educator who cares about developing your craft as a teacher
- You seek a community of reflective practice with other Hillel educators, in order to learn from one another
- You want to refine and sharpen your pedagogical skill set in specific areas
- You are interested in learning how to get your Torah to land more deeply with students
- You have been teaching for awhile, but you haven’t had time to amplify your “educator moves” recently
- You are interested in both learning to implement excellent pedagogy with emerging adults and develop further as a thought-leader and master practitioner.

Integrated throughout **MasterClass: Torah** will be four signature pedagogies of Hillel work that enhance and deepen our effectiveness as teachers and will comprise our core practice of education:

- **The Authentic Use of Self:** How might our sense of self impacts how we teach, lead, and impact staff and students?
- **Artful Facilitation** - In what ways could we employ the techniques of facilitation with discernment and sophistication?
- **Curating Educational Space** - What might it look like for us to amplify students’ learning with magical and creative touches that surprise and delight?
- **Relational Recruitment** - How might we create strategic plans to “get people there” as part of our educational design and create meaningful social connections among students?

[Applications](#) for Masterclass: Torah are currently open until **February 20th**.

Total participation fee is \$185. We provide a \$400 travel stipend for both immersives.

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