



May 11-12, 2022 at the [Hyatt Regency, Chicago](#)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 / 1:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - Retreat Registration

2:00 p.m – “An Overture of Meaning”

- Dr. Alex Pomson and Dr. Jack Wertheimer frame a session on how meaning-making may look different across schools
- Participants will give multiple interpretations of what it means to “Teach Towards Meaning” in their individual school environments

3:30 p.m. - Break

4:30 p.m. - Travel to Spertus (shuttles will make 4 trips to Spertus)

5:00 p.m. - Learning Towards Meaning

- Participants will create a physical manifestation out of a learned section of Torah

6:00 p.m - Reception and Mincha

7:00 p.m. - Dinner and Remarks from Manette Mayberg

8:30 p.m. - Movie Premiere of “This is Personal”

- Viewers will have the opportunity to discuss value propositions of personal meaning in support of Jewish day schools.

9:00 p.m. - Dessert Reception and Maariv

9:30 p.m. - Travel back to hotel (shuttles will make 4 trips to hotel)



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Thursday, May 12, 2022 / 7:30* a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Optional Tefillah/Prayer Services at 7:30 a.m.*

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast with an opportunity to enjoy the Gallery Walk of “Meaning”ful artifacts

9:30 a.m. - Framing Models of Meaning

- Yehudis Golshevsky and Arnee Winshall will share thoughts on how to use Torah to help students live meaningful lives

10:00 a.m. - JEIC Models of Meaning

- Learn about six different approaches to making meaning in Judaic Studies classes

12:15 p.m - A Finale Towards Meaning

- Summation of Shared Outcomes of Learning

1:00 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Connect, Converse, and Collect

- A networking opportunity to connect with friends old and new, converse with colleagues, and collect some swag!