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Banim u'Vonim - Children and Builders: A Day School Conversation
Tuesday, November 14
12:45pm-5:15pm

Babylonian Talmud Berachot 64a

Rabbi Hanina said, "Torah scholars increase peace in the world, as it is said, 'And all your children (*banayech*) shall be taught of God, and great shall be the peace of your children'" (Isaiah 54:13).

Do not read your children (*banayech*) but your builders (*bonayech*).

12:45 Opening Remarks

Introduction: Why day schools? Banim u'Vonim.

1:05 How to Build the Day School Enterprise

- What does it mean to systematically (re)build a day school? (Governance, development, marketing, excellence)
- A Federation's role. A lay leader's role.

1:30 Breakouts: (Choose one)

Maximizing Audience (Enrollment)

- How do we make the case for Jewish day school education for all of our audiences?

Maximizing Financial Vibrancy (Sustainability)

- What have we learned? What more do we need to learn? What can we do?

2:20 Today's Day School is Not Your Grandfather's Cadillac

- What does education excellence look like in a 21st century Jewish day school?

2:45 Break

3:00 Breakouts #2 (Choose one)

Maximizing Leadership (Governance)

- What is the role of a day school board? What is the role of Federation in helping day school boards with training, recruitment of members, and more?

Maximizing Education (Excellence)

- What does excellence look like with a dual curriculum? What are recent trends in progressive education/ independent schools?

3:45 Application: A Case Conversation

Table conversations

Exploration of a prepared case of a Federation community in order to apply lessons from the day (and develop new ideas).

4:45 Closing Remarks

- What's next for JFNA in the day school space?