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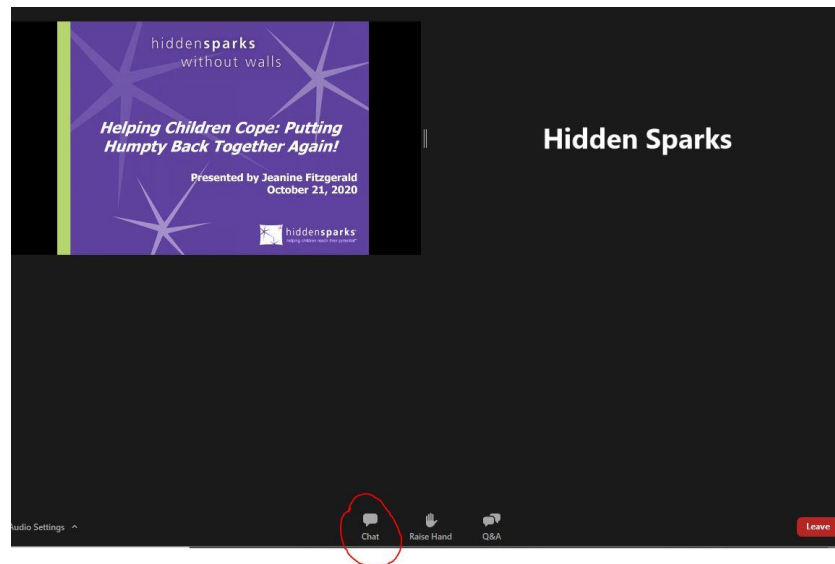
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Hidden Sparks is a non-profit that helps educators and schools nurture the Hidden Spark within each student. We do this by developing and facilitating professional development programs for Jewish day schools to help increase understanding and support for **diverse learners**.

Hidden Sparks provides an award winning **professional development** program in understanding learning and behavior, conducting classroom **observations**, **coaching teachers** and developing **peer coaches**. By helping teachers meet the needs of struggling students, **ultimately all students benefit**.

- **110 Jewish day schools** across the country with **hundreds of teachers** participate in PD programs annually.
- Impacting over **7,000 students** every year.
- Over **350 school peer coaches** have received training and mentoring.
- Hidden Sparks Without Walls international webinar program has reached thousands of teachers and parents.
- New in 2020! SEL Initiative

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# Developing the Art of Asking Powerful Questions in the Classroom

**Presented by Dr. Laya Salomon**  
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## Our Guest: Dr. Laya Salomon



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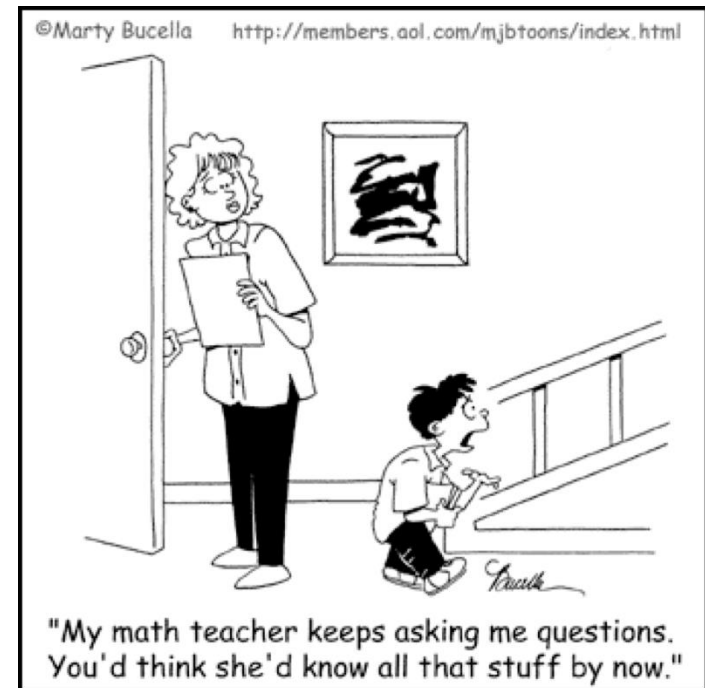
# Overview of the Session

## Intro: What is Engagement?

### Engagement Through Questions:

- a) Create a community of learners
- b) Engage ALL learners
- c) Ask a range of questions
- d) Ensure true understanding
- e) Be proactive & preemptive
- f) Avoid question barriers

## Application & Reflection



# YES or NO: When asking questions, it is **GENERALLY** a good idea for a **TEACHER** to:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Wait at least 5 seconds after a question before calling on someone to respond
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Move near the student when he or she asks a question
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Repeat students' questions
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Tell students to "Think!" after asking a higher order question
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Ask mostly yes/no and true/false questions
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Repeat students' answers
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Ask questions for which there are multiple correct answers
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Call on one of the first students to raise his/her hand
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Regularly ask students if they understand, to make sure everyone is on pace and

following along



# What is engagement?



# Why would a student not be engaged?





# Teaching = Learning

- All students ***contribute*** to the learning
- All students are ***held accountable***
- All students feel their ***involvement*** is valuable

# Engagement Through Questions



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## A) Create a community of learners

- Students are dependent on each other
- Learn from each other
- Part of community

**VS**

- Common classroom scenario

- Repeating
- Redirecting
- Teacher position and eye contact
- Divergent questions



## **B) Engage ALL Learners**

**A classroom where everyone is involved**

**VS**

**Common Classroom Scenario**



# Engage All Learners

A. Everybody Writes

B. Index Cards – ABCD/TF

C. White Boards

D. Thumbs Up/Down

E. Random Cold Call - popsicle sticks



## Think-Pair-Share

*What are benefits of TPS?*



**Think**

about the question



**Pair**

with your partner



**Share**

your ideas with  
others





# Mary Budd Rowe



## *Wait Time*

- Research
- Benefits
- Wait time 1 & 2
- Barriers to achieving benefits



# Research on Wait Time

1. Improvements in the student achievement
2. Improvements in student retention, as measured by delayed tests
3. Increases in the number of higher cognitive responses generated by students
4. Increases in the length of student responses
5. Increases in the number of unsolicited responses
6. Decreases in students' failure to respond
7. Increases in the amount and quality of evidence students offer to support their inferences
8. Increases in contributions by students who do not participate much when wait-time is under three seconds
9. Expansion of the variety of responses offered by students
10. Decreases in student interruptions
11. Increases in student-student interactions
12. Increases in the number of questions posed by students



# Which questioning technique resonates the most with you?

- A. Everybody Writes
- B. Index Cards – ABCD/TF
- C. White Boards
- D. Thumbs Up/Down
- E. Random Cold Call
- F. Think Pair Share
- G. Wait Time

# C) Ensure True Understanding

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# Ensure True Understanding

**Prompting**

**Probing**

**No Opt Out**



# Ensure True Understanding

## Check For Understanding

- Research on CFU
- Ways to CFU

- *Thumb up if the statement “does everyone understand?” is an effective check for understanding*
- *Thumb down if the statement “does everyone understand?” is not an effective check for understanding*
- *Thumb to the side if you’re not sure*

**Please wait for my signal to begin**

## D) Ask a Range of Questions

- **A classroom that allows for everyone to be involved**





# Ask a Range of Questions

**1. Convergent & divergent**

**2. High level & low level**

**3. Fact & Opinion**



# Bloom's Taxonomy of Thinking

## BLOOMS TAXONOMY



# Hierarchy of questions

## **KNOWLEDGE**

recalling facts or observations; supplying definitions

## **COMPREHENSION**

describing; stating main ideas; comparing & contrasting

## **APPLICATION**

applying techniques & rules to solve problems that have a single correct answer

## **ANALYSIS**

Comparing, making inferences; finding evidence to support generalizations

## **SYNTHESIS**

developing solutions problems and/or making predictions

## **EVALUATION**

making value judgments about a controversial issue; judging truth, validity, beauty, worth etc.



# Sample question prompts

1. Who?, What?, Where?, When?,
2. How would you define the term...?

1. Why?
2. What is the main idea (of article)?
3. How are \_\_\_\_\_ alike/ different?

1. If..., then...
2. How does this rule apply to...
3. How would you interpret this graph/chart?

1. What can we conclude about...?
2. What does this tell us about...?
3. How does \_\_\_\_\_ compare to \_\_\_\_\_...?

1. How can this dilemma be solved?
2. How can we improve this?
3. What might happen if...?

1. What is your opinion (on this matter)?
2. Would it be better done another way?
3. Why do you agree with...?

- **Knowledge**
- **Comprehension**
- **Application**
- **Analysis**
- **Synthesis**
- **Evaluation**



# Question Stems

## Application, Analysis, Synthesis

- How would you apply \_\_\_ to solve \_\_\_\_
- What would the result be if \_\_\_\_\_
- How would you divide \_\_\_\_
- How is \_\_\_\_\_ similar/different to \_\_\_\_\_
- What's the underlying theme of \_\_\_\_\_
- What's the takeaway from \_\_\_\_
- What evidence in the text supports \_\_\_\_\_
- What ideas support \_\_\_\_\_
- If \_\_\_\_ happened, what might have been the ending
- What does this tell us about \_\_\_\_\_

## Evaluation, Creation

- Using the evidence/facts, what would happen if \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your opinion on \_\_\_\_\_ (support response)
- How would you generate a plan to \_\_\_\_\_
- How would you portray \_\_\_\_\_
- Given the facts, what would happen if \_\_\_\_\_
- What would have been outcome if \_\_\_\_\_ had made a different choice
- Would \_\_\_\_\_ be better or worse if done another way

# Ask a Range of Questions

## Research on Question Levels:

- Lower cognitive questions are more effective when the teacher's purpose is to impart factual knowledge and assist students in committing this knowledge to memory.
- Increasing the use of higher cognitive questions produces superior learning gains for students, particularly for secondary students



# Higher Order Thinking

## 1) Definition:

- Knowledge they have
- Transformed into new

2) Effective in conjunction with other questioning strategies



# Ask a Range of Questions

- Involve all students, including those with learning challenges
- Types of questions
- Advance notice
- Teacher movement





## E) Be Proactive & Preemptive

Morah Price calls on Chanie to read a pasuk in Chumash. She tells the rest of the class to look inside their chumashim as Chanie reads. Midway through the pasuk, Morah Price looks around the classroom and notices that 17 out of 19 girls are NOT looking inside.



## PLAN QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE

### Share questions before:

- Text
- Video/audio recording
- Start of lesson
- Discussion

## F) Questions and Prompts to Avoid

- *Think!*
- *Does everyone understand?*
- *....right?*
- *Got it?*

# Application & Reflection



White Board


# Reflect:

## Which questioning techniques supported these ideas?

- *All students contribute to the learning*
- *All students are held accountable*
- *All students feel their involvement is valuable*

# Upcoming Hidden Sparks Without Walls Sessions

Tues., December 1, 2020	<b>For Teachers:</b> Designing The Space To Cultivate Creative Capacity Michael Cohen-Tech Rabbi
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