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AUERBACH CENTRAL AGENCY FOR JEWISH EDUCATION



A program for creating a supplementary school
culture that supports *on-going*
professional development for educators

מחנכים הנרות שמדליקים את מנורות החינוך היהודי

Ner Tamid Educators:

Candles that Light the Lamps of Jewish Learning

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■ **The goals of Ner Tamid:**

- To institute professional development as a core value of the school
- To create a culture of lifelong professional development
- To enhance the teachers' skills and knowledge-base so that their teaching will encourage students to identify positively as Jews and be committed to Jewish learning and living

■ **Teachers will benefit by:**

- Acquiring new knowledge and classroom methodologies
- Learning best practices
- Contemporizing and revitalizing their materials and methodologies
- Becoming members of a community of learners
- Earning stipends for learning
- Advancing toward licensure
- Earning Act 48 credits (\$5.00 processing fee for workshops)

■ **Schools will benefit from:**

- A cadre of trained teaching professionals
- A more energized and capable teaching staff
- A revitalized school community
- A special **Ner Tamid** designation
- Being highlighted in ACAJE publicity and publications
- Receiving consultation services and resources of the Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education

REQUIREMENTS OF NER TAMID SCHOOLS

- ◆ 75% of a school's teaching staff must participate in 12 hours of professional development.
- ◆ The school must have in place, or commit to working toward a professional development plan for its teachers.
- ◆ Written commitment of each participating teacher to attend 12 hours of professional development each year.
- ◆ At least eight hours of the 12 must be in a formal education setting; up to four hours may be in any modality of learning that the education director approves.
- ◆ Teachers who complete eight of the 12 hours of professional development under the auspices of ACAJE will receive a \$100 stipend. If all 12 hours are under the auspices of ACAJE, teachers will earn \$150.
- ◆ At the beginning of the academic year, each teacher will be asked to create a professional development plan for the year. At the end of the year, the teacher will assess how the learning helped him or her, and what his or her plan for the next year will be. This document must be signed by both the teacher and the education director.

Fees

\$75	per 2 hour workshops
\$200	per 6 - 12 hours of workshops