

Death Becomes Her

Resources for Educators from Shomer Collective

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Talking about Death, Jewishly

Shomer Collective Educator Fellowship Curated Series

[Explore the resources created by Shomer Collective Educator Fellows](#) on the Jewish Education Project portal to use in your own community.

Jewish Education Project Adapting Podcast

[Pedagogy of Death](#): Rabbi Melanie Levav in conversation with David Bryfman

Resource Library

<https://www.shomercollective.org/resource-library>

<https://shivacircle.org/resources>

About Shomer Collective

Shomer Collective leverages Jewish wisdom to transform communal culture around death and dying, fostering proactive planning and robust support systems for end-of-life moments.

We envision a world where end-of-life matters are spoken about openly, thoughtfully, and frequently, creating opportunities for many more people to engage with Jewish wisdom, values, and practices. These conversations and experiences can be transformational, having an impact not only on the person who is dying but on whole family and community systems.

Learn more: www.shomercollective.org/strategic-plan

About Shiva Circle

A project of Shomer Collective, Shiva Circle is a new national initiative to revitalize the Jewish tradition of shiva by fostering a community of support and ensuring that no one has to grieve alone. By removing the logistical burdens, Shiva Circle helps mourners feel the comfort of Jewish tradition and the hug of community, generating lasting connections to Jewish life.

Learn more: www.shivacircle.org



Signature programs:

Reach out to hello@shomercollective.org to learn more about any of these initiatives or check out <https://www.shomercollective.org/programs>

Community/Conference presentations

Bring us to your community! We have a menu of educational offerings for communities and conferences, both virtually and in person. These are often Jewish text-based offerings, focused on a specific area such as Talking to Children about Death or customized versions of our signature programs.

Trainings

We offer trainings for professionals and lay leaders as a way to expand our impact. We currently train individuals to facilitate Death over Dinner: Jewish Edition and What Matters: Caring Conversations about End of Life.

Death Over Dinner: Jewish Edition

An experiential look at essential questions, this program provides the opportunity to consider how to live well in the face of mortality. A topic made even more important by the pandemic, Death Over Dinner: Jewish Edition includes an exploration of accessible Jewish texts to prompt questions and discussions about quality of life, decision-making, and communicating wishes with loved ones

What Matters: Caring Conversations About End of Life

<https://www.shomercollective.org/whatmatters>

Offered quarterly online, via trainings as well as at conferences and community presentations by invitation, this session is an opportunity to reflect on and learn more about the value that “end-of-life planning” can bring to you, your work, and those who are affiliated with your organization/s. What Matters is an advance care planning program--a person-centered approach to helping individuals and families identify and express their values, goals, and wishes around healthcare decision-making to select a healthcare proxy, and to consider these issues in light of Jewish wisdom and practice.

Shiva Circle

<https://shivacircle.org/get-involved-opportunities>

Shiva Circle trains caring, empathetic guides to help mourners articulate their needs and weave a network of support so the mourner can focus on their grief. By removing the burden of feeling like a host, Shiva Circle unlocks the power of shiva to help people feel held by Jewish tradition and community.

Sign up for our newsletter for updates: <https://www.shomercollective.org/newsletter>

