

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
**Thomas Lickona, Ph.D.**

Dr. Thomas Lickona is a nationally renowned developmental psychologist and Professor of Education at the State University of New York at Cortland. He has also been a visiting professor at Boston and Harvard Universities.

A past president of the Association for Moral Education, Dr. Lickona now serves on the advisory councils of the Character Education Partnership, Character Counts Coalition, and Medical Institute for Sexual Health.

Dr. Lickona is a frequent consultant to schools on character education and a frequent speaker at conferences for teachers, parents, religious educators, and other groups concerned about the moral development of young people. He has lectured across the United States and in Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Ireland, and Latin America on the subject of teaching moral values in the school and in the home.

Dr. Lickona holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the State University of New York at Albany and has done extensive research on the growth of children's moral reasoning. His publications include *Moral Development and Behavior* (1976), a popular book for parents, *Raising Good Children* (1983), a book describing his 12-point character education program, *Educating for Character: How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility* (1991), and a collection of essays by various authors, *Character Development in Schools and Beyond* (1992). *Educating for Character* has been praised as "the definitive work in the field" and was named winner of a 1992 Christopher Award for "affirming the highest values of the human spirit." His newest book is *Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues* has just been released.

Dr. Lickona's work has been featured in the New York Times Magazine article cover story, *Teaching Johnny to be Good* (April 30, 1995); in two videos, *Character Education: Restoring Respect and Responsibility in our Schools* and *Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education* (National Professional Resources); and in a four-part video training series on character education (Quality Educational Media, Inc.) In October 2001, the Character Education Partnership presented Dr. Lickona with the "Sandy" Award for lifetime achievement in character education.

Dr. Lickona has also been a guest on numerous radio and TV talk shows, including The Larry King Live Radio Show, Good Morning America, and Focus on the Family.

*This conference is a continuation of several highly successful programs held on the East and West Coasts that have attracted thousands of participants. Participation in this program is encouraged by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Los Angeles and sponsored in part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. National "Positive Jewish Parenting" programs are partially funded through a grant from the Goldstein family and Parkside Memorial Chapels, exclusive providers of the OU Levaya Program.*



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## Conference Schedule:

8:45 - 9:25 am On Site Registration/Refreshments Shalhevet School

9:30 - 10:30 am SESSION 1: CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Vicki Levi-Helfand, Ph.D. Developing Positive Body Image, Self-Acceptance, and Preventing Eating Disorders

Shirley Lebovics, LCSW Lows and Highs: Alcohol, Drugs, and Teen-Age Depression: How to Be Part of the Solution Not Part of the Problem

Jerry Friedman, Ph.D. The Making of a Mentch

10:45 - 11:45 am SESSION 2: CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Rabbi Steven Weil Religious Conflict: When Your Child Becomes Less (or More) Religious Than You Are

Sari Abrams, M.A. and Michelle Porjes, Ed.S. Staggering Through the Day: How to Help Your Over-committed Adolescents Manage Their Time and Get Some Sleep

Sam Gomberg, Ph.D. Rotten Kids or Clueless Adults? What Every Parent Should Know about Adolescent Moral Development

12:00 - 1:30 pm

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Raising Children of Character: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues  
Parent Talk: Question and Answer Session  
with Dr. Lickona and a panel of workshop presenters

*Reservations and Information: Admission is \$10 per person in advance and \$15 at the door.  
Conference Location: Shalhevet School, 910 South Fairfax Avenue*

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SARI ABRAMS, M.A.

A doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Long Island University in New York, Sari Abrams is currently teaching developmental psychology to high school students. Additionally, she has facilitated parenting workshops and discussions on topics such as sibling relationships, communication within the family and fostering a Jewish identity in your child.

JERRY FRIEDMAN, Ph.D.

Dr. Jerry Friedman is the founder of Shalhevet, an experimental school predicated on Torah and a cognitive developmental approach to education. This philosophy is based on the work of Dr. Lawrence Kohlberg, a renowned theorist of cognitive moral development who was Dr. Friedman's mentor at Harvard. Dr. Friedman has conducted seminars on moral development at Harvard and Hebrew University. As a Scholar-in-Residence, he has lectured widely throughout the United States and Canada.

SAM GOMBERG, Ph.D.

Dr. Sam Gomberg has lectured throughout the United States, Japan, and Israel on moral developmental theory and its applications. He is recognized as a leading proponent of the moral education theory and research. He has developed educational materials that have been translated into Hebrew and have been integrated by Israel's Ministry of Education into teachers training programs.

SHIRLEY LEBOVICS, LCSW

Mrs. Lebovics is a licensed clinical social worker in private practice in Beverly Hills where she offers counseling to adults, families, and children. Her area of expertise is in the field of domestic violence, trauma, and anger management and has written extensively on these topics.

VICKI LEVI-HELFAHD, Ph.D.

Dr. Vicki Levi-Helfand has been counseling children and adolescents for ten years at the Rader Eating Disorder Institute in Los Angeles, the pediatric and adolescent unit of the California Psychiatric Center in Alhambra and in private practice. She currently leads the enrichment program at Maimonides Academy in Los Angeles.

MICHELLE D. PORJES, Ed.S.

Michelle D. Porjes, Ed.S. is a credentialed school psychologist and licensed education psychologist. She is currently the Coordinator of Student Services at the Pressman Academy of Temple Beth Am where she specializes in consultation, academic remediation, and behavioral interventions. Additionally, she frequently lectures on a variety of topics including understanding children's development, developing study habits in children and adolescents, and enhancing self-esteem in children.

RABBI STEVEN WEIL

Rabbi Steven Weil has been serving as the spiritual leader of Beth Jacob Congregation in Beverly Hills for the past 3½ years. He previously headed the Young Israel of Oak Park in Michigan and was on the faculty of the Frisch School in Paramus, New Jersey. He has been active in a myriad of council activities and has initiated creative, innovative programs in all of his posts.