

Infusing Jewish Values into a Digital Citizenship Curriculum *Julie Koven Levine*

Description: This session will detail how Jewish values have been integrated into the digital citizenship curriculum at a K-8 school, particularly in grades 3-5. At Rashi, our core values of Kehillah, Limud, Ruach, Tzedek, and Kavod guide our behavior. As the network is an extension of the school, our school-wide Derech Eretz policy applies to the use of our school computers and other electronic devices. Digital citizenship lessons are often framed in a Jewish context as we teach how to use the internet safely and respectfully. Lessons include discussions of Shmirat HaLashon in terms of electronic communication; awareness of our digital footprint and responsibilities when in the larger world-wide kehillah; and kavod for creators' rights.

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