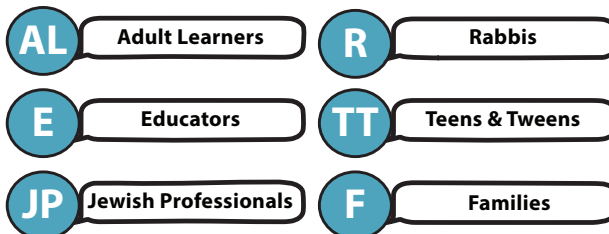


## Ancient Jewish Wisdom meets Contemporary Technology

### A User's Guide

For more information  
email, call, or text Rabbi Jeffrey Schein  
utschein@gmail.com  
216.409.3813



## 1. SILENCE THE RINGER, NOT THE CONVERSATION

What would Abe, Mordy, and Joe say about our relationship to technology? We usually skim along the surface of our attitude towards technology. Take a deeper dive here with the help of three of the most significant modern Jewish thinkers Mordecai Kaplan, Abraham Joshua Heschel, & Joseph Soloveitchik.



## 2. THE GREAT PARADOX OF TECHNOLOGY IN OUR LIVES

How can it be that we both under & over-utilize technology in our Jewish lives? Explore Jewish & developmental perspectives on this paradox & take away a tool for constantly keeping the tension between being plugged and unplugged a productive one.



## 3. TO POST OR NOT TO POST, THAT IS THE QUESTION

What's the difference between laughing at someone and laughing with them? A good ethical/philosophical question that takes a very practical turn as teens, tweens, and families explore whether they would post a picture to the Awkward Family Photos website if they themselves were the person in the picture.



## 4. TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTIONS & THEIR IMPACT ON JUDAISM

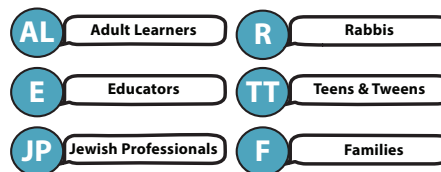
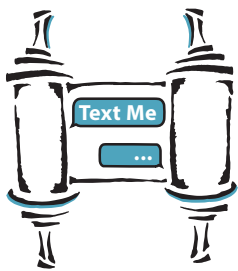
Participants sequence 21 technological innovations that changed the shape of world civilization. They also explore the impact of several on Jewish life.



## 5. BLESSINGS & CURSES: JEWISH PROFESSIONAL LIFE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Contemporary technology often blurs the line between our personal and professional Jewish lives. This workshop searches for greater clarity about the blessings and cursings of technology in Jewish life.





## 6. GOLDEN CALVES , DIGITAL DEVICES, & OTHER LIFE SAVING FORMS OF IDOLATRY

Maimonides might have called it idolatry, but we might have a different understanding of our constant need to be connected to people and the world through our digital devices. **AL**

## 7. CREATING JEWISH CONVERSATIONS WITH STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR DIGITAL LIVES

Participants will experience several of the signature methodologies from Text Me: Ancient Jewish Wisdom Meets Contemporary Technology as tools for creating conversations about technology based on Jewish values. **E**

## 8. DIGITAL NATIVES, DIGITAL IMMIGRANTS, & DIGITAL DILEMMAS

See what a 1933 Bintel Brief (a Dear Abby of its time) addressed to the editor of the Jewish Forward reveals to us about the multiple languages (all English!) spoken by digital natives and immigrants. **AL**

## 9. Ideas Fly Fast, Habits Change Slowly:

### A High Holy Day Tradition Applied to Technology Experience

Experience how an eclectic mix of classical Jewish texts, a high holiday tradition, and a Ted Talk from Dr. Sherry Turkle can help us gain some perspective on where we have come to in our relationships with technology today. **AL E**

## 10. MARSHALL MCLUHAN GALLERY

*The Medium is the Massage* by Marshall McLuhan and Quentin Fiore (1967) gave us the notion of a global electronic village well ahead of the internet. Explore his most seminal insights for our current digital age. **AL E R**

## 11. DIALOGUES ON DIGITAL LIFE: TOM FRIEDMAN, SHERRY TURKLE, & MARSHALL MCLUHAN OFFER INSIGHTS INTO TECHNOLOGY IN OUR LIVES

Compare & contrast the views of the impact of technology on contemporary life through the perspectives of a brilliant journalist (Friedman), a poster child of Wired magazine turned critic of wired culture (Turkle), & the prophet of the digital age (McLuhan). **AL**