

How are executive directors responding to new challenges?

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What to expect in a network?

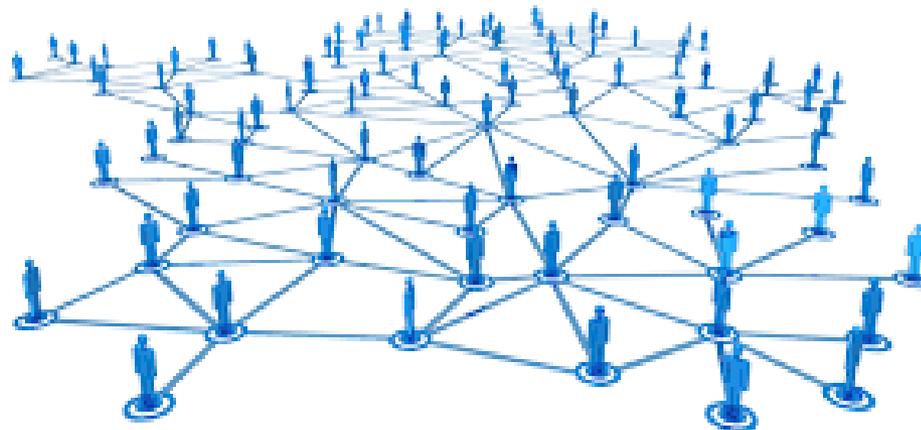
Co-construction around the questions you are want explored



Welcome--Connection

Please share

- Your name
- Where you are from
- One critical question you are holding –that keeps you up at night?



Core Discussion:

Jewish practice and wisdom as a compass

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Text Study:

The outer and inner signs of leaders

Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See I put you in charge of all the land of Egypt.” And removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph’s hand; and he had him dressed in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. He had him ride in the chariot of his second in command, and they cried before him, “Bow.” Thus he placed him over all the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, yet without you , no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” Pharaoh then gave Joseph the name Zaphenath Paneah, and he gave him for a wife Asenath daughter of Poti-phaera, preist of On. (Genesis 41:41-45)



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From Abraham to Joseph to Moses and onward (leaders) spent time as a shepherd before or parallel to having a leadership role.

The shepherd is an outstanding metaphor for the leader because of the skills required, the tasks and responsibilities undertaken and the nature of the flock. In order to be a shepherd, you need to be flexible and adaptable to changes in terrain and weather. You need to be positive and territorial to protect your sheep from enemies and account for them...each of them...at all times. And you need to be nurturing.

As a successful shepherd you need to be comfortable wandering in search of better pastureland and unafraid of the unexpected. You also need inner resources to cope with solitude and isolations. ..Your solitude is not a source of angst but a font of spirituality. (Inspired Jewish Leadership by Dr. Erica Brown P. 35)

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Reflections and Next steps



Resources to share

<http://jewishrecon.org/networks/executive-directors>