



The New Center for Collaborative Leadership  
of BJENY-SAJES presents...

## Welcome Jewish Educators who Work with Teens

Jewish teen providers all over NY have expressed a sincere desire to get parents more involved in their teen's Jewish engagement, to help parents understand their teens better in general and to gain the support of the larger community on teen issues.

The New Center for Collaborative Leadership at BJENY-SAJES has heard your call and are super excited to be bringing...

**Vanessa Van Petten,**

Specialist on Parent-Teen Communication

in from the West Coast to meet with us.

Please join us for this special learning opportunity!!!

**Vanessa Van Petten's** fresh faced presence can energize a room. In her mid-twenties, Vanessa has been speaking in communities across the world about parent-teen communication and has published a book titled "**You're Grounded!**" Her blog provides a forum where over 75 teenagers broadcast their thoughts to the adult world. A Hebrew School graduate, Vanessa is well aware of the many challenges that exist within the world of Jewish teens and is currently working on a book for Jewish mothers and their daughters. She has been featured on **CNN** and **CBS**, has been written about in **Teen Vogue**, **Wall Street Journal**, was chosen as one of the top 100 bloggers to watch by **Women's Magazine** and is on this season of **Real Housewives of Orange County** helping the parents and teens. Jewish central agencies and congregations across America have exclaimed, "If you can get Vanessa- she is so GREAT- snatch her up



immediately!" Giving a young perspective on awesome parenting, Vanessa's mission is to "improve parent-teen relationships by providing them with new perspectives, stories and neutral places to communicate."

Take a step back with Vanessa Van Petten, *Youthologist*, to consider...

How do our teens view us as educators? How do we view them?  
What assumptions are we making about each other?

How can we best communicate with each other in order to build the most effective relationships possible?

How can I serve as a role model for the teens I work with ?

How can I engage, excite and inspire the teens I work with?

What's my role in the parent-teen dynamic?

**Please join us for any or all of these events:**

All events are free to attend. Please RSVP to the e-mail address linked with the particular event and specify which event you are RSVPing to in your e-mail 'Subject.' Thank you!

**March 9, 2010 from 9am-11am**

at BJENY-SAJES in Manhattan at  
520 Eighth Avenue, 15th Floor, NY, NY 10018  
(Breakfast)

Please RSVP to Nike Silberstein at [SilbersteinN@bjeny.org](mailto:SilbersteinN@bjeny.org)

**March 9, 2010 from 1pm-3pm**

at Shelter Rock Jewish Center  
272 Shelter Rock Road, Roslyn, NY 11576

**(Lunch)**

Please RSVP to Beth Finger at [BFinger@Sajes.org](mailto:BFinger@Sajes.org)

**March 11, 2010 from 10am-12pm**

at BJENY-SAJES in White Plains at  
701 Westchester Avenue, Suite 2A2,  
White Plains, NY 10604

**(Brunch)**

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