**WHAT IS A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE?**

**A Definition**

Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.

<http://wenger-trayner.com/theory/>

**What Communities of Practice Might Look Like**

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| ***Problem solving*** | “Can we work on the Tu Bishvat unit and brainstorm some ideas? I’m stuck.” |
| ***Requests for information*** | “Where can I find the fake matzah that I saw in the Pesah video?” |
| ***Seeking experience*** | “Has anyone taught a Hebrew Through Movement lesson focused on Sh’ma?” |
| ***Reusing assets*** | “I have a script for the Synagogue Unit  ((לעלות על הבימה. I can send it to you and you can easily tweak it for your own students.” |
| ***Coordination and synergy*** | “Anyone else getting ready to teach the Hanukkah blessings? Could I sit with you to plan?” |
| ***Discussing developments*** | “How might we encourage continued Hebrew language learning with students who are no longer in our targeted grades for HTM?” |
| ***Documentation projects*** | “For 3 years now the 3 of us have integrated colors into different lessons and each year we plan from scratch. Let’s write it down once and for all.” |
| ***Visits*** | “Can we come and see you teach?” |
| ***Mapping knowledge and identifying gaps*** | “Which are the blessings and rituals for which the curriculum provides no guidance? Can we do something about that?” |