

Outline of the LAVE (Life And Values Education) PROGRAMS
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Below is the outline of the NCSY LAVE Programs. Each lesson consists of a description of the video, goals of the lesson, a step-by-step Q&A and sources in English and Hebrew. For more information about this program, contact [Rabbi Nachum Amsel](#)

TOPIC

TRIGGER VIDEO

YEAR I

1. Relationship to Elders and Sensitivity to All Others
2. Choices and Priorities in Judaism
3. Tzedaka, Chesed and Charity: What's the Difference?
4. Prejudice By and Against Jews
5. Business Ethics and Stealing
6. Personal Antisemitism and the Jewish Reaction

The Shopping Bag Lady
 The Bill Cosby Show
 Clown
 Barney Miller
 Archie Bunker: Brings home drill
 Archie Bunker: JDL

YEAR II

1. Jewish Identity
2. Snitching: Right or Wrong?
3. Jewish Prayer and Self-Actualization
4. Shul Vandalism: The New Antisemitism?
5. Lashon Hara and the Jewish Concept of Speech

Archie Bunker: Stephanie's Jewish
 One Day At a Time
 Taxi
 Archie Bunker
 Facts of Life

YEAR III

1. Israel and Jewish Identity (Double Lesson)
2. Cheating and Honesty
3. Death and Shiva in Judaism
4. The Jewish Attitude to Wealth and Money
5. Understanding the Palestinian Uprising
6. Being Different and Being Jewish

Cast a Giant Shadow: (First scene)
 Better Days
 Facts of Life
 Twilight Zone
 48 Hours: (20 minute clip)
 Molly's Pilgrim

YEAR IV

1. The Jewish Attitude to Senility
- 2-3. Bad Things Happen to Good People: Some Jewish Approaches
4. Jewish Attitudes to the Mentally Handicapped
5. Jewish View of Beauty and Ugliness
6. Legitimate and Illegitimate Advertising in Judaism

Grandma Never Waved Back
 Webster
 Kate and Allie
 Twilight Zone
 One Day At a Time

YEAR V

1. HOW to Give Tzedaka
2. Jewish Attitude to Drugs
3. The Jewish View of Life After Death
4. Returning Found Objects: The Jewish Approach
5. Interdating and Intermarriage
6. Purpose of School and Learning

Archie Bunker
 Growing Pains
 One Day at a Time
 Alice
 Archie Bunker
 Growing Pains

Year VI

1. The Meaning of Bar Mitzvah for the Jew
2. Medical Ethics: Kidney Transplants
3. The Meaning of Brit Milah for the Jew (I)
4. Being Jewish in Assimilated America (II)
5. Passing Down Jewish Tradition (III)
6. Why Remember the Holocaust?

Wonder Years
 LA Law
 Thirtysomething
 Thirtysomething
 Thirtysomething
 Twilight Zone

7. Stealing: From the Airwaves to the Supermarket
8. Is God Watching Us? (I)
9. Is There Right and Wrong in the World? (II)
10. Assimilation

The Simpsons
 Crime and Misdemeanors
 Crimes and Misdemeanors
 Driving Miss Daisy

Year VII

1. Jewish Attitudes to Learning and Less Observant Children
2. Jewish Identity, Brit Milah and Chanukah
3. The Environment and Ecology in Judaism
4. The Jewish Family and Life's Choices
5. The Jewish Attitude Towards AIDS
6. Science and Religion: Conflict in Judaism?

The Simpsons
 The Eighth Day
 LA Law
 Brooklyn Bridge
 LA Law
 Inherit the Wind (segment)

Year VIII

1. Is It Good or Bad for the Jews? & Family
2. Honesty
3. The Value of Jerusalem & Heart of Israeli Soldiers
4. Freedom and God
5. Mourning Customs, Baalei Teshuva and Tzitzit
6. Why Tell Children About the Holocaust?
7. Dwarf Tossing and Renouncing One's Dignity
8. Defining a Miracle and Basing Belief in God Upon It
9. Relationship to a Teacher
10. Relating to All Other Jews, Even Strangers

LA Law
 NBC News Honesty Test
 Cast a Giant Shadow (segment)
 Twilight Zone
 Stranger Among Us (segment)
 Brooklyn Bridge
 LA Law
 Archie Bunker
 Wonder Years
 Northern Exposure

Year IX

1. Defining the Essence of Judaism and Wanting to Be Jewish
2. Honesty and Snitching
3. Antisemitism Today: The Yarmulke & Shabbat of Today
4. What Happens After Death?
5. Alzheimer's and The Value of Life
6. Assimilation and Shabbat of Old
7. Having Different Values From Society: Is it Wrong?
8. Jewish Attitudes to Dating and Sexual Ethics
9. Antisemitism of Old & Issues of Being the Only Jews in Town
10. Ex-Nazis in Western Countries and Life's Choices

Picket Fences
 Only Benjy Knows: Should He Tell?
 Trials of Rosie O'Neil
 Murphy Brown
 Picket Fences
 Sisters
 LA Law
 Trigger Film: Touching
 Gunsmoke
 Reasonable Doubts

Year X

1. Jewish Identity in Non-Jewish Society
2. Concept Of Miracles, Purpose Of Life, And Belief
3. Learning How To Do Chesed
4. Bet Din vs. Secular Court
5. Self Esteem In Judaism
6. Jewish Attitude To Animals
7. Holocaust Issues
8. Jewish Attitude to Alcohol
9. Antisemitism Today and How To Combat It
10. Jewish Concepts of Kaddish and Minyan

School Ties (excerpt)
 Hogan Family
 Oprah Winfrey
 Picket Fences
 The Simpsons
 LA Law
 Schindler's List (excerpts)
 My Two Dads
 After School Special
 Northern Exposure

Year XI

1. Parents And Children: Responsibilities And Respect
2. Saving A Life: At What Cost?
3. How Much Should We Love Our Friends?
4. Euthanasia: The Jewish View

Dinosaurs
 Chicago Hope
 Growing Pains
 Archie Bunker

5. Defining Responsibility For Someone's Death
6. Children's Questions About God & Hypocrisy Of Parents
7. Concepts And Laws Of Brit Milah
8. Denying The Holocaust: How To Respond?
9. Impact Of Teachers
10. Chesed Choices And Chesed Impact

NYPD Blue
Roseanne
MASH
Quincy
Twilight Zone
To Be An Angel

Year XII

1. Jewish Identity, Interest in Own Heritage vs. Another's
2. Is Prophecy Possible Today & Issues of Belief
3. Misleading People and Genaivat Daat
4. Success and Wealth: Are These the Most Important Things?
5. The Importance of Physical Beauty vs. the Mind
6. The Purpose of Mitzvot
7. Survivor Almost Loses Grandchild and Her Belief
8. Talk Show Host Incites Murder (J. Jones): Guilty or Not?
9. The Importance of Preserving a Person's Dignity
10. Fear of Death and the Jewish Attitude to Death

Touched By An Angel
Oh God (excerpt)
Seinfeld
Archie Bunker
One Day At a Time
Karate Kid I (excerpt)
ER
LA Law
MASH -- Potter's Horse
Twilight Zone

Year XIII

1. The Power of Prayer
2. The State of Israel: Modern Orthodox vs. Charedi Views
3. The Dilemma of Paying Ransom to Free a Hostage
4. Snitching and Danger in Judaism
5. The Real Purpose of Mitzvot and Effect of a Teacher
6. When to Tell and Not Tell the Truth
7. The Definition of a Jewish Hero
8. Triage and Other Medical Ethics Dilemmas
9. Family Purity and Jewish Man-Woman Relationships
10. The Real Purpose of Life and How to Get There

Independence Day (Movie clip)
The Chosen (Movie clip)
Ransom (Movie clip)
Scent of a Woman (Movie clip)
Mr. Holland's Opus (Movie clip)
Liar Liar (Movie clip)
Hero (Movie clip)
Extreme Measures (Movie clip)
Mirror Has Two Faces (Movie clip)
Groundhog Day (Movie clip)

Year XIV

1. The Jewish View Of The Golem
2. Jewish Prayer And Deciding Whom To Save
3. Jewish Belief In God
4. Should We Rely On God For Help?
5. Paying Someone To Create An Impression
6. Is "Doing Nothing" A Punishable Offense?
7. Antisemitism In The Past And Today
8. Man Trying To "Play God" And Life Dilemma
9. Jewish View Of Tattoos And Burial
10. Basic Jewish Ideas And Concepts

X Files
Deep Impact (Movie Clip)
Contact (Movie Clip)
Picket Fences
The Practice
Seinfeld
In The Heat Of The Night
Titanic (Movie Clip)
The Nanny
Larry King: Dr. Laura

Year XV

1. Concepts Of Yom Kippur
2. Jewish Attitudes to Doctors and Bikur Cholim
3. Bar Mitzvah And Believing In Ritual
4. The Ideal Jewish Society
5. The Role Of Man In the World
6. God's Hashgacha-Providence In The World
7. Telling A Lie And Keeping A Secret

Northern Exposure
Patch Adams (Movie Clip)
Dinosaurs
Pleasantville (Movie Clip)
Twilight Zone
Truman Show (Movie Clip)
Seinfeld

8. Money And Greed
9. Lashon Hara And Newspapers
10. Elie Weisel And The Holocaust

Other People's Money (Movie Clip)
 The Paper (Movie clip)
 Oprah Winfrey

Year XVI

1. Encroaching and Misleading Someone
2. Family, Differences & Similarities Between Judaism & Christianity
3. Beauty and Ugliness
4. Relying on Oneself or on God?
5. **5.** The Jewish Attitude To Revenge
6. God's Providence: How Much God & How Much Us?
7. The Jewish Attitude to Friendship
8. Does God Exist? -- The Debate (Revisited)
9. The Jewish Attitude to Cloning
10. Miracles or Coincidences?

You've Got Mail (Movie Clip)
 Keeping the Faith (Movie Clip)
 Seinfeld
 Touched by an Angel (Kirk Douglas)
 The Confession (Movie Clip)
 Murphy Brown
 Skulls (Movie Clip)
 Carl Sagan Debates Dennis Prager
 The Sixth Day (Movie Clip)
 Vignettes of Chanoch Teller Video

Year XVII

1. The Impact of Acts of Chesed
2. The Difference Between Man and Animal Difference
3. The Effects of Wealth and Poverty
4. Getting Pregnant to Abort & Using Stem Cells to Heal Sickness
5. The Awesome Power and Potential of Lashon Hara
6. Conversion, Asylum in Israel and Extradition
7. The Jewish Attitude to Capital Punishment
8. Importance of Man vs. Torah, Shabbat & Other Jewish Issues
9. Homosexuality in Orthodox Judaism
10. Which World is the "Real" World?

Pay it Forward (Movie Clip)
 Imotar Ha-adam: The Small
 For Richer, For Poorer (Movie Clip)
 Chicago Hope
 Gossip (Movie Clip)
 Law and Order
 West Wing
 Frisco Kid (Movie Clip)
 Chicago Hope
 The Matrix (Movie Clip)