

Four Steps to Guide Study of the 21st Century Kaplanian Vision of Jewish Education

1. Read through the vision as a whole. What are you most general impressions? Share your thoughts with others.

2. Keep three different color markers handy. If one color circle a word, phrase, or at most a sentence you want to deeply and completely affirm. Use a second color to circle something that seems either curious or unclear to you. Use the third to circle something(s) you might agree with.

3. Expand the dialogue.

We have already received a wide range of comments about our 21st Century Vision. Which of the comments resonate most with you?

- A. I think it's too facile to make meaning making individual and tikkun olam communal. The individual and community are more integrally related.
- B. While long on vision the document is not practical enough to be truly helpful
- C. While deeply rooted in Kaplan I think the document misses Kaplan's spirit of being innovative in the moment and responsive to the ever-changing needs of the Jewish people.
- D. I have stopped using peoplehood entirely. I think it's no longer a useful term. I like the idea that there is a prozdor one must pass through before actualizing the elements of this vision but I don't think peoplehood is the prozdor.
- *E.* The document comes close but doesn't quite capture the meaning making mechanisms of millennials and a post-peoplehood generation.
- 4. Implications of this Evolving Vision for Your Education Program.

What might look different about your current Jewish education program if it were more aligned with this vision?