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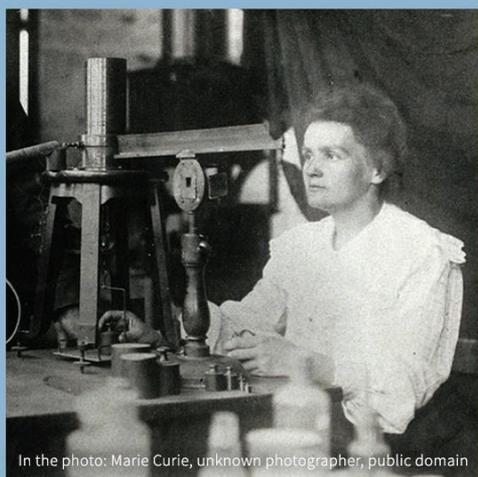


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Gender Without Pause

An Anthology of Classroom Lessons on Gender

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Dear Readers,

In February 2021 we published a new digital anthology of classroom lessons on gender, named **Gender Without Pause**. We have compiled about 40 lesson plans in Hebrew produced by Kedma, all focusing on gender equality, from a wide spectrum of perspectives. Here you can find [the original Anthology in Hebrew](#).

We believe that gender education should not be a one-time event on International Women's Day, and cannot be taught exclusively in a gender-studies context. Gender education should be addressed continuously 'Without Pause' - in any class or even at recess time! This critical thinking is what we aim to adopt in our teaching at all ages and in all disciplines: In mathematics and in science, in history and in Torah studies, in Literature and Road Safety, in Jewish holidays and when discussing current events and in all educational formats.

Our Gender Curriculum Anthology maximizes opportunities to teach gender equality in a variety of ways and encourages the development of critical thinking skills regarding gender among students of all ages. Each page of the Hebrew anthology features a summary of what is included in the full lesson plan and turns the user to our site for free access to the complete lesson plan. Also in the anthology you will find poems, videos and other resources all about gender equality, to enrich the knowledge and toolkit of the teachers in this field.

In this document, we chose to translate three pages from the anthology in order to give the English readers a taste of the full experience (The lesson plans themselves are not translated to English).

The anthology is lovingly dedicated to Etti Binder, of blessed memory, a teacher at 'Neve Hof' elementary school. Etti is sorely missed, as she was an exceptional woman, charismatic and loved by her students and co-workers. Etti led the strategic planning of gender education and equality at 'Neve Hof', developed lessons and activities to promote gender equality at the school and raised awareness regarding gender-based language in the classroom.



'Neve Hof' is one of the schools that Kedma Association gives pedagogical accompaniment, and this is an opportunity to thank its entire educational staff for their outstanding approach to gender equality in all aspects of education as well as its application in language used in the school environment.

Sincerely,

Kedma Association Staff

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Girls in Pink, Boys in Blue?

In the following lesson plan we will raise questions about our beliefs about what is natural and neutral regarding males and females in the realm of fashion and media and how societal expectations shape our way of life.

(Appropriate for elementary and high school age.)



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What's the difference between Sex and Gender?

How is this connected to Societal Expectations?

Why did Gergemel decide to create the female Smurf? Who is the female character appearing in episode 1 of The Smurfs? What are some of the messages regarding males and females in this popular TV series?

This lesson plan focuses on raising questions about things that we assume to be natural and neutral and attempts to examine the impact that this has on us. Is it possible to do things differently? This is an opportunity to hold a fascinating and challenging classroom lesson for both girls and boys!

To Read the Lessons (Hebrew)

The Girl-Boy Toy Experiment

Short Video in English (BBC)
Examining the beliefs and behaviors of adults regarding gender stereotypes and the affect on education and messaging to children. (There are links to a previous episode within the program.)

Classroom Guidebook



A variety of experiential activities appropriate for students grades 7-12. Most activities taken from the popular book-series '[Dialogue Hour](#)'.

**To Download
the Guidebook**

Courtship or sexual harassment?

3 Lesson Plans

The lessons are taken from the book 'Dialogue Hour' - a book of educational activities that deals with dilemmas and situations related to sexual harassment in school and in general.

(Appropriate for high school age students.)



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Millions of women around the globe in recent years have joined the MeToo online campaigns. The campaigns have exposed more and more sexual harassment of women (and of men as well) who have decided to join and expose, often for the first time, in public, and leave us not choice but to look the reality in the eyes and deal with these issues as they are raised. **As these issues are raised there is an opportunity for teachers and educators to address these issues in the classroom as well.** Sexual harassment happens at school as well and most students do not seek help. It is not always clear if a comment at recess, a WhatsApp message, a touch is a harmless prank, flirting or sexual harassment.

[To Read the Lessons \(Hebrew\)](#)

Is It OK to Say?

Parody Skit from the Television Series 'Eretz NeHederet':
The sketch brings up questions about how men speak to women, what are legitimate limitations and what are not and how women are meant to react. Do women truly have power? (Hebrew)

A Collection of Lessons on Sexual Violence:



There are many types of violence against women. In this anthology we focus on sexual violence. (Including 1 lesson plan originally in English – designated to English language class.)

[To Download the Anthology](#)

What is Hiding Under the Cloche?

Are there no female chefs? If there are, why haven't we heard of them?

In this curriculum we will ask questions and get closely acquainted with female chefs. (Appropriate for elementary and high school age students.)

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For a while now, chefs are not only chefs but celebrities too. They are the judges of cooking competitions, have their own television programs, appear in advertisements, and their faces are recognizable to us all. The thing is, that the professional chef is a male-only club almost entirely sealed off to women! Between the numerous well-known male chefs only one of two female chefs names appear. How is it that the kitchen, the traditional place of women, has been marginalized and what is on display is the elitist kitchen controlled by males? We have decided to invite students to ask these questions, to attempt to answer them and to get to know some female chefs better.

To Read the Lesson (Hebrew)



What Do You Eat?

A lesson Plan in preparation for World Food Day, initiated by the Food and Agricultural Department of the United Nations.

This lesson plan deals with food from cultural and sociological and economic perspectives.

[The Feminist Revolution of the Druze Women in the Kitchen](#) *Article from Ynet*

The status of the women in the Druze society in Israel is undergoing a change in the recent years and more and more women are opening restaurants and 'shattering glass ceilings' of the home kitchen. Now they are also attempting to change the familiar stereotype of Druze cuisine.



To Read the Lesson Plan (Hebrew)