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This discussion will delve into some very provocative and possibly worrisome topic that all modern parents must be informed about. Does your child have a cell phone? Will your child ever have a cell phone? How will you know what they are doing with the cell phone with open access to the Internet?

As a parent, how do you set guidelines? Do you just give open access and trust your child to make the right decisions despite unfiltered access to others who may want to prey on young undefended youth?

Ms. Berman-Dry is the Director of Academic Technology and teaches technology classes

for grades K-6 at St. John's Episcopal School. She has given presentations on Social Media and Internet Safety and Technology at many local and national conferences and organizational meetings. She was awarded the Shirley J. Lowrie excellence in teaching award in 2010 and was recently featured in the educational journal called Learning and Leading with Technology.

Ms. Berman-Dry will help open our eyes and provide some real perspective on this timely topic of media and how we parents can be directly involved.



## **"Sex and Sensibility"**

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This discussion will focus on sexuality through the lens of the "five universal needs" of children and adolescents across the developmental spectrum. Additionally, we will cover the five corresponding roles for the adult nurturers in their lives.

Of all the challenging and seemingly critical moments in parenting, having the sex talk may be the most awkward.

Roffman is here to hold parents' hands as they navigate this terrain. She's written two books on communicating with kids about sex—Talk to Me First: Everything You Need to Know to Become Your Kids' "Go-To" Person About Sex and Sex and Sensibility: The Thinking Parent's Guide to Talking Sense about Sex.