

Meet Our Faculty

2022-2023

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DEVELOP GOALS TECHNIQUE SKILLS
PREPARE
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Derived SI units

- Sometimes you may need to describe a measurement by combining 2+ of these units to form a derived unit
 - Connected by multiplication or division

Example:
 $1 \text{ Newton} = \frac{1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$

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Mrs. Sara Backenroth

Chumash, Yahadus

Mrs. Backenroth holds teaching degrees from both Bnos Chava Teachers' Seminary and Bais Yaakov of Montreal Teachers' Training College. Her book, *InsideOut*, was published by Feldheim in 2015, and addresses topics in self-awareness and personal development based on the **יהדות** curriculum that she designed for the students of Reenas Bais Yaakov. In her capacity as teacher and special programs coordinator, Mrs. Backenroth has designed close to 100 innovative workshops, and she consults with high schools about programming for their Yemei Iyun, Shabbatons and other school events.



Mrs. Shana Broad

Ivrit

Mrs. Broad, a graduate of Machon Raaya Seminary and a native Hebrew speaker, teaches **עברית** to our tenth and eleventh grades. Before joining RBY, Mrs. Broad taught at JFS, Yeshiva of Greater Washington, Yeshiva Ketana of Lakewood and Ilan High School. With over a decade of teaching experience, Mrs. Broad brings much passion to her teaching and adds both breadth and depth to students' language skills.



Mrs. Estie Blumenthal

Chumash, Mechaneches

Mrs. Blumenthal is a graduate of Bais Yaakov Teacher's Seminary. For the past three decades, Mrs. Blumenthal has devoted herself to teaching Bnos Yisroel. She has taught hundreds of girls in Bais Rivka Rochel and Oros Bais Yaakov in Lakewood, New Jersey. Mrs. Blumenthal has earned a reputation for bringing clarity, understanding and a love for Yiddishkeit through the words of the **חומש** and the **נביאים**. Her ability to make the learning alive and relevant ensures that the life-lessons remain with the students long after they leave her classroom.



Mrs. Chavi Busel

Navi, Tehillim, Mechaneches

Mrs. Busel graduated from BJJ-Machon Sara Schneizer L'Moros with teacher's certification. Over the past twenty years she has taught **לימודי קודש** subjects in various Lakewood schools, including Bais Kaila and Oros Bais Yaakov. Her warm personality and flexible nature led her to be chosen as a **מחנכת** in Lakewood. She continues that role in Reenas as our 12th grade **מחנכת** and **נביא** teacher. Additionally, Mrs. Busel teaches **תהלים** to the 10th grade. Mrs. Busel's teaching talents and wisdom benefit Reenas students both in and out of the classroom.



Mrs. Dubbie Busel

Navi, Yearbook

Mrs. Busel graduated from BJJ-Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros with certification to teach Judaic Studies. Mrs. Busel, has taught **נביא**, **באור תפלה**, and Computer Graphics at Reenas, and is also our in-house creative and technical leader. She designs and produces almost all Reenas productions and events, maintains our computer systems and oversees our G.O. and Mishmeres committees. Mrs. Busel's talents are in demand outside of Reenas as well; she produces magazines, brochures, yearbooks and videos for camps and schools throughout the tri-state area.



Rebbetzin Rivka Eichenstein

Parshah

Rebbetzin Eichenstein, a graduate of Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros and Gateshead seminary, began her teaching career in **ירושלים** where she taught at BJJ Seminary and also directed the Special Education Program at the **בית יעקב** in **ירושלים**. Currently, Rebbetzin Eichenstein is the 12th grade Merakezet and Director of Teacher Training at Bais Yaakov Intensive Seminary in Boro Park. Rebbetzin Eichenstein is called upon to develop curricula for schools throughout the metropolitan area. In addition to teaching **פרשה** to the twelfth-grade students at RBY, Rebbetzin Eichenstein teaches **פרשה** at Manhattan High School for Girls.



Mrs. Dinah Dwek

Math

After receiving certification from the New York Seminary and a B.A. from Excelsior College, Mrs. Dwek received her M.S. in Secondary Education with an emphasis in both Math and STEM. In addition to teaching high school math and STEM in Brooklyn, Mrs. Dwek has also served as a math mentor for new teachers and an Ed Tech Integrator. Mrs. Dwek combines both her math and technology skills to create pedagogy that is clear and tech friendly.



Dr. Sara Feigenbaum

Science

Dr. Feigenbaum is a graduate of Reenas Bais Yaakov and Bnos Sarah Seminary. She earned a B.S. in Biology as well as a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Touro College. Dr. Feigenbaum brings into the classroom a passion for biology as well as years of clinical experience in the healthcare field. She uses her experience to demonstrate the practicality of biology and how it affects our everyday lives.





Mrs. Hava Freidenreich

Science

Mrs. Freidenreich earned her B.S. in Secondary Science Education and Biology from the University of Maryland, College Park. She went on to pursue her M.A. in Science Education from Rutgers Graduate School of Education, where she was a Teaching Assistant for General Biology and researched middle school students' understandings of Genetics. Mrs. Freidenreich holds a NJ Teacher of Science Certification in Biology and Chemistry. Mrs. Freidenreich has worked for ETS, grading the free-response section of the AP Biology exam. She has also worked for ETS as an Outside Item Writer and Summer Intern, developing questions for future AP Biology exams.



Miss Malka Fried

Computers

Miss Fried is a proud graduate of Reenas Bais Yaakov. She attended Bnos Sara Seminary, then took a graphics course through Design Alive and worked in a marketing firm, both of which taught her the ins and outs of the design and marketing industry. She now works as a freelance graphic designer with a strong focus on branding and print ads. Miss Fried combines her real-world knowledge and aesthetic flair to teach her students design.



Mrs. Sharon Glinn

Computers

Mrs. Glinn graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Psychology from Roger Williams University and attended graduate school at Rutgers University. Mrs. Glinn has published and presented research on using mnemonic devices in learning as well as several studies on infant learning and memory. She has written computer courses and conducted corporate computer training classes for many years before moving on to teaching computers in public school for four years. Mrs. Glinn's wealth of experience enriches her computer class.



Mrs. Aviva Goldfarb

Art

Mrs. Goldfarb earned a B.A. in Fine Art and Design from Yeshiva University and the Fashion Institute of Technology, Suma Cum Laude, and has NJ State teacher's certification. In addition to her many years of teaching art, she worked in graphic design and textbook illustration. She believes that creativity is essential for success in any field and that with encouragement and practice, anyone can learn to draw.



Mrs. Tehilla Greenspan

Chumash, Computers

A graduate of Mesores Rochel Teachers' Seminary, Mrs. Greenspan also has a B.S. in Computer Science from Touro College. Having previously taught high school Chumash in Brooklyn, we are fortunate Mrs. Greenspan has joined us at Reenas this year. Her eclectic background and experience make her both a beloved chumash and navi teacher and a skilled programming instructor. A talented teacher, Mrs. Greenaspan brings passion and clarity into the classroom.



Mrs. Chani Gross

History

Mrs. Gross graduated from BJJ- Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros with teacher certification in Judaic Studies. She received her B.A. in Liberal Arts from Thomas Edison College, took Master's level courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University, and received her NJ teaching certification. She also trained as a teacher mentor through the Jewish New Teacher Project, a role she fills in RBY. Mrs. Gross has been teaching American history and other subjects for over two decades. She is a dynamic teacher who encourages independent thinking and instills in her students a love for learning.



Rabbi Dovid Gross

Halacha, Be'ur Tefillah, Machsheves Yisroel

Rabbi Gross is a מוסמך of Beth Medrash Govoha in Lakewood, where he learned for over ten years. Since 2001, he has been the director of Torah Links of Middlesex County, a קירוב organization based in East Brunswick. His years of educational and outreach experience enable him to give students clarity in both הלכה and השקפה. Students emerge from his class on the י"ג עקרי אמונה with a strong foundation in the basic tenets of Yiddishkeit.



Mrs. Sukey Gross

English

Mrs. Gross is a graduate of Bais Yaakov Academy Teacher's College and received her M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University. She has been teaching for over 35 years, both לימודי קדש and לימודי חול and has given teacher training courses. Mrs. Gross is the author of a series of novels for young adults and has also published short stories in various contemporary magazines such as the Jewish Press, Binah and Mishpacha. Mrs. Gross gives private courses and creative writing workshops. Under her expert instruction, our students publish their own short stories.





Mrs. Racheli Grunhaus

Navi, Parsha

Mrs. Grunhaus received her teacher's certification from BJJ- Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros and her dual M.A. in General Education and Special Education from Concordia University. She has taught Judaic and secular studies at both the elementary and high school levels. She currently teaches math at Ateres Nechama High School in Lakewood. Mrs. Grunhaus challenges her students to develop their textual skills, encourages them to recognize and internalize the Navi's timeless lessons and seeks to impart to them her excitement for learning.



Mrs. Riki Kaufman

Math, Science

Mrs. R. Kaufman is a graduate of Hadar Bais Yaakov and Touro College, where she received a B.S. in Mathematics and an M.S. in secondary education. Mrs. Kaufman has years of experience in both secondary and higher education where she has taught math and science. Most recently Mrs. Kaufman taught in Bruriah, and currently, in addition to Reenas, she teaches chemistry in the New Seminary Nursing program. In her engaging classroom, students learn mathematical thinking skills and science concepts.



Mrs. Hinda Kram

Math

Mrs. Kram graduated from Touro Graduate School of Education with a Masters in Math Education and Special Ed. She has been teaching math at Yeshiva of Flatbush for the past few years, specifically Geometry, Algebra, and AP Calculus. After moving to Eretz Yisroel, she has continued to teach remotely at several different high schools across the U.S. This is her second year in Reenas, teaching our 11th graders Precalculus from Yerushalayim!



Mrs. Naama Langert

Navi, Math

Mrs. Langert is a graduate of Reenas BY and BJJ - Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros, where she received teacher's certification. Along with a M.S. in Education and Special Education from Concordia University, Mrs. Langert has teaching experience across multiple grade levels in both Kodesh and Chol subjects. In her capacity as a Navi and math teacher and provider of one-on-one student support, Mrs. Langert crafts instruction to best fit the individual needs of Reenas students.



Mrs. Shuly Leitman

Spanish

Mrs. Shuly Leitman holds an education degree from the Sara Schenirer Institute and has over two decades of experience teaching Spanish. In addition to teaching at Reenas Bais Yaakov, Mrs. Leitman teaches at Bais Yaakov D'Rav Hirsch in Monsey and Manhattan High School for Girls. She structures lessons in a fun and creative way to build on intuitive knowledge. Mrs. Leitman also teaches our very hands-on and interactive Home Economics class.



Mrs. Cheyenna Levy

School Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Levy (LAC, NCC) is a licensed mental health professional with an M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is also a licensed educator, with decades of experience in both public and private sector schools. This background provides Mrs. Levy with a broad perspective of the social/emotional needs of high schoolers in today's world. Mrs. Levy brings her passion for helping students excel in all areas to Reenas Bais Yaakov. She helps them navigate through relationships, behaviors, feelings, and healthy decision making as they relate to and impact the learning experience. This is accomplished through close collaboration with students, staff, and parents.



Mrs. Robin Loewenstein

Math

Mrs. Loewenstein earned her B.S. in Special Education from West Chester University in West Chester, PA. Along with her teacher's certificate, Mrs. Loewenstein is recognized as highly qualified teacher of Mathematics. Gifted in the fields of Math and Science, Mrs. Loewenstein has been teaching those subjects in a variety of settings over the past 30 years. With a belief that every child can learn and master a vast repertoire of methodologies, Mrs. Loewenstein pushes her students to reach their potential.



Mrs. Aviella Neustadt

AP Psychology

Mrs. Neustadt received her B.A. from Touro College and her M.S.W. from the School of Social Work at Rutgers University. She brings over twenty years of teaching experience to the classroom. Mrs. Neustadt is a licensed clinical social worker who works with children in school settings. She also teaches music at YST Girls School. Her goal in the classroom is to educate the whole person and to enable her students to apply psychological concepts to their own lives.



חומש

משלי

מחנכת

Mrs. Elisheva Nusbaum

Chumash, Mishlei, Mechaneches

Mrs. Nusbaum graduated from BJJ-Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros with teacher's certification and then earned her B.A. in Psychology from Thomas Edison State College. She quickly developed a reputation as an inspiring educator through the positions she held in both Bais Yaakov of L.A. High School and in Seminar Yerushalayim. Aside from the important role she plays as teacher and mechaneches in Reenas Bais Yaakov, Mrs. Nusbaum is a sought after Kallah instructor, guiding all of her students with her warmth and wealth of experience.

הלכה

Rabbi Yaakov Pascal

Halacha

Rabbi Pascal learned in Rabbi Brodsky's Yeshiva in Toronto and Yeshivas Brisk in Yerushalayim, followed by 18 years learning in Beth Medrash Govoha where he received semicha and shimush in practical psak. While in Lakewood, Rabbi Pascal was involved in chinuch and delivered shiurim in both Halacha and Gemara topics. Rabbi Pascal began serving as the Rav of Khal Park Avenue in Clifton, NJ in 2020. In addition to teaching Halacha in Reenas Bais Yaakov, Rabbi Pascal teaches in Bais Yaakov of Passaic and Ahavas Bais Yaakov in Monsey, NY. He is known for his ability to explain complex Halachic topics in a clear and understandable manner.

הסטריה

Mrs. Brocha Raizel Nussbaum

Historia

Mrs. Nussbaum graduated from BJJ with a teacher's certificate. She immediately secured a job teaching 8th grade in TAG, Far Rockaway and has been teaching ever since. A beloved Reenas substitute, Mrs. Nussbaum now teaches Historia to our 10th and 11th grades. Her creative lessons and relatable personality keep her students interested and engaged. Mrs. Nussbaum's credo of **זכור ימות עולם** guides her objectives in curriculum and lesson planning.

הסטריה

מגילות

Mrs. Yehudis Pinter

Historia, Megillos

Mrs. Pinter graduated from BJJ-Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros with teacher's certification and has spent the last fourteen teaching both **לימודי חול** and **לימודי קדש** subjects in various Lakewood elementary and high schools. In addition to teaching at Reenas, Mrs. Pinter currently teaches **הסטורי** and **מגלה** at Bais Leah in Lakewood. In both her **הסטורי** and **מגילות** classes, Mrs. Pinter constructs a curriculum which directs the students to find connections to their everyday lives.



Mrs. Bracha Salamon

AP Government

A graduate of Reenas Bais Yaakov, Mrs. Salamon graduated from Touro College with a B.A. in Political Science. She then earned her Juris Doctor degree from Seton Hall Law School. Subsequently, Mrs. Salamon worked as a judicial law clerk for the New Jersey Superior Court. Mrs. Salamon now brings her passion for U.S. history and law to her 12th Grade U.S. Government class.



Dr. Dvora Sarfaty

English, History

Dr. Sarfaty received her B.A. from Teacher's Institute, Chicago, her M.A. in Education from Adelphi and her Ed.D. in Literacy Education from Rutgers University. She does teacher training at the Teacher's Institute for Special Education in Brooklyn, heads the Language Arts Department at Yeshiva Ketana of Passaic, and serves as an academic consultant for other schools. In addition to teaching the eleventh and twelfth grade students at Reenas Bais Yaakov, Dr. Sarfaty serves as college guidance counselor and curriculum coordinator of secular studies. Her eclectic education and career enable her to inculcate her students with a breadth of knowledge and create a curriculum that is both skills oriented and transformative.



Ms. Henna Shereshvsky

Current Events, Public Speaking

Ms. Shereshvsky holds a B.S. in Psychology from Mercy College and an M.A. in Curriculum Design from Columbia University. She comes to Reenas with extensive experience in education, having taught and developed curricula in several schools in North and Central Jersey. Ms. Shereshvsky develops the curriculum for Current Events by analyzing real-time events and selecting resources that reflect depth and diversity of thought. Her specialized public speaking curriculum focuses on modern public speaking skills, such as Powerpoint presentations and hosting Zoom meetings.



Mrs. Chana Zelda Sidney

History

After receiving a teaching certificate from Bnos Chava Seminary, Mrs. Sidney earned a B.A. summa cum laude in History and Psychology from Case Western Reserve University and an M.A. in Political Science from the CUNY Graduate Center. She is the recipient of a national Mellon Fellowship and a Franklin Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania, both for doctoral studies in history. Mrs. Sidney previously taught undergraduate level history at Maimonides College in Cleveland. Mrs. Sidney's lessons are text-based and rigorous, while simultaneously being fascinating and thought-provoking.



חומש

מחנכת

Mrs. Chaya Ettie Stewart

Academic Advisor, Chumash, Mechaneches

Mrs. Stewart joins us this year as head of our Learning Center. With an M.S. in Special Education and over 20 years in the field, Mrs. Stewart has the skills and the creativity to enhance all of our students' learning experiences. In addition to directing the Resource program and tutoring, Mrs. Stewart teaches Pirkei Avos and Navi in our 9th grade and is 9th Grade Mechaneches. Her warmth and ability to connect to every student is appreciated by the student body and the teachers alike.

נביא

Mrs. Toby Wilschanski

Navi

Mrs. Wilschanski graduated from Yavne Teachers' College where she received her teaching certificate. Her teaching experience over more than fifteen years, includes both elementary and high school level Judaic and secular studies in various schools. She also spent summers in Camp Shira developing and assisting in running the שיעור learning program. In addition to Reenas BY, Mrs. Wilschanski currently teaches נביא in Oros Bais Yaakov in Lakewood, NJ. Mrs. Wilschanski empowers her students with new skills and develops within them a love for learning.



Mrs. Esther Twersky

Human Growth

Mrs. Twersky, our Human Growth and Development teacher, brings 25 years of experience working with children into the classroom. A Touro graduate, Mrs. Twersky went on to Kean University for her M.A. in speech pathology. As a public school employee, Mrs. Twersky has worked with children of all populations and ages. Her class exposes students to both theory and pragmatic interventions in human development.



Mrs. Simcha Wise

Ivrit

Mrs. Wise, a native Israeli, is a graduate of Michlelet Hadassah in Jerusalem. Inspired to teach עברית to others, she founded the Baltimore Ivrit Ulpan to teach the language to adults. She also taught at the Bnos Yisroel High School of Baltimore. Mrs. Wise's goals are to make the language accessible and alive to her students.





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