



MEET OUR FACULTY

2023-2024
תשפ"ד

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BRAINSTORM OUR QUESTIONS ANSWERS
PRIORITIZE STUDENT LEARN
STUDY FUN TIPS ADVISE WRITE
TEST ADVISE REVIEW
SUPPORT TIME QUIZ WORK
COUNSEL THINK TRANSLATE
DEVELOP GOALS TECHNIQUE SKILLS
TEAM PRACTICE MANAGE
REENAS BAIS YAAKOV

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. Alya Akkerman

Science

Mrs. Akkerman began her professional training in Russia as a medical student with a strong focus on child development. After immigrating to the U.S. she worked as a research associate at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Department of Immunology. For the past 5 years Mrs. Akkerman has been teaching biology, psychology and health and nutrition at Orah Academy in Rochester. Mrs. Akkerman's lessons are both practical and relevant to the girls' lives.



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. Chavie Busel

Navi, Tehillim, Mechaneches

Mrs. Busel graduated from BJJ-Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros with teacher's certification. Over the past twenty years she has taught לימודי קודש subjects in various schools, including Bais Kaila and Oros Bais Yaakov; she currently teaches at Kerem Seminary in Lakewood. Her warm personality and flexible nature make her an ideal Mechaneches, a role she previously filled in Lakewood and now fills as 12th grade Mechaneches at Reenas. Mrs. Busel's teaching talents and wisdom benefit her students both in and out of the classroom.



Ms. Bruchie Cherns

Computer Programming, Math

Ms. Cherns, a Migdal Seminary graduate, and more importantly, a Reenas alumnus has joined our staff this year as a teacher and tutor. Her strong background in computer programming and her love of math, are reflected in her teaching of those subjects. Ms. Cherns' sharp intellect and her desire to help every student succeed create an enriching and successful classroom experience.

פרשה

Rebbetzin Rivka Eichenstein

Parshah

Rebbetzin Eichenstein, a graduate of Machon Sara Schneizer 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. In addition to teaching פרשה to the twelfth-grade students at RBY, Rebbetzin Eichenstein teaches פרשה at Manhattan High School for Girls.



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.

הלכה

Rabbi Hillel Feldman

Halacha

Rabbi Feldman has served as the Assistant Rav of the Agudah of Edison/ Highland Park, since 2017. Prior to his position in the Agudah, he learned in Beth Medrash Govoha for 10 years, where he received סמיכה. His elective classes in הלכות bring to life many well known, but misunderstood מצוות, such as ואהבת לרעך כמוך, לא תקם, לא תטר, and more. His students are enlightened when realizing that all of their social interactions must be examined through the lens of הלכה.



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. Mrs. Freidenreich holds a NJ Teacher of Science certification in biology and chemistry. She has worked for ETS, grading the free-response section of the AP biology exam and developing questions for future AP biology exams. Mrs. Freidenreich heads our science department and creates all science curricula at Reenas.



Mrs. Caren Friedman

English

Mrs. Friedman graduated Summa Cum Laude from Temple University with a degree in English and communications. She has taught in numerous area schools, including Bruriah, RPRY, RJJ in Staten Island, and JEC. After working at YST as an administrator for the past five years, she is excited to be back in the classroom. She brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to our 11th grade English class.



Mrs. Sharon Glinn

Computers, Financial Literacy

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 and financial literacy classes.



Mrs. Aviva Goldfarb

Art

Mrs. Goldfarb earned a B.A. in fine art and design from Yeshiva University and the Fashion Institute of Technology, Summa 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, Navi, Computer Programming

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 **חומש** in Brooklyn, Mrs. Greenspan is a talented teacher who brings passion and clarity into the classroom. Her eclectic background and experience make her a beloved **חומש** and **נביא** teacher as well as a skilled programming instructor.



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.



נביא



פרשה

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. In addition to teaching in Reenas, Mrs. Grunhaus currently teaches נביא at Machon Matel Leah 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 her excitement for learning.



הלכה



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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.



יהדות

Mrs. Adena Homnick

Yahadus

Dr. Homnick has returned to teaching קודש after a hiatus of more than 25 years. As chief PA in a level one trauma center and founder and now vice president of the Association of Jewish Physician Assistants, Dr. Homnick has always been involved in education, teaching, and mentoring. We are lucky that she cut down her PA hours so that she can use her vast knowledge of תנ"ך and her clarity of explanation to teach and inspire our students.



Ms. Ahuva Iskowitz

Science, English

Ms. Iskowitz graduated Bnos Sarah seminary and decided to pursue her passion of teaching immediately. She previously taught junior high science at RJJ in Staten Island. Ms. Iskowitz brings her science teaching experience and love of everything written to her science and English classes at Reenas.



Mrs. Riki Kaufman

Math, Science

Mrs. 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 scientific reasoning.



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 fourth 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 **קודש** and **חול** subjects. In her capacity as a **נביא** 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. 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 school students in today's world. Mrs. Levy helps Reenas students 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 a 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 student can learn and master a vast repertoire of methodologies, Mrs. Loewenstein pushes her students to reach their potential.



Mrs. Aviella Neustadt

Psychology, HGD

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. Her goal in the classroom is to educate the whole person and to enable her students to apply psychological concepts to their own lives.



Mrs. Elisheva Nusbaum

Chumash, Mishlei, Yahadus, 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 **מחנכת** in Reenas Bais Yaakov, Mrs. Nusbaum is a sought after Kallah instructor, guiding all of her students with her warmth and wealth of experience.

חומש

הסטריה

Mrs. Brocha Raizel Nussbaum

Chumash, Historia

Mrs. Nussbaum graduated from BJJ- Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros with a teacher's certificate. She immediately secured a job teaching 8th grade in TAG, Far Rockaway and has been teaching ever since. Having previously been a beloved Reenas substitute, Mrs. Nussbaum now teaches **הסטריה** to our 10th and **חומש** to our 11th grade. 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.

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 fifteen years teaching in various Lakewood 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

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 **סמיכה** and **שימוש** in practical **פסק**. While in Lakewood, Rabbi Pascal was involved in **חנוך** and delivered **שיעורים** on both **הלכה** and **גמרא** topics. Rabbi Pascal began serving as the Rav of Khal Park Avenue in Clifton, NJ in 2020. In addition to teaching **הלכה** at 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.



Ms. Elisheva Rivkin

History, Videography

Ms. Rivkin graduated from Bnos Sarah Seminary and immersed herself in learning the art and science of video editing. After working for Newsmax, Ms. Rivkin realized that she could do much more with her talents and moved to Rochester to work at Orah Academy. There, in addition to teaching world history and videography, Ms. Rivkin used her organizational and creative skills to run extra-curricular programs and direct the Small School Network, a group of small Bais Yaakovs across the United States that exchanges ideas, and works together on programming.



Mrs. Bracha Salamon

U.S. 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 English and history 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.



Mrs. Chedva Sarna

Chumash, Historia, Math

Mrs. Sarna graduated from BJJ-Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros with teacher's certification, and continued to earn a BA in psychology and then a MA degree in industrial/organizational psychology from Austin Peay State University. As Director of Students at Torah Girls Academy in Houston, Mrs. Sarna's responsibilities included creating extra-curricular programming related to רוחניות growth and מדות development. With strong background knowledge and superior pedagogical skills, Mrs. Sarna creates text-based and meaningful lessons which reflect her goal to enrich her students' inner lives.



Ms. Henna Shereshevsky

Current Events, Public Speaking

Ms. Shereshevsky 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. Shereshevsky 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. Toba Shifrin

Yahadus

A graduate of Yavneh Teachers' College, Mrs. Shifrin is a renowned mechanaches and public speaker. Possessing great knowledge and tremendous energy, Mrs. Shifrin has been part of the chinuch world in many capacities. She served as principal at Bnot Chaya Academy in Brooklyn and as Director of Student Affairs at Bina High School in Norfolk, VA. She also served as a camp director for many years, first at Camp Anna Heller, followed by Oorah's Girls Zone. Mrs. Shifrin is currently acting director of GIVE, a community Chesed organization in Passaic. Our students are enriched by Mrs. Shifrin's vast knowledge and diverse experiences.



Ms. Elisheva Trenk

Creative Writing

Ms. Trenk earned a BS in marketing from the Fashion Institute of Technology. As a writer of narrative non-fiction, Ms. Trenk's feature articles and essays have been published in Mishpacha, Binah, Ami Living, The Jewish Press, and Kosher.com. She brings her passion for the written word into the classroom in the creative writing elective.



Mrs. Chaya Ettie Stewart

Learning Center Director, Navi, Pirkei Avos, Mechaneches

Mrs. Stewart joined us last year as director of our Learning Center. With an M.S. in special education and over 20 years in the field, Mrs. Stewart has the skills, patience, and creativity to enhance all of our students' learning experiences. In addition to directing the Learning Center and tutoring, Mrs. Stewart teaches פרקי אבות and נביא, and serves as 9th Grade מחנכת. Her warmth and ability to connect to every student is appreciated by the student body, parents and teachers alike.



Mrs. Simi Weinberg

Yahadus

Mrs. Weinberg is a graduate of BJJ-Machon Sara Schneirer L'Moros and of the Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Mrs. Weinberg taught for several years at Yeshiva Ktana of Passaic while finishing her degree. With her diverse experience as a social worker, love for teaching, and a wealth of Torah knowledge, Mrs. Weinberg is perfectly suited to teach our 10th grade יהדות course that focuses on areas of self-development and personal growth.

נביא

Mrs. Toby Wilschanski

Navi

Mrs. Wilschanski, a graduate of Yavneh Teachers' College, has been teaching for close to twenty years both Judaic and secular studies. She also spent summers in Camp Shira developing and assisting in running the שיעור learning program. In addition to teaching at Reenas BY, Mrs. Wilschanski currently teaches נביא in Oros Bais Yaakov in Lakewood. A gifted teacher with a phenomenal breadth of knowledge, Mrs. Wilschanski empowers her students with new skills and develops within them a love for learning.



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. As ninth grade Ivrit teacher for close to ten years, Mrs. Wise's goals are to make the language accessible and alive to her students.





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