

Dear YCQ Family,

In his remarks at the YCQ Annual Dinner 2022, Rabbi Mark Landsman, Principal, Yeshiva of Central Queens, paid special tribute to Mrs. Melissa Cohen, who was the recipient of the Distinguished Educator Award, amid the enthusiastic applause of her colleagues. She was cited for her outstanding *midot*, compassion, and genuine concern for each student and faculty member. After eighteen outstanding years at YCQ, first as an Educator, then as Assistant Principal of Elementary School General Studies, the Yeshiva of Central Queens Board of Trustees and Board of Education is proud to announce that Mrs. Cohen has accepted the new position of Associate Principal General Studies K – 8.

“Mrs. Cohen is universally recognized in the YCQ community as someone who holds us accountable to the highest standards of educational excellence,” stated Dr. Joel Wein, President. “That accountability is possible because of the deep foundation of caring and respect she extends to each child and faculty member.”

This position will include newly created responsibilities. Mrs. Cohen will streamline and align the entire General Studies curriculum to ensure a continued robust learning experience for all of our students, assist in the transition from fifth into sixth grade in all General Studies skill areas, support the enhancement of parent communication to better acclimate to the YCQ community and culture, collaborate with the ELA Studies Curriculum Coordinator and Math Coordinator to ensure the successful implementation of goals and objectives in Junior High School ELA and math, and participate and collaborate in the observing of ELA teachers and new faculty members, in order to assist in their acclimation to our school.

“We are all very excited about the promotion of Mrs. Cohen to the position of Associate Principal General Studies K – 8,” noted Rabbi Landsman. “We are confident that she will do a wonderful job in her new role, and our faculty and students will greatly benefit from her vast knowledge of general studies curriculum and instruction, as well her keen insight and wisdom.”