

Dear YCQ Family,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Mrs. Mashie Kopelowitz will join our faculty as K – Grade 8 Judaic Studies Curriculum Coordinator, effective August 1, 2022.

During the interview process, Mrs. Kopelowitz demonstrated creativity, energy, and drive in maintaining high standards of Judaic academic excellence. Her responsibilities will include the implementation of our overall Judaic Studies curriculum program for grades K – 8, supporting teachers, collaborating with Assistant Principal and Judaic Studies faculty to adapt the curriculum to meet our students' needs, provide coaching for teachers to enhance instructional practices, and analyzing student data. This encompasses Ivrit, Kria, Chumash, and all aspects of the curriculum.

Her career achievements are extensive, and include introducing and improving Hebrew immersion, the coordination of school-wide partnerships with schools in Israel, Jewish and Israeli history curriculum development, employing technology-based strategies in classroom instruction, planning, and implementing school-wide programming, and recognized accomplishments in Judaic curriculum development.

Currently a Judaic Studies Instructional Leader/Coach at Magen David Yeshiva, Mrs. Kopelowitz's professional experience includes serving as Assistant Principal of the Jewish Foundation School of Staten Island, Judaic Studies Curriculum Coordinator at Yeshivat He'atid, Middle School Judaic Studies Teacher at SSDS, Elementary Judaic Studies Teacher at Maimonides School, and Elementary Teacher/Vice Principal at The Yavneh School in Israel.

"Mrs. Kopelowitz has decades of experience in a wide range of subjects," Rabbi Joshua Rohr, newly appointed ES Assistant Principal of Judaic Studies, reported. "In the short time since she has been hired, we have already seen her dedication and passion for the job. She is thoughtful, insightful, sensitive, and we are very excited to collaborate with her. We are confident she will enhance YCQ's Judaic Studies while spreading a love for yahadut, and passion for Torah."

"I very much look forward to working with, and learning from, the YCQ faculty," stated Mrs. Kopelowitz. "I can't wait to be part of the team."