



Rivka Oratz

Principal/Educator

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Rivka Oratz is a principal with a passion for multifaceted student development. She achieves this through curricular and co-curricular programming, as well as a history of success in building a positive school culture among staff, students and parents that fosters high academic intensity synthesized with a love of Yiddishkeit, emotional and social growth, and an enthusiastic determination to achieve.

She has extensive background in high school teaching and guidance. Respected by her colleagues as an educator, Mrs. Rivka Oratz has taught a host of subjects including college level courses in Hashkafa and Sifrei Ketuvim.

She has a B.A. in Psychology from Adelphi University, and is currently working on acquiring her Master's Degree in Jewish Education from Azrieli Graduate School. With over thirty years of experience as a school teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal, she has forged warm relationships with hundreds of students, many of whom have remained in close contact with her well beyond their high school and seminary years.

Mrs. Rivka Oratz furthered her professional development by participating in The Amatz Initiative, whose goal is to empower educators with skills and knowledge to help young women recognize their potential and value and define their religious selves within a safe environment that is consistent with Torah values as they face an evolving world. She has also completed a Torah Umesorah Principals' Fellowship, which has provided her with training to reach, connect and engage students emotionally, intellectually and spiritually.

EXPERIENCE

Hebrew Academy of Nassau County

September 1980 - August 1982

Teacher

Taught Sifrei Chumash and Pirkei Avot to middle school and high school grades.

Maalot Seminary

September 2001 - August 2003

Teacher

Taught college level courses in Hashkafa and Sifrei Ketuvim

Shulamith High School Faculty

September 1982 - August 2004

Teacher

- Taught Judaic studies to 9th and 11th grades
- Courses included Sifrei Chumash and Sifrei Ketuvim
- Innovated a course to prepare students for independent work on Avodot in seminary

Lev Bais Yaakov High School

09/2010 - Current

Principal

- Preparation for NYS accreditation in collaboration with the Board of Education during the high school's formative years.
- Staff recruitment and support, maintaining an exemplary culture of good will, fostering collegiality and an effective synergy.
- Professional Staff Development providing individual guidance to ensure effective instruction through mastery of curriculum design, active learning strategies, learning assessment, etc.
- Formation and continuous support of a highly effective Mechaneches infrastructure, providing support for the growth and development of the individual student, as well as for the cohesive class unit
- Student recruitment including but not limited to: coordinating all aspects of Main Open House, as well as "mini" Open Houses, networking with administrators and parents, building trust, multifaceted responsibilities of the admissions process
- Teaching Chumash, Kesuvim
- Development and instruction of Sifrei Kodesh library research class, incorporating resource Sefarim from Chazal through Acharonim.
- Development and application of assessment tool designed to monitor projected and accomplished classroom goals and foster administrative/ teacher collaboration

- Development of assessment tool to monitor individual student progress, promote administrative/teacher collaboration and provide effective student support techniques

EDUCATION

Adelphi University

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Azrieli Graduate School

Masters Degree

Master's Degree in Jewish Education

expected June, 2020

SKILLS

Teaching, Leadership, Education, Coordinating,