

# Faculty Credentials

## Educational Leadership

### Nora Anderson

*Head of School*

Stern College: BA in Psychology,  
Minor in Education and Mathematics

CUNY at Lehman:  
MS in School Guidance and Counseling  
Bank Street College of Education,  
Principals Institute:  
MED in School Supervision and  
Administration

Columbia University, Teachers College:  
Reading and Writing Project

### Tali Aldouby Schuck

*Director of Judaic Studies Curriculum &  
Professional Development*

Rutgers University:  
BA in Psychology, Minor Hebraic Studies

New York University:  
PhD in Education and Jewish Studies

### Sue Einhorn

*Upper School Principal*

Pennsylvania State University:  
BS in Education

Laura and Alvin Siegal College of Judaic  
Studies: MA in Judaic Studies  
(Jewish Education Concentration)

Fellow: Day School Leadership Training  
Institute (Jewish Theological Seminary and  
Avi Chai Foundation)

### Amy Erani

*Director of Judaic Studies*

Columbia University: BA in Psychology

Jewish Theological Seminary:  
BA in History & Literature of the 2nd  
Temple Period

Jewish Theological Seminary:  
MA in Talmud

### Cindy Mann

*Director of General Studies Curriculum and  
Professional Development*

Columbia College:  
BA in Art History, Minor in Education

Columbia College: MA in Deaf Education

New York University:  
PhD in Elementary Education

### Bobbie Powers

*Director of Educational Resources*

University of Denver:  
BA in Special Education

Columbia University, Teachers College:  
MA in Special Education

Pace University: SDS - School District  
Supervision Certification

## Lower School Faculty K-3

### Kindergarten

#### Diane Holsten

*Kindergarten Judaic Studies Teacher*

University of Maryland: BA in Dance

New York University:  
MA in Dance/ Movement Therapy

Laban/Bartenieff Movement Institute:  
Certificate in Movement Analysis (CMA)

#### Julia Martin

*Kindergarten General Studies Teacher*

Harvard University: BA in History of Science

Bank Street School of Education:  
MA in Early Childhood Special and  
General Education

#### Michelle Pissk-Schupak

*Kindergarten General Studies Teacher*

Hofstra University: BA in Biology,  
Minor in Chemistry and French

Sarah Lawrence College:  
MA in Education

#### Julie Thaler

*Kindergarten Judaic Studies Teacher*

Buffalo State College: BA in Early  
Childhood/Special Education

Hebrew University: Early Childhood and  
Judaic Studies certificate

### First Grade

#### Elaine Atzmon

*First Grade Judaic Studies Teacher*

American College Jerusalem:  
BA in Education

#### Jenna Berger

*First Grade General Studies Teacher*

SUNY Oneonta:  
BS in Elementary Education

College of New Rochelle:  
MA in Literacy

#### Andy Greenspan

*First Grade General Studies Teacher*

New York University: BFA in Drama

Fordham University: MA in Education

#### Lea Kaner

*First Grade Judaic Studies Teacher*

Teacher Degree from Levinsky Teacher  
Seminar/Ort-Vizzo Teacher Seminar

## Second Grade

### Daneet Brill

*Second Grade General Studies Teacher*

Concordia University: BA in Judaic Studies  
and Comparative Religion

McGill University:  
BEd in Elementary Education,  
Major in Jewish education from the Jewish  
Teachers Training Program

### Livia Bronstein

*Second Grade Judaic Studies Teacher*

Seminar HaKibutzim (Tel Aviv):  
BEd in elementary education

### Mia Egelberg

*Second Grade General Studies Teacher*

University of Massachusetts:  
BA in Social Thought and Political Economy,  
Minor in Women's Studies

Bank Street College of Education:  
MS in Early Childhood and  
Elementary Education

### Third Grade

#### Anat Ankawa

*Third Grade Judaic Studies Teacher*

Oranim College: BA in Education

#### Hilary Machlis

*Third Grade General Studies Teacher*

Brandeis University: BA in Economics

Fairfield University:  
MA in Elementary Education

#### Robin Shainberg

*Third Grade General Studies Teacher*

George Washington University:  
BA in Political Communications  
(Political Science and Journalism)

Manhattanville College:  
MA in Teaching, Childhood Education  
(Grades 1-6)

#### Ana Turkienicz

*Hebrew and Judaic Studies Teacher  
3rd, 5th & 6th Grades*

Hakibbutzim Teachers College, Israel: BEd

Bar Ilan University, Israel:  
MA in Educational Technology

Leslie College, Israel:  
MA in Expressive Arts Therapy

JTS - HUC: Leadership Institute for  
Congregational School Educators

## Middle Grades Faculty 4-5

### Darren Bahar

*Fifth Grade General Studies Teacher*

University of Maryland:  
BS in Business and Marketing

University of Connecticut:  
Juris Doctorate

University of Connecticut:  
MBA in Finance

University of Bridgeport:  
MA in Education K-5th Grade

### Rhonda Ginsberg

*Middle School Science Teacher, E2K  
Coordinator*

Binghamton University:  
BA in Mathematics, Minor in Computer  
Science & Literature

University of Bridgeport:  
MEd in Elementary Education

### Mitch Green

*Fifth Grade General Studies Teacher*

Queens College: BA in Communications

Queens College:  
MS in Elementary Education

### Sarah Hendel

*Judaic Studies Teacher, grades 2, 5, 6*

University of Florida:  
BA in Jewish Studies, Minors in Education  
and Anthropology

Shulman Graduate School of Jewish  
Education, Hebrew College:  
MA in Jewish Education

### Laura Inman

*Middle School English and  
Writing Teacher*

Carleton College:  
BA in English Literature

Columbia University:  
PhD in English Literature

Pace University: Advanced Certificate in  
Teaching English, grades 7-12

### Alison Kellner

*Middle School General and  
Judaic Studies Teacher*

Union College: BA in Political Science

William Davidson School of Jewish  
Education at the Jewish Theological  
Seminary: MA in Judaic Studies

### Jeff Kilstein

*Middle School Gemara & Mishnah Teacher*

Yeshiva University: BA in Psychology

Yeshiva University: MA in School Psychology

Yeshiva University: Candidate for a PsyD (2012)

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**Irit Kornblit**

*Middle School Hebrew Teacher /  
Department Chair*

Haifa University: BA in Education & TaNaKh  
Courses towards MA in English as a Second  
Language & TaNaKh

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**Megan Powell**

*Middle School Math Teacher*

Wake Forest University: BS in Mathematics  
Johns Hopkins University: MA in Education

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**Carol Sober**

*Fourth Grade Judaic Studies Teacher &  
5th Grade Mishnah Teacher*

Barnard College, Columbia University:  
BA in Arabic Languages & Culture

Cardozo School of Law,  
Yeshiva University: JD

Drisha Institute for Judaic Studies:  
Judaic Studies teaching certificate

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**Educational Support Faculty**

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**Lori Amer**

*Art Teacher*

University of Michigan:  
BA in Literature Science & Art

New York University: MA in Journalism &  
Mass Communication

Manhattanville College:  
MAT in Art Education

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**Simha Dayan**

*Judaic Studies Support and Enrichment*

Tel-Aviv University: MA in Hebrew and Education

Tel-Aviv University: MA in K-12 Education

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**Abbe Fleishaker**

*Resource Room Teacher, Grades 1-4  
(Learning disabilities specialist)*

University of Pennsylvania:  
BA in Psychology

Hofstra University:  
MS in Education, Certified in Special  
Education and Elementary Education

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**Dotan Pollak**

*Technology Teacher*

Military Academy for Instructor and  
Teachers (M.A.I.T)

I.D.F Israel - First Sergeant Major-Senior  
Instructor for Hebrew and Judaism

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**Audrey Reich**

*Art Teacher*

Tufts University: BA in Art History

School of the Museum of Fine Arts:  
BFA Painting

Columbia University: MA in Art History

School of Visual Arts: Art Teaching  
Certification, grades K-12

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**Brian Rosa**

*Athletic Director and Physical Education  
Teacher*

Iona College: BA in History

Manhattanville College:  
MAT in Physical Education and  
Sports Pedagogy

College of New Rochelle:  
MA in Educational Leadership  
(currently enrolled)

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**Erica Sokoloff**

*Director of Jewish Life*

Vassar College: BA in Religion

Adelphi University:  
Lawyer's Assistant Degree

YIVO: graduate classes in Jewish History,  
Culture and Anthropology

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**Jane Steinman**

*Enrichment Coordinator and 7th Grade  
History teacher*

Boston University: BA in Political Science,  
Minor in Philosophy

University of Massachusetts:  
MEd in Early Childhood Education

Lesley College:  
MEd in Integrating the Arts in Education

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**Rebecca Zaltas**

*Middle School Resource Room: Learning  
Disabilities Specialist 5th-8th Grade*

Muhlenberg College: BA in American Studies

Mercy College:  
MS in Childhood and Special Education

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**Anat Ziv**

*Guidance Counselor*

Haifa University: BA in Special Education  
and Hebrew Literature

Seminar Oranim: Teaching certificate in  
Special Education

California State University-Hayward:  
MSc in Dance and Movement Therapy

Multicultural Family Institute:  
Post graduate certification in  
Family Therapy

Licensure in: Professional Counseling/  
Creative Art Therapies MAc, ADTR, LCAT, LPC

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**PALS Faculty****K/1**

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**Shlomo Berkowitz**

*PALS K/1 Judaic Studies Teacher*

Ramapo College of New Jersey:  
BA in Psychology with a concentration  
in Education

City College of New York:  
MA in Special Education

Adelphi University:  
MA in Literacy & Reading Specialist

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**Jesse Howard**

*PALS K/1 General Studies Teacher*

Iona College: BA in Philosophy  
Manhattanville College: MS in Childhood/  
Special Education

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**Grade 2/3**

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**Jackie Kaplan**

*PALS 2/3 General Studies Teacher*

University of Maryland:  
BA Special Education

University of Maryland:  
MEd Special Education

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**Janet Zohar**

*PALS 2/3 Judaic Studies Teacher*

Pace University: BS Human Relations

Hunter College: MA in Special Education

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**Grade 3/4**

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**Karen Kayser**

*PALS 3/4 General Studies Teacher*

College of New Rochelle: BA in Psychology

Lehman College: MA in Special Education

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**Taly Ron**

*PALS 3/4 Judaic Studies Teacher*

Ben Gurion University: BA in Science

Turo College: MA in Special Education

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**Grade 5/6**

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**Jonathan Holub**

*PALS 5/6 General Studies Teacher*

SUNY Albany: BA in Psychology,  
Minor in Business and Education

Iona College: MST in Elementary Education

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**Jennifer Truboff**

*PALS Head of Judaic Studies and 5/6 Teacher*

Smith College: BA in Geology, Minor in  
Environmental Science and Judaic Studies

Hebrew College: MJEd - MA in Jewish  
Education with a specialization in Special  
Education and Jewish Day School Education

Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies:  
Certificate in Advanced Jewish Studies

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**PALS Support Faculty**

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**Eileen Fogel**

*Orton-Gillingham Specialist*

Adelphi University:  
BA in Speech and Theatre

Queens College: MA in English

Queens College:  
MAEd in Speech and English Education  
IMSLEC Orton-Gillingham Certification

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**Maureen Pasinkoff**

*Speech-Language Pathologist*

San Francisco State University:  
BA in Communicative Disorders

Hofstra University: MA in Speech Pathology

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**Felicia Rosen**

*School Psychologist*

Brandeis University: BA in American Studies

Columbia University, Teachers College:  
MEd in School Psychology

New England School of Law: JD

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**Terri Sperber**

*Occupational Therapist*

SUNY Binghamton: BA in Sociology

David Yellin College of Education:  
MA in Special Education

Tufts University:  
MA in Occupational Therapy

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