



WORKSHOP CATALOG

When Teachers Keep Learning, Students Succeed

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FOREWORD

It is a great privilege to present to you the following selection of teacher training workshops and courses for your school.

The Rebbe has placed great emphasis on teacher development, on numerous occasions beseeching that teacher training courses be offered to teachers, and that both new and experienced teachers attend these courses in order to develop as educators.

Continued education for teachers has been cited as a major contributing factor to the success of a school, however it's shortfall is when it is general in nature, without taking into account the specific needs of a particular school. **This workshop catalog allows you to customize training opportunities, selecting the topics, facilitator, and format that will best serve the needs of your teachers and students.**

Over the course of a decade providing PD opportunities to Chabad schools and educators, we have curated a menu of offerings for you to choose from. Our newly developed Standards for Teachers allow you to take a more systematic approach, starting from the beginning or selecting key areas in teacher development. With the availability of **on site training and webinars, single workshops and course series, team-wide training and individualized coaching**, the possibilities are endless for customizing a plan of growth and development for your school.

Since the launch of this workshop catalog, we have seen schools benefit from targeted and impactful workshops internationally. We hope and pray to continue to see the fruits of our shared efforts to develop our teachers' capacity to give the best Chinuch possible to our children.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Zalman Shneur
Founder and Executive Director

Mrs. Chanah Rose
Educational Director

"כמובן צדק כ' בוגר לחיזוק ההוראה וההשתלמות במקצוע ההוראה, ויאמין לי כ'
שאני מצטער לא פחות ממוני על שאין הלימוד רוחה יותר ובמהד גדולה יותר, שהרי
אין שיעור לשלימות בבני אדם, ובפרט שהדברים אמרוים במקצוע החינוך שההשפעה
ונגעתת לכל סדר החיים של המוחון."
-אגרות קדש ברך יט, ז'קצג

"He is correct with regards to the need for training and development in the field of education, and he should believe me that I am saddened no less than he is by the fact that such development is not flourishing to a greater degree, as there is no limit to the development of a human being. And this is specifically so when the matter under discussion is the field of teaching, as the effect pertains to the entire way of life of the one being taught."

The following general categories each contain sample workshop titles, with the presenters available for that course. Workshop topics can be adjusted as per the needs of your school. You can also explore MEF's Standards for Teaching to see how some of these topics can fit into a broader framework of professional development, or to create a more comprehensive teacher training plan for your school.

Recommended workshop length is at least three hours to allow for application of what is being learned, but can be adjusted to suit your needs. Workshops can also be tailored towards various grade levels, and fees vary per presenter.

For further details about a session or to find the best match for your school's needs, contact us at info@mymef.org or 718-663-7215.

Classroom Management & Communication

1. Laying the Foundation

With Rabbi Zelly Silber or Ms. Chani Kramer, EdD

Learn the five essential standards for classroom management, and gain an overview of tools to master them.

2. Classroom Routines and Procedures

With Rabbi Zelly Silber

Learn routines and procedures that can structure your classroom to maximize productivity and enhance seder in the classroom.

3. Bullying and Conflict Resolution

With Rabbi Levi Feldman

Learn an approach to differentiating and addressing various levels of conflict between students, turning the classroom into a safe environment for all.

4. Effective Communication

With Rabbi Levi Feldman

Learn communication strategies to make conversations with parents and students peaceful and successful.

5. Building Teacher-Student Rapport

With Rabbi Zelly Silber

Gain tools to connect with different kinds of students, and awareness of their varying needs in the classroom.

6. How to Approach the Defiant Student

With Rabbi Levi Feldman

Learn a comprehensive strategy for helping the most challenging students and managing classroom behavior.

Student Engagement

7. Alternatives to Worksheets

With Mrs. Chana Silberstein, PhD

Use creative alternatives to traditional worksheets to allow students to learn more effectively.

8. Higher Order Thinking in Limudei Kodesh

With Mrs. Chanah Rose

Explore how to deepen student involvement and engagement in Limudei Kodesh subjects.

9. How to Capture Your Students' Attention

With Rabbi Levi Feldman

Learn tools for delivering a lesson that will capture your students' attention.

10. Student Engagement Through Higher Order Thinking

With Mrs. Blumie Gurevitz, Rabbi Zelly Silber

Learn a framework for thinking about how we teach, in order to ensure that students can progress beyond rote learning.

11. Student Engagement Made Practical

With Rabbi Zelly Silber

Learn three approaches and sets of tools for increasing student engagement: Text Connections, Active Participation, and Learning Modalities.

12. Teaching Our Children How to Think

With Mrs. Henny Bartfield MsEd

Learn practical tools for how to incorporate critical thinking into your classroom. *Grades 1-5.*

13. Not Just the Middle Third

With Mrs. Henny Bartfield MsEd, Ms. Chani Kramer EdD, or Rabbi Yossi Rosenblum

Gain practical skills for structuring learning to allow different students to be challenged on the level that is appropriate for them, at the same time.

Chumash/Gemara

14. Teaching Students How to Learn Gemara

With Rabbi Yossi Rosenblum

Learn Gemara skills and how to teach them, so that students can continue learning on their own beyond their years in the classroom.

15. Unlocking the Chumash: A Zekelman Standards Prime

With Rabbi Yossi Rosenblum, Rabbi Mendy Greenbaum, Mrs. Sara

Rosenfeld EdD, Mrs. Blumie Gurevitz, or Mrs. Chanah Rose

Gain a complete overview of the Zekelman Standards for Chumash and how to use them.

16. From Skills to Values

With Rabbi Yosef Rosenblum, Rabbi Mendy Greenbaum,

or Mrs. Sara Rosenfeld EdD

See how teaching Chumash skills does not make a lesson dry and boring, but rather deepens a student's understanding and appreciation of the horaos that they learn.

17. Transforming Your Chumash Lesson

With Rabbi Yossi Rosenblum or Mrs. Sara Rosenfeld EdD

Experience a model Chumash lesson that weaves together various skills for learning Chumash.

18. Learning with Rashi

With Rabbi Yossi Rosenblum or Mrs. Chana Silberstein, PhD

Gain tools and strategies for showing students how to absorb Rashi's approach to learning the Pesukim.

19. Clustering as a Comprehension Tool

With Mrs. Chana Silberstein, PhD

Learn how grouping Pesukim together can help with previewing, learning, and reviewing activities in the classroom.

Behind the Scenes: Setting Up For Success

20. Setting Up Your Classroom for Independent Learning

With Mrs. Blumie Gurevitz

Learn how to structure your classroom for independent and chavrusa learning, allowing for differentiated learning to take place.

21. Cooperative Learning Made Practical

With Rabbi Mendel Moscovitz

Discover dozens of practical techniques for using grouping in the classroom to benefit learning.

22. Lesson Planning Made Simple

With Rabbi Zelig Silber or Mrs. Henny Bartfield MsEd

Ensure that your teaching is anchored in a clear learning objective, and an assessment that ensures it was achieved.

23. Teachers Helping Teachers: the Peer Coaching Model

With Mrs. Blumie Gurevitz,

Rabbi Levi Feldman

Introduce a tried-and-true system of peer mentoring into your school community, unleashing your teachers' potential to support each other, problem solve and grow.

24. Keeping Track of Your Classroom

With Rabbi Levi Feldman

A practical system for maintaining data about what takes place in the classroom, helping you make more informed decisions about students and learning.

25. Modern Technology to Teach Ancient Wisdom

With Rabbi Mendel Moscovitz

Learn to use a Smartboard and other technology in your classroom to enhance your Chumash lesson or other Limudei Kodesh subject.

Standards and Assessment

26. Putting Data in the Driver's Seat (DDI)

With Rabbi Yosef Rosenblum, Rabbi Mendy Greenbaum,
Mrs. Sara Rosenfeld EdD

Learn the three pronged framework of Data Driven Instruction (data, assessment, and action) to ensure that students are learning what you are teaching.

27. Project Based Assessment

With Ms. Chani Kramer, EdD

Structure learning and assessment more meaningfully through applying the learning to real-world problems.

28. Standards for Every Subject

With Mrs. Chanah Rose

An interactive workshop that walks teachers through the process of creating specific goals for their teaching in any subject.

29. Understanding by Design

With Rabbi Yossi Rosenblum, Mrs. Sara Rosenfeld EdD,
or Ms. Chani Kramer EdD

Learning how to structure teaching and curriculum with the end result in mind.

MEF Standards for Teaching

Q: What are MEF's Standards for Teaching?

In any endeavor, it helps to know what success looks like, and what the steps to get there are. For this reason, MEF has put together Standards for Teaching, to help guide teachers in their path to success, and to help us provide you with what you need most.

Q: How does MEF use these standards?

These standards are the framework for our **Teacher Induction Program**, which trains new teachers for success and impact over the course of a yearlong program. In addition:

- We offer **stand-alone courses and webinars** that are anchored in these standards. These are scheduled and advertised throughout the year, and can also be scheduled on a needs basis based on requests from teachers and schools.
- Our school **PD offerings** can be anchored in these standards, allowing schools to choose from a menu of areas that they would like to focus on with their teaching staff.
- Our team of veteran mechanchim and mechanchos who have been trained in teacher **coaching**, are also proficient in these standards, allowing a teacher to choose an area of focus and clearly track progress together with the coach.

Q: What can I do with these Standards for Teaching?

- **If you're a teacher**, you can join our Teacher Induction Program or any of our advertised workshops or webinars. You can also choose to sign up for a coach to help you along the way.
- **If you're a school leader**, you can select the areas you would like to focus on in your school's PD, and request a standalone workshop or series to take place for your school. You can also submit a request for a particular topic or format to be offered through MEF, which can be scheduled as soon as there is sufficient interest and enrollment.
- **Or, you can use these standards as a tool** for reflection and growth, wherever you are in your path in Chinuch! To request the complete MEF Standards for Teaching (including specific examples and indicators of success), please email info@mymef.org.

MEF's Standards for Teaching were put together and customized for the Chassidishe Mechanech by MEF's Educational Director, Mrs. Chanah Rose, and Director of Teacher Induction, Rabbi Zelly Silber. These standards were born out of years of work in the classroom and with other teachers, and have been reviewed by expert Mechanchim and MEF's Vaad Ruchni. These standards are copyrighted by the Menachem Education Foundation and may not be used in any public or commercial setting beyond use in and for the benefit of the school that you work in.

MEF Standards for Teaching

1. THE TEACHER: A Chassidishe Mechanech(es)

- 1A.** Demonstrates being a Dugma Chaya of a Chasid and Yarei Shamayim.
- 1A.** Demonstrates commitment to the Rebbe's goals for a Mechanech and knowledge of Torah sources that discuss Chinuch.
- 1A.** Implements activities to promote student growth in Yiras Shamayim and Chassidishkeit.
- 1A.** Consults with a Rav/Mashpia concerning matters of Yiddishkeit and Chassidishkeit in the classroom.

2. THE STUDENT: Classroom Management and Student Rapport

- 2A.** Creates an environment of rapport, trust and respect between teacher and students.
- 2B.** Understands and addresses the varying needs (personal, situational, and learning needs) of students.
- 2C.** Implements procedures and routines that promote safety, avoid time wasting, and support learning in various formats.
- 2D.** Establishes clear standards for student behavior (rules), and implements interventions effectively, with respect for the student.
- 2E.** Organizes the classroom in a way that is safe, supports learning in various formats, and makes use of various resources to support student learning.

3. THE TEACHING: Lesson Planning and Delivery

- 3A.** Sets appropriate learning objectives that clearly indicate what students will know and be able to do within one lesson.
- 3B.** Designs learning activities that are aligned to objectives, and engage students in learning in meaningful and diverse ways.
- 3C.** Plans and implements formative assessment throughout the lesson, which is aligned to the objective and affects subsequent teaching.

4. THE LEARNING: Standards and Assessment

- 4A.** Navigates the Zekelman Standards for Chumash, and identifies relevant standard for other Limudei Kodesh subjects.
- 4B.** Demonstrates the ability to align standards, learning objectives and assessments.
- 4C.** Demonstrates student progress in a selected standard through recorded data.
- 4D.** Analyzes assessment results for student progress in meeting learning goals.
- 4E.** Plans and implements adjustments in teaching based on assessment results.

Workshop Facilitators

RABBI LEVI FELDMAN had been teaching since 2005. A star teacher in Oholei Torah grade 7 in Brooklyn, NY, Rabbi Feldman is also a sought after coach for other teachers. He has further developed his expertise through numerous training and programs for professional development, and has directed MEF's Teacher Coaching Program as well. His systematic approach as well as keen understanding of people are what make him a sought after educator for students and teachers alike.

RABBI MENDY GREENBAUM is the principal of Cheder Menachem Los Angeles and recipient of the Milken Family Foundation's Jewish Educator's Award. He has served as educational consultant for various organizations and educational initiatives, including Sichos in English and Tzivos Hashem, and implements innovative systems for outstanding education in his school. Rabbi Greenbaum is one of the authors of the Zekelman Standards for Chumash, as well as co-director of the Chabad School Leadership Program.

RABBI MENDEL MOSCOWITZ has been teaching various grades at Cheder Lubavitch in Chicago for over twenty five years, and teaches at Lubavitch Girls' High School as well. He presents an innovative and professional yet lighthearted and relatable approach, both in the classroom and in professional development workshops. Rabbi Moscowitz is also an author and lecturer for children and adults alike.

RABBI YOSSI ROSENBLUM has spent over two decades in Chinuch, and has presented for Torah Umesorah, Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, and countless schools and communities. He is the principal of Yeshiva Schools of Pittsburgh, PA, founded the International Sefer Hamitzvos Competition, co-authored the Gemara Berura Program, and directs the Zekelman Standards Project. Rabbi Rosenblum also co-directs the Chabad School Leadership program, mentoring current and aspiring school leaders.

RABBI ZELLY SILBER, MSED is a veteran teacher of middle school in Cheder Chabad of Monsey, and sought after mentor and presenter for teachers of various age groups. His dedication to and passion for chassidishe Chinuch, combined with his expertise and systematic approach, are evident in the classroom as well as in his vibrant, interactive workshops. Rabbi Silber was trained in mentorship by the New Teacher Project, and is a graduate of MEF's Teacher Induction Program, which he now directs.

"...שְׁבַכ"ז יִשְׂתַּלֵּם בְּלִימֹדָיו בְּפֻ"ע שִׁיחָ' ג"כ מִקְבֵּל בָּאַחַת הַכְּתוֹת
גְּבוּהָות או בְּכִתָּה מִוּחָדָה בְּשִׁבְלָם..."
-להנהלת ישיבת תומכי תמים בלבד ממכחכ' ט בטבת, תש"ד (אג' ק ח' ע' קל')

"[Although he is already a teacher,] he should nevertheless advance his education independently, by attending one of the higher classes, or creating a special class for [teachers]..."

MRS. HENNY BARTFIELD, MSED, has been in the classroom for over twenty five years. She is known for her professional expertise and utmost dedication to her students, and has created several unique curricula and workbooks to serve their needs. Mrs. Bartfield is also a certified Brain Coach who works with students individually. She has taught methodology to seminary students, coaches other teachers, and is known for her hands-on and practical workshops for teachers.

MRS. BLUMIE GUREVITZ is a veteran educator who began her Chinuch career in Bais Rivkah, Crown Heights. After moving to Philadelphia on shlichus, she played a leading role in its growing Cheder as a teacher, principal, and curriculum coordinator. She is a sought after mentor for teachers as well as Chumash teaching consultant, emphasizing independent, skills based learning in a multi-level classroom. She has also directed MEF's Teacher Coaching Program for women.

MS. CHANI KRAMER, ED.D, has taught in both elementary and high school classrooms, and holds a BS in psychology, MA in Mental Health Counseling, and doctorate in curriculum development. She has held several school leadership and educational consulting positions and is currently principal of Chabad Girls Academy in Crown Heights. With over fifteen years of rich and varied experience, Ms. Kramer has been utilizing her expertise to facilitate dynamic and thought provoking workshops both in person and online.

MRS. CHANAH ROSE has spent over a decade devoted to raising the bar of education through quality instruction and curriculum. She has taught in Cheder Chabad of Monsey and at the Shluchim Online School, where she also served as Curriculum Director, and was one of the authors of the Zekelman Standards for Chumash. She is currently Educational Director of the Menachem Education Foundation, and her workshops are well received for their clarity, interactivity, and emphasis on Chassidishe values.

MRS. SARA ROSENFELD, ED.D, presents to teachers and educational leaders throughout the world on the topics of curriculum, assessment, methodology and teaching Chumash. She is director of curriculum at Yeshiva-Beth Rivka Colleges in Melbourne Australia, and a leading contributor to the Zekelman Standards for Chumash. She has also authored numerous curricula and workbooks on Chassidus and Yahadus, which are used internationally.

MRS. CHANA SILBERSTEIN, PH.D, Shlucha at Cornell University, is dean of curriculum for the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, and developed the school accreditation standards for Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch. She has consulted with Bnos Menachem and Lubavitch Girls High School in Oak Park, Michigan during their founding years, and taught while coming up with innovative educational structures and solutions for children of local Shluchim. Mrs. Silberstein also served as education consultant for MEF for teaching Chumash.



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