

# Meet Our Staff

## Miriam Dobin, Religious School Director

Welcome to Neve Shalom! My name is Miriam Dobin or better known as Morah Miriam to the children and their families. My connection to Neve Shalom began over twenty years ago when I taught second and sixth grades. I also began the Holocaust curriculum for the sixth grade. I returned as Head Teacher, Program Director, and am currently enjoying my role as Religious School Director at Neve Shalom Religious School. I am a licensed teacher in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and Special Education and have over twenty-five years of classroom experience. I graduated Yeshiva University Stern College for Women with a degree in Education and received my certification as Teacher of the Handicapped from Kean University.



I believe for optimal learning, a variety of topics and experiences must be presented. In this way, each child's individual strengths and creativity will shine through. Imagine how much more so when using our love of Judaism as our guide. I have also written a biographical memoir titled I Am Because of You, depicting my life as an only child of Holocaust survivors. In my spare time I am actively involved in Holocaust education for all ages and am deeply committed to furthering knowledge of this period in history. I live in Highland Park with my husband, Yaakov, have three children, and we are the proud grandparents of five delicious granddaughters. I enjoy reading, walking, traveling, and spending time with family. I am looking forward to another great year at Neve Shalom.

## Elise Berlin



From the Yeshiva of Flatbush for both elementary and high schools, to a year of learning in Jerusalem, Jewish education is second nature to Elise Berlin. She is an award winner of the Grinspoon Steinhart Award for Excellence in Judaic teaching and has been teaching at Congregation Neve Shalom and Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva for the past 24 years. She is looking forward to teaching *Parshat Hashavua*/weekly Torah portion, *Nevi'im*/Prophets, Hebrew Language, *Chagim*/holidays and *Tefillah*, prayer to the third and fourth grades this upcoming September. Elise chose Jewish-education as a professional career to satisfy her desire to spread a love for Judaism to all. Her husband Sam, children Talia, Britt, Daniella, Zacky and son-in-law Yitzy all enjoy and share in her enthusiasm for Judaism, as well.

## Lincoln Richman

Lincoln Richman is the Song Leader and Judaic Specialist at the NJY Camps -- America's largest Jewish sleep-away camp -- in Milford, Pennsylvania. During the school year, Lincoln teaches at Golda Och Academy as well as in three Hebrew schools including Neve Shalom in Metuchen, Ner Tamid in Bloomfield, and Bnai Keshet in Montclair. In 2016, Lincoln graduated from Rutgers University with a Master's Degree in Social Work and a Graduate Certificate in Jewish Studies. Lincoln's undergraduate degree is a Bachelor of Fine Arts from New York University where he was a Film major. Lincoln will be teaching fifth and sixth grade and Hebrew High School at Neve this year.



## Naava Hess

My name is Naava Hess. My family and I recently moved to East Brunswick from Linden, where we had resided for twelve years. I have been an educator for over nineteen years, teaching children from ages three through fourteen. I have four children, ages sixteen, fourteen, thirteen, and ten. I love to travel, and to partake in nature. I'm looking forward to teaching the Gan (Kindergarten) through second grade this year.



## Vera Schreck

Shalom to all. I am Vera Schreck and have taught various Judaic Studies subjects over the past number of years at Neve Shalom. I enjoy socializing with family and friends, especially during Shabbat and Chagim. Reading, gardening, and studying Jewish History are how I like to keep busy. I live in East Brunswick, have two married sons, one in New York and one in Florida. I look forward to once again teaching at Neve Shalom and can't wait to meet the students.