

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-five 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 three decades 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 to occur 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 and a new grandson. 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 25 years. She is looking forward to teaching *Parshat Hashavua*/weekly Torah portion, *Nevi'im*/Prophets, *Ivrit*/Hebrew Language, *Chagim*/holidays and *Tefillah*, prayer to the third and fourth grades this coming 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 3 sons-in-law, all enjoy and share in her enthusiasm for Judaism, as well.

Mindy Schaper

My name is Mindy Schaper, and my Jewish education was absorbed through a K-12 Yeshiva education, plus studying abroad in Israel. It was rounded off with a Judaic Studies degree from the University of Memphis, where I also completed a BA in Psychology and English. I completed an MBA from Rutgers while working at a professional services company. Married with two children, I live in Linden, NJ, and enjoy literature, politics, music, gardening, and the pursuit of dreams. I am looking forward to teaching *Chagim*, Jewish holidays, *Ivrit*/Hebrew language, *Tefillah*, Prayer, *Parsha*/Torah portion, and Israel to the fifth, seventh, and eighth grades.



Chaye Kohl

Ms. Chaye Kohl has taught both Judaic and General Studies, in elementary, middle, and high school. Chaye has been an education administrator in Jewish day schools in the USA. Currently she is a high school English teacher at Rae Kushner Yeshiva and a college professor of English at Adelphi University. Chaye has worked in congregational school settings and presented Torah themed lectures in the various communities where she has lived.



Ms. Kohl's degrees include: a BA in English, and a Masters in Judaic Studies from Brooklyn College; ABD in History from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York; Administration degree from the Intensive Training Program for Day School Leadership at Yeshiva University.

Chaye is a proud parent and a devoted Savta. Her picture book "My Telephone Savta" was written as a special treat for her grandchildren.

Chaye is looking forward, with pleasure, to teaching the Hebrew High School.