



TEACHER BIOGRAPHIES 2025 / 2026

We are so proud of our fantastic teaching team this year! Each Morah is an outstanding professional, dedicated to the craft of early childhood education. Teacher biographies are presented below:

PRE KINDERGARTEN

Chana Yager

I am thrilled to return for another wonderful year at Gan of Greenwich! With over ten years of experience in early childhood education, I'm passionate about inspiring young minds and helping each child discover their strengths. Originally from sunny Florida, I've always loved working with children—both in my community and within my own family. I spent a year abroad in Israel studying education and later earned both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Special Education in New York, with a focus on early childhood. I've taught in a variety of settings and received training in the Montessori method, which continues to influence my teaching approach. I believe the early years are foundational for growth and exploration through play. I strive to create a warm, respectful, and engaging classroom community that celebrates each child's individuality and gifts. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead of learning and partnering with you in your child's educational journey.

Amy Hanna

After staying at home to raise my three children, I began work as a substitute teacher at Gan of Greenwich. Last year, I became the Assistant Morah in the Pre-K class. I love spending time with young children because they're so sweet, authentic and curious. Each child is unique, and when they feel loved and safe they develop into healthy adults. I'm excited to be part of Gan of Greenwich and look forward to a fun and successful year together!

THREE's

Mushky Blizinsky

Ever since I can remember, I've been caring for children. As the second eldest of 12 siblings and a mother of three, nurturing young minds has always been a natural part of my life. I have been teaching preschool for 13 years, including six years leading the kindergarten class at the Chabad of Greenwich Hebrew School. My very first teaching role was in the HASC Preschool special education program—a phenomenal experience that continues to shape me as both a teacher and a parent. Over the years, I have taught in preschools in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Greenwich, all while earning my BA in Psychology and a Master's in General and Special Education. I am passionate about understanding each child as an individual—helping them discover their strengths, develop social and emotional skills, and grow with confidence during these most formative preschool years. I also believe that teaching is about more than academics—it's about creating a warm, connected community where children, families, and educators work together to help each child thrive. I am so grateful for the trust you place in me with your children's care and education. This year marks my sixth year teaching the 3s class here in Greenwich, and I look forward to an exciting, FUN, and enriching year together!

Kathy Carias

Growing up in a large family has been one of my greatest blessings, as it was there that I discovered my passion for caring for children. From an early age, I took on the role of family babysitter, fostering a love for helping children learn, grow, and thrive. I am currently in my final year of study towards a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, with a focus on school social work and a long term goal of working in a clinical setting. I am excited to continue at Gan of Greenwich as part of the teaching team, returning after a year dedicated to my studies. Previously, I worked with Chabad in the Twos class and am eager to reconnect with the children and families this school year. I enjoy being creative in many areas of my life and finding ways to bring color and joy into everyday moments.

Shevi Sarchi

I was raised in South Africa with my five siblings and many nieces and nephews. I find that relationships and experiences with children to be truly powerful. Creating authentic memories with children create paths for extreme growth for all. By providing children with a support system of love, and nurturing them to their specific needs, allows them space to thrive and express themselves fully. Over the years, I've worked in summer camps and other child focused programs. This has led to my passion for teaching, providing me with the knowledge that education never stops. I'm looking forward to this opportunity at Gan of Greenwich to create a foundation for the children to reach their fullest potential and to make many fun and exciting memories!!!!

TWO's**Nicole Hebel**

I grew up and studied in Santiago, Chile, where I graduated from a Theatre and Communications College with a degree in Education. I chose theatre because it combines communication skills, creative expression, and artistic ability. I love using movement to express ideas and tell a story. I believe that this could be a tool for changing lives! I wrote my thesis on "How to Prevent Childhood Obesity," because I also have an interest in nutrition and health in children. I researched teaching through active games and have worked in several schools using this approach. 16 years ago I came to the United States to learn English in a Cultural Exchange Program. I became part of the Chabad community and began working as a teacher in the preschool. My passion for teaching and interest in wellness led me to become a health coach, focusing on children's nutrition, and later I added gardening and sustainability practices into my repertoire of education skills and practices. I look forward to using these abilities as I run the Cooking, Gardening and Art curriculum program for our school! I find that being a teacher incorporates all my passions, and offers the opportunity to learn from the children and grow every day. As Marshall McLuhan once said, "Anyone who makes a distinction between education and entertainment doesn't know the first thing about either." I look forward to a fun and memorable year!

Esty Pels

I am a mother to five wonderful children and the middle child of 15 siblings. I have been caring for children ever since I can remember. With a natural gift for nurturing every child's inherent and unique talents, I began my formal teaching career over twenty years ago in Crown Heights with the mindset that every child has an immeasurable amount of beauty and goodness in them, and as educators we need to recognize this with love and care. I am grateful for the opportunity to join the wonderfully warm teaching team at Chabad of Greenwich. I look forward to a productive year together.

Nelly Alcantara

I am excited and very grateful to G-d for the opportunity to be a part of Gan of Greenwich. I've been on the wonderful journey of teaching and caring for children since I moved to this country from Honduras. Before taking intensive training programs in child pedagogy and psychomotor development, I studied nursing and was a CNA. I am deeply passionate about early education and believe that high-quality learning experiences early in life help prepare children to learn and succeed in and out of school. High-quality learning has a positive impact on school readiness, learning outcomes, and academic achievement for students from preschool through high school. It is an honor for me to be part of your child's early education and I simply can't wait to get started!

TODDLERS

Denise Broide

I was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina to a family of seven children and moved to NYC in 2003 with my husband, before relocating to Greenwich in 2011. I earned a Bachelor's in Law from the University of Buenos Aires. I have worked as a substitute teacher at Gan of Greenwich and Camp Gan since first moving to Connecticut, which provided me with varied experience working with children and Morahs in all classes from Toddlers through Pre-k. In 2019 I came on board full time as a teacher in the Toddler class. My two children, Jack and Sophia, both graduated from Chabad Hebrew School. I enjoy helping children develop and learn, and I find watching their transformation from the beginning to the end of the year to be amazing! I believe that each child is unique, and when they feel loved and accepted they shine. I look forward to getting to know you and your children. I'm excited to be part of Gan of Greenwich and look forward to a great, fun and successful year together!

Suly Corleto

As the oldest of five, I have been taking care of children for most of my life. I am so happy and thankful to G-d to return to Chabad Preschool for another year. I am the mother of two beautiful girls, Sofía (13) and Cesia (almost 11). This is my 9th year working at Chabad — each year has been wonderful and full of so many unforgettable moments. I thoroughly enjoy teaching and creating. I strive to provide an impactful and nurturing environment for your children. I truly appreciate parents' trust and confidence, allowing me to be part of your children's lives and education. In addition to teaching in the Toddler classroom, I also lead the school's Morning-Care and After-Care program, which allows me the opportunity to work with children of various ages - I find this very meaningful and motivating. Seeing your children smile, share, and grow always warms my heart.

TAMIM ACADEMY KINDERGARTEN

Morah Chanie: Judaics and Kriah Teacher

I'm so excited to be returning for my fourth year in the Tamim Kindergarten program! I was born and raised in Melbourne, Australia, and have been working in the education field for 10 years, teaching in preschools and schools in Australia and NY. I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education through Swinburne University Australia, and am currently working on my Master's Degree in Education through Gratz College. Through my studies and years of teaching experience, I have developed a particular interest in literacy and language development, the science of reading, and exploring ways to make learning accessible and enjoyable for all students. I live in Rockland County with my husband and two beautiful daughters, and I love cooking, playing guitar, and making school a fun and engaging place to be!

Michal Snyder: General Studies

I'm thrilled to be joining the Tamim community as a Kindergarten Teacher. I was born and raised in Philadelphia and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. After completing my degree, I began my teaching career in the NYC public school system, where I spent nine wonderful years. Most recently, I taught in the Greenwich Public Schools, which gave me a great opportunity to grow as an educator. I've always been passionate about working with children and helping them discover the world around them. One of my favorite aspects of teaching is watching young learners make sense of how things work—both socially and academically. Whether it's watching kids navigate friendship and sharing, or the excitement on their face when they finally grasp that letters make sounds and sounds make words—these moments inspire me to keep learning and growing! I currently live in Stamford with my husband, our cat, and our two spirited sons, who teach me patience every day! I'm excited to support the students at Tamim as they learn, explore, and grow in a fun, engaging, and nurturing environment.