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# ללמוד וללמד

FACILITATING THE  
TRANSITION

FROM LEARNING  
TO TEACHING

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# OVER THE PAST SEVENTY FIVE YEARS...

The day school movement has transformed the American Torah landscape, nurturing multiple generations of *bnei Torah* and imbuing millions of Jewish *neshamos* with the fundamentals of *yahadus*.

The flourishing national infrastructure of *mosdos hachinuch* was followed by the community *kollel* initiative. This unique model of *harbotzas Torah* brought thousands of committed *Torah* ambassadors to fledgling outposts across America.

Collectively, these two institutions went on to become communal anchors that infused new life into *kehilos* which formerly seemed destined for oblivion. The *kollel* network put boots-on-the-ground *bnei Torah* and their families, who raised the bar of *yiddishkeit* with their mere presence, creating new, dynamic hubs of thriving *yahadus*.

An added advantage of the *kollelim* was the army of foot soldiers they provided, a steady supply of first-rate *mechanchim* and *mechanchos*, *dayanim* and other *klei kodesh*, who were already invested in the host communities and were eager to “give back” in the form of securing their *kehilla’s* future.



**RABBI  
DOVID ENGEL**

Menahel, Toronto Cheder  
Director, CoJDS, Lilmod U'Lilamed



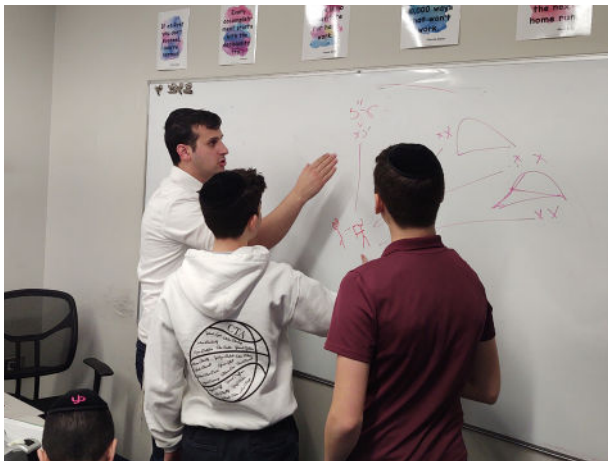
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Assistant Principal of Judaic  
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# NATURAL TRANSITION

The transition from learning to teaching is the natural progression of *Lilmod U'ilamed* – considered the ultimate achievement and objective of one's personal *aliyah b'Torah*. As a teacher of *Torah*, one becomes an integral player in the successive chain of the *mesoras haTorah* from *Har Sinai*.








## LILMOD U'LILAMED

### Facilitating the Transition From Learning to Teaching

The *Lilmod U'ilamed* project is a new initiative by the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools (CoJDS) to facilitate the transition of *klal yisroel's* best and brightest from *lilmod* to *lilamed*. The project consists of a series of custom-tailored workshops and hands-on mentoring opportunities, geared for young *avreichim* who have the potential to become tomorrow's *chinuch* professionals.

#### THE SIX-MONTH PILOT COHORT COVERED

-  **Pedagogy**
-  **Methodology**
-  **Discipline**
-  **Hands-on Workshops**
-  **Classroom Observation**



# DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL

The *Lilmod U'ililamed* program pairs up mentees with mentors who are not just there to provide help for crises; they are there to help their protégé be proactive as opposed to reactive. They spend at least four hours per month together and get to know each other well, forming a close, warm, trusting personal relationship. Mentors provide hands-on training for implantation of classroom management strategies and teaching methodologies, incorporating them into the mentee's natural pedagogic skills and toolbox of best practices in a classroom.

The mentorship program consists of two primary components, meetings and observations. The cohort is designed to address the fundamentals and hurdles of the first years, including:

*Designing a positive classroom environment • Addressing aspects of professionalism unique to chinuch • Curriculum, assessment, & lesson planning • School culture • Emunah • Communication*

*You have what it takes!*

AS A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY KOLLEL YOU ALREADY

- Have the passion to elevate *yiddishkeit* in out-of-town communities
- Recognize your potential and ability to make a difference
- Enjoy the beauty of living in a community where everyone counts
- Have set your *ruchniyus* goals as your priority objective
- Have experienced the fulfillment of impacting others

# STAFF

“At every stage of the *Lilmod U'ililamed* program, we are encouraged to fully involve ourselves in the learning process, which truly enhances our ability to fully integrate the many lessons taught. The added advantage is the personal attention we receive from CoJDS.”



**Rabbi Aaron Kutnowski**  
Head of Judaic Studies,  
Halpern Akiva Academy, Calgary

**LILMOD U'ILILAMED:** PTI MENTORSHIP  
**KOLLEL:** KOLLEL OHR YOSEF, THORNHILL  
**FORMER POSITION:** REBBE, HAMILTON HEBREW ACADEMY  
**PTI MENTOR:** RABBI DOVID ENGEL, MENAHEL, TORONTO CHEDER

“Learning with the *Lilmod U'ililamed* mentor has elevated my teaching to a completely new level! My mentor gives me practical tools and always asks for feedback, building my confidence as a teacher. The personal mentor program has done more for me as a *mechanech* than many of the teaching courses I took.”



**Rabbi Akiva Gavrylin**  
Rebbe,  
Caskey Torah Academy, Philadelphia

**LILMOD U'ILILAMED:** MENTORSHIP 2021  
**KOLLEL:** CBS COMMUNITY KOLLEL, PHILADELPHIA  
**PROGRAM TRAINING:** POLITZ HEBREW ACADEMY, PHILADELPHIA

“I’ve been able to connect with similarly motivated *chaverim*, as well as world-class *mechanchim* who have lit the path for a promising career in *chinuch*.”



**Rabbi Aryeh Birnhack**  
Rebbe,  
Hasten Hebrew Academy, Indianapolis

**LILMOD U'ILILAMED COHORT:** 2020-2021  
**KOLLEL:** COLUMBUS COMMUNITY KOLLEL  
**PROGRAM TRAINING:** COLUMBUS TORAH ACADEMY

“Thanks to *Lilmod U'ililamed* I’ve gained a greater understanding of the complexities of the classroom, the significance of passing the *Torah* to the next generation and the special role each teacher plays in this mission.”



**Rabbi Binyamin Levin**  
Rebbe,  
Jacksonville Torah Academy, Jacksonville

**LILMOD U'ILILAMED COHORT:** 2020-2021  
**KOLLEL:** JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY KOLLEL  
**PROGRAM TRAINING:** JACKSONVILLE TORAH ACADEMY

From the incredible presenters, who make themselves fully available to share their expertise and advice, to the opportunities facilitated to get inside the school and observe ‘from the inside’, *Lilmod U'ililamed* program has been and continues to be a great experience.”



**Rabbi Dovid Meissner**  
Rebbe,  
Ohr Torah, Cincinnati

**LILMOD U'ILILAMED:** MENTORSHIP 2021  
**KOLLEL:** CBS COMMUNITY KOLLEL, PHILADELPHIA  
**PROGRAM TRAINING:** POLITZ HEBREW ACADEMY, PHILADELPHIA

“The Consortium's Lilmod U'Lilamed program helps to develop a new generation of master mechanchim. Participating educators are enthusiastic; they appreciate the opportunity as they sharpen their skills and expand their horizons.”

**Rabbi Simcha Dessler**  
Menahele/Educational Director  
Hebrew Academy of Cleveland

“There are two words which describe the impact the program had on the rebbe: objective feedback. The ability to freely discuss how he was vs. how he should be dealing with difficult students and difficult parents helped change his trajectory to be a successful rebbe.”

**Rabbi Gidon Goldberg**  
Head of School  
Providence Hebrew Day School

“The Lilmod U'Lilamed program opened new doors for me, helping me be the best mechanech I can be. With personal guidance and a plethora of resources and tools, it was a real game changer. Rabbi Engel has been working with me and mentoring me, helping me every step of the way.”

**Rabbi Moshe Segelman**

“Under the mentorship of Rabbi Dovid Engel , I have learned a wealth of method , tips, and practical applications that make a tangible difference in the classroom. His in-depth understanding of chinuch on all fronts; from the perspective of the boys, the parents, and the rebbi, shines through in his explanations of his strategies and examples of how to be mechanech boys in a way that fosters a love for yiddishkeit and learning.”

**Rabbi Eli Moshe Janowski**



## REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 2022-2023 COHORT!

The cohort runs from January through June with remote participation options from any location.

For more information or to register for the upcoming cohort, please contact Rabbi Zecharia Weitz or Rabbi Heshy Glass at [info@cojds.org](mailto:info@cojds.org) / 516.368.3333

## PTI PROGRAM

CoJDS's expanded Principal Training Institute includes one-on-one mentoring for aspiring or current school principals. An experienced menahel takes the mentee under his wing, imparting the knowledge, technique and strategies for him to become an effective leader who helps everyone around him succeed.

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