

MEET OUR TEACHERS

Betty Zonshine

Betty Zonshine, a native of Denver, Colorado is a graduate of California State University, Northridge majoring in Religious Studies. In addition to tutoring B'nai Mitzvah children for the last 19 years, Betty has also worked as a paralegal for over thirty years. Betty has been married to her husband Bob for 36 years and has two sons, Michael and David.



Raya Kaufman



Raya Kaufman's family made aliyah to Israel from Poland in 1950. They escaped Poland to Tashkent right before the end of WW2, where she was born. Raya went back and stayed in Poland for another 4 years. She then lived in Jerusalem for the next 18 years, got married and moved to New York. Her son and daughter were born in Brooklyn. In 1982 they moved to Los Angeles. Raya worked at Temple Beth Haverim in Agoura Hills for 11 years teaching Hebrew and Judaic studies.

Raya's daughter and her family, made aliyah to Israel in 2009.

Ronit Lidor

Ronit Lidor was born and raised in Israel and is married with two children aged 27 and 19. She moved to America in 1989. Ronit has a degree in art with teaching credentials and has been teaching in Hebrew school for the past 20 years and loves every minute of it. She also prepares students for their bar/bat mitzvah, which gives her the opportunity to connect with them on an even deeper level. Ronit also pursues a career in art, painting figurative abstract with a hint of realism-acrylic on canvas. You can find her art on www.orgal.com and on face book.



Rinat Ahdoot

Rinat is recently married and has worked in Jewish day schools for over 15 years. She is trained as a professional life coach and is currently working at Oak Park High School as the freshman counselor. Rinat teaches a JEWELS class and facilitated the final classes of Ani V'Atah last year. She will also be overseeing the VOS Teen Youth Group for students in grades 8 – 10.

Ari Averbach

Ari Averbach is a rabbinical student at American Jewish University's Ziegler School. After graduating NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, he worked in the film industry before joining Jewish World Watch in their campaigns to end the violence in Sudan and Congo.

Ari has taught at Los Angeles Hebrew High, Or Ami, and Camp Ramah.



Pnina Rohm

Pnina Rohm was born and raised in Jerusalem, Israel. She came to the United States about thirty years ago, is married to Josh and has three grown-up children. Pnina holds a Bachelor of Art degree in child development. She has more than twenty years of teaching experience. Pnina enjoys sharing her love and knowledge of Judaism and Hebrew language with her students whose ages range from four years old to seventy two years old. Her guiding and inspiring motto is: *“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires” - William Arthur Ward*