



GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

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THE ROLE

Goldie Margolin School for Girls, Memphis, TN Principal

Goldie Margolin School for Girls, the high school division of Margolin Hebrew Academy, is seeking an up-and-coming, dynamic, and passionate teacher-leader in Judaic studies who is inspired by the opportunity to help each of our students realize her potential. This position requires a background in Judaic formal and informal education, with creativity and expertise in “what works” in high school education. Our selected leader will work closely with the Head of School and the high school administrative team, serving as a role model for faculty, staff, students, and the broader Memphis community in Jewish living and learning.

Our school is dedicated to fostering academic excellence in Judaic studies alongside general studies. We have a 75-year commitment to Torah learning and living, as well as a deep love for Hashem, the Jewish People, and the State of Israel. We take pride in cultivating young women who are knowledgeable, informed, and passionate about their unique roles in the Jewish community and the wider world.

While the majority of GMSG students are local, we also provide a dormitory for out-of-town students. Located in Memphis, TN, our school is part of a warm and growing community that offers many of the amenities found in larger cities, while maintaining the unique warmth of smaller communities. The school is situated in the heart of the neighborhood, close to synagogues, two *Kollelim*, and a kosher bakery, and it includes preschool, elementary, and yeshiva boys' high school divisions.

If you possess the motivation, skills, and experience to elevate GMSG to new heights, we invite you to reach out for further details.

Resumes, qualifications, references, and inquiries may be submitted to: gavriel.brown@mhafyos.org



OUR NEXT LEADER WILL...

Our Principal will lead the way in creating an inspiring environment where every girl thrives, socially, spiritually and academically.

Administrative and Operational Management: Our Principal will ensure the smooth operation of our GMSG. This leader will work in tandem with the Head of School and administrative team to coordinate daily functions, uphold instructional continuity, and foster a great school climate.

A major focus will be on the planning and execution of engaging, student-driven events that enrich the educational experience and strengthen community ties: the annual retreat, nights of learning, special speakers, and the annual GMSG dinner. Efficient resource management, including event logistics and budgeting, will also be a priority, ensuring that our learning environment remains vibrant and supportive.

Jewish Studies Academic Leadership: Our Principal will champion a robust Judaic studies curriculum tailored to meet the diverse needs of our students. This role involves setting high academic standards and promoting innovative, engaging teaching practices while providing targeted PD for faculty.

The Principal will also implement assessment strategies to enhance student engagement and track progress, ultimately fostering a culture of academic excellence and deepening our students' connection to their Jewish identity.

Leadership and Mentorship: Our Principal will embody the values of professionalism and integrity, serving as an exemplary role model within the Memphis community. She will mentor both students and staff, providing guidance that encourages personal and professional growth. Fostering a collaborative environment among faculty will be vital, as will addressing challenges through constructive dialogue with students, parents, and staff to maintain a united vision for GMSG.

Spiritual and Community Leadership: Our Principal will play a crucial role in instilling a strong commitment to Torah learning and living among students. By nurturing a love for Hashem, the Jewish People, and the State of Israel, they will help cultivate a rich Jewish identity within the school. Actively engaging with all members of the school community, the Principal will build meaningful connections that enhance relationships and strengthen GMSG's presence within the broader Memphis community.



OUR SCHOOL

Margolin Hebrew Academy/Feinstone Yeshiva of the South is a warm and welcoming Orthodox Jewish day school that inspires and empowers Pre-K through twelfth grade Jewish children. We prepare the knowledge, skills, and passion needed to achieve success and make meaningful contributions to society. We promote excellence in Judaic and General studies for both girls and boys. Our school is committed to Torah learning and Torah living, and love of G-d, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel.

OUR BELIEFS



Outstanding Judaic and General Studies work together to develop intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and a lifelong love of learning.



Children are curious and eager to learn; highly trained and well-supported faculty empower them to excel.



Family-school partnership with consistent, effective communication is essential to student growth and development.



The values of integrity, kindness, respect, and responsibility are foundational to our Jewish identity, unite our school community, and inform our commitments and actions in society.



The continuity of the Memphis Jewish community depends on the long-term sustainability of the school and strategic development of its resources.

Accredited by SAIS and affiliated with Prizmah, Torah U'Mesorah, the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools, and Yeshiva University



OUR SCHOOL

History

In 1949, the founders of the Memphis Hebrew Academy had only a dream upon which to build a Jewish day school. With limited funds, but lots of determination and *siyata d'shmaya*, the School began with a handful of students in Kindergarten and 1st Grade.

Each year another class was added, and by 1957, the MHA was a K-8 elementary school. In 1964, the Yeshiva of the South with Boys and Girls high school divisions was founded in Memphis to enable MHA graduates to continue their Jewish education. In 1987, the Yeshiva of the South, merged with the MHA to create one unified institution from preschool through 12th Grade. In 1991, the Memphis Hebrew Academy became the Margolin Hebrew Academy and later the Yeshiva of the South became the Feinstone Yeshiva of the South.

Generations of MHA-FYOS graduates are leaders in Jewish communities across the U.S. and in Israel. Building on its proud legacy, MHA-FYOS continues to provide its students with a strong Jewish and General Studies education, equipping young people to be successful in their chosen paths and become contributing members of the Orthodox Jewish community.

FOUNDED IN 1949

200
ENROLLED
STUDENTS

14
AVERAGE
STUDENTS
PER CLASS

4 DIVISIONS

65
DEDICATED
STAFF &
FACULTY

24
LIMUDEI
KODESH
STAFF





FACULTY AND CAMPUS

FACULTY

Our talented and dedicated faculty and staff are fully committed to their students and to the school.

50+
TEACHERS

10
ADMINISTRATORS

5
ACADEMIC
SUPPORT
STAFF

6
ADMINISTRATIVE
PROFESSIONALS

CAMPUS

Our Aaron David Shainberg Campus sits on seven acres in a residential neighborhood of East Memphis, within the Community Eruv. The main building houses classrooms and offices for the Leach Early Childhood Center, Margolin Hebrew Academy, and Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys. The facility includes our newly renovated Irby and Bernice Cooper Beit Midrash in the Ira Weinstein Wing, Moss Gymnasium, a library, a commercial kitchen, and lunchroom. Our new, state-of-the-art Mary Pikely Innovation Center opened in 2022. Separate buildings on campus house the Goldie Margolin School for Girls, the Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys dormitory, and the residence of the Torah MiTzion Rosh Kollel and his family. Our outdoor facilities include a sports field, two playgrounds covering more than 4,500 square feet, as well as two gazebos, pickleball courts, and outdoor fitness equipment.





OUR GRADUATES

95% of MHA-FYOS alumni spend a year or more in Israel after high school graduation, most in Yeshivas or Seminaries, including:

Baer Miriam
Darchei Binah
Machon Alte
Machon Maayan
Meorot Yerushalayim
Michlalah
Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim
Midreshet Harova
Midreshet Moriah
Midreshet Torah V'Avodah
Sha'alvim for Women
Sharfman's
Tiferet

Aish Geshet
Ashreinu
Bar Ilan University Israel XP
Derech Etz Chaim
Kerem B'Yavneh
Orayta
Torat Moshe
Torat Shraga
Yeshivat Hakotel
Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush)
Yeshivat Reishit
Yeshivat Sha'alvim
Yeshivat Shaarei Mevaseret Zion

Graduates of our school are well prepared for the most prestigious colleges and universities. A sampling of schools our alumni have attended in the past five years include:

Bar Ilan University
Barnard College
Brandeis University
Columbia University
Goucher College
George Washington University
Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Maryland
University of Missouri
University of Pennsylvania
Queens College
Rhodes College
Touro College
Washington University
Yeshiva University



PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

Events

ECE Fall Festival, Grandparents and Special Guests Day, Yom Ha'aztmaut Parade, Elementary School Science Expo, Family S.T.E.M. Night, Jewish Holiday Productions, Middle School Girls Light of Torah Evening, High School Trips and Shabbatons, CYHSB Steak Dinner, GMSG Gala Dinner, Kindness Week, PTA Color Run, Memphis Yeshiva Invitational, Irby and Bernice Cooper Alumni Game

Community

CYHSB & GMSG Community-Wide Nights of Learning, Better Together, Chesed Trips, Od Yosef Chai Purim Project, Memphis-Shoham Partnership

Clubs/Activities

Recycling Club, Model Beis Din, Mock Trial, YUNMUN, Woz U Drone Program, Israel Club, Facing History and Ourselves, Masmidim Program, Middle School Mishmar, Chidon HaTanach, Robotics Club, Soccer Shots, Ballet Club, Cholent Niggun and Maaseh, Tefilah Boot Camp, Engineering Club, Student Leadership Group, Student Council, Goldie Globe Newspaper, CYHSB Weekly Newspaper, Peer Tutoring, St. Jude Science Scholars of Tomorrow

Sports

Varsity Basketball, Golf, Pickleball, Baseball, Tennis, High School Intramural Football, Jr. Varsity Basketball, Flag Football





SCHOOL DIVISIONS

Leach Early Childhood Center **Pre-K through Kindergarten**

Here, learning comes alive for our 3, 4, and 5-year-old students. Using small group teaching techniques, our teachers tailor learning opportunities for each student, individualizing instruction to best meet each child's learning needs. Our ECE teachers integrate General and Judaic studies throughout the day. Students also enjoy weekly specialty classes such as music, art, STEM, and physical education.



Margolin Hebrew Academy **Grades 1-8**

In this warm, stimulating environment, children are motivated to grow and learn. Our program is designed to meet the diverse needs and interests of all students. Our teachers love kids, and instructional planning is guided by a philosophy that fosters social, emotional, and academic growth for each student.

The Judaic Studies program is designed to foster skills in and understanding of text-based learning of Chumash, Ivrit, Navi, Mishna, and Jewish Law as well as developing strong positive Middot and cultivating a love of HaShem, Torah, Chesed, and the Jewish people. Kollel Torah Mitzion and Bat Ami create innovative and educational programs to ensure that Eretz Yisrael has a place in the hearts and minds of every child in every grade.

The General Studies curriculum includes a full array of subjects — Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies — guiding students to develop critical thinking skills and effectively preparing them for the 21st century realities they will encounter.

Our Junior High division serves as a bridge between Elementary and High School. In addition to implementing a rigorous High School preparatory curriculum, our Junior High Principal and faculty plan special programming and serve as mentors for our pre-teen students.



SCHOOL DIVISIONS

Feinstone Yeshiva of the South

Goldie Margolin School for Girls, Grades 9-12

Students spend their day immersed in college-preparatory, General Studies classes and high-level Torah learning. The Limudei Kodesh curriculum includes Chumash, Navi, Ivrit, Jewish History, and Torah She-Ba'al Peh, providing a forum for intense, thoughtful discussions regarding growing relationships with HaShem and living as a Jewish woman.

Complementing the core disciplines of English, History, Math, and Science are a wide array of electives and scholastic opportunities, including AP level courses. Twice-weekly Chesed trips foster connection to the larger community, and semi-annual overnight retreats cement close-knit friendships. A broad range of extracurricular clubs and activities round out students' high school experience. The GMSG is housed in its own buildings on the MHA-FYOS campus.

Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys, Grades 9-12

With a unique blend of rigorous college preparatory classes and serious text-based Judaic Studies classes, the Yeshiva challenges each student on his level, maximizing the impact of classes. Students study Gemara, Chumash, Halacha, Navi, Ivrit, and Jewish History/Zionism. Complementing the core disciplines of English, History, Math, and Science are an array of electives and scholastic opportunities, including AP level courses.

Permeated with an unrivaled sense of community and camaraderie, our boys high school program serves young men who seek to learn and build community together. Boys participate in weekly mishmar, Chesed trips, and welcome the broader community to a variety of programs throughout the year. The Irby and Bernice Cooper Beit Midrash is a vibrant Makom Torah with students learning at all times of the day and night, a Community Beit Midrash program and regular minyanim during the week and on Shabbos.

Both High Schools have robust dormitory programs that attract students from cities across North America. Dorm students are embraced by the school community, enjoying Shabbos meals with their teachers and local families.

LEARNING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW



"The exceptional education I received at MHA laid the foundation for my later success. The small class sizes and family-like atmosphere allowed me to explore my curiosities and pursue subjects I was passionate about. The dedicated teachers encouraged me to refine my skills, which contributed significantly to my eventual acceptance into the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. Perhaps most importantly, the wide range of extracurricular opportunities helped me explore various interests and shape the person I aspired to become. As a freshman at MSGS, I was accepted onto the YUNMUN Team. Over the next four years, I saw myself transform into a confident, composed, and diplomatic leader. Last year, I had the honor of serving as the Secretary-General of the entire conference. None of this would have been possible without MHA."

SHAYNA KAHANE LESNOY, FYOS CLASS OF 2020

"The best gift that the MHA left me was the ability to not only see my potential, but to want to work to achieve it. My teachers pushed me to improve and instilled in me a love for learning, especially topics I am passionate about. Currently, I attend the University of Maryland and have decided to major in Government and Politics on an International Relations concerted track, double minoring in Middle Eastern Studies and Global Terrorism Studies. I am working with StandWithUs to promote accurate Israel education on campus and combat antisemitism. I believe the MHA truly instills passion into their students, and attending the MSGS only furthered this ability by providing me with leadership opportunities where I could hone skills that are fundamental once you enter the world on your own. I will always be grateful for MHA-FYOS!"

SARA WEINSTEIN, FYOS CLASS OF 2022



"The MHA's unique, tight-knit community encouraged me to contribute and make an impact through hard work that I loved - whether it be preparation for Steak Dinner, doing research for Model U.N., or mentoring youth at Porter-Leath Preschool, my MHA experience was more than simply an academic one. The opportunities I had to reach out of my comfort zone cultivated the confidence to run for student government at Penn, where I served as Vice President of Internal Affairs for the Class of 2022. While at Penn studying Computer Science, I had internships with Microsoft and Amazon, and the summer following graduation, I worked in Phoenix for the Phoenix Suns. While I was very tempted to stay on as a data analyst, I accepted an offer from Palantir in New York, where I have been working as a computer software engineer for the last two years. Thanks, MHA!"

J.J. KAMPF, FYOS CLASS OF 2017

"My time at the Margolin Hebrew Academy was defined by the close, personalized attention I received both academically and in extracurricular activities. The one-on-one support from my teachers allowed me to explore my interests in science and shaped my academic path. Whether it was diving deep into challenging subjects or collaborating on extracurricular initiatives, MHA equipped me with essential problem-solving and critical thinking skills. I now apply those skills at Columbia University, where I am studying cognitive science and am an active member of the Neuroscience Society Club. Additionally, my involvement in Yavneh, the Modern Orthodox Jewish community at Columbia, is a continuation of the values I developed at MHA, allowing me to grow spiritually while engaging with my peers. I am deeply grateful for the foundation MHA provided, as it has fully prepared me for the challenges of college life!"

SERENA COOPER, FYOS CLASS OF 2022





PARENT TESTIMONIALS

“We chose to send our children to MHA for its ability to give the children a strong Judaic and General Studies foundation. The school is small enough to differentiate yet large enough to create friendships that span all age groups. I feel like at MHA I have a partner in my children’s education.”

Tracey, MHA-FYOS Parent

“There is a very strong sense of community within the school, where Torah is central and every single child matters. It is clear to us — and even to our kids — that the teachers and staff put their hearts and souls into what they do every day.”

Steven, MHA-FYOS Parent

“From the beginning of the day to the very end, our children are immersed in surroundings that teach them strong Jewish values, a love for Torah, and a commitment to community. Our school puts our children on the right path to be successful now and in the future.”

Jessica & Alex, MHA-FYOS Parents

“Like many families, our children have a range of different talents, abilities, and strengths. The MHA has been there for additional help when they are struggling, and extra enrichment to allow them to achieve their full potential. Because of the school’s dedication and effort, our children are performing at their highest levels and are always pushed to achieve more.”

Deena & Noam, MHA-FYOS Parents

“MHA-FYOS is more than an excellent school; it is a warm and welcoming community. MHA-FYOS serves as our extended family.”

Rachel, MHA-FYOS Parent

“Teachers and administrators alike are always willing to go above and beyond to support our students. It truly is a warm and caring environment.”

Stacy, MHA-FYOS Parent

“Because it’s a small, tight-knit school, it fosters strong relationships between teachers and students — and parents too. We know that if we ever have questions or concerns, we can reach out to our son’s teachers — and they’re just as happy to be there for the parents as they are for the students.”

Rashki, MHA-FYOS Parent



MEMPHIS

OUR COMMUNITY

Life in Memphis

Memphis, Tennessee, is home to a vibrant Jewish community. The city continually ranks high for “livability,” with affordable housing, little traffic, and mild winters. The cost of living in Memphis is below the national average in every category, and there is no city or state income tax. The centrally-located Orthodox Jewish community means easy commutes, and easy access to the city’s many cultural opportunities, from museums and art galleries to outdoor trails and parks.

The three Orthodox Shuls in Memphis frequently collaborate with each other. The first-of-its-kind Torah Mitzion Kollel brings a taste of Israel to Memphis, and the Memphis Kollel offers ample opportunities for Torah learning. The community boasts a new Mikvah and a well-maintained Eruv, as well as a vibrant NCSY chapter and a large and active JCC. Kosher food is readily available, and our kosher bakery is world-renowned.

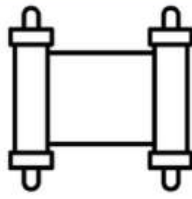
Warmth and Southern hospitality are hallmarks of Memphis, and those qualities are attracting new Orthodox families to town every year, with nearly 100 new families in the last six years.





14

AVERAGE
NUMBER OF
STUDENTS PER
GRADE



13

STUDENTS
QUALIFIED FOR
THE NATIONAL
CHIDON
HATANACH
EXAM



100%

OF MHA-FYOS STUDENTS BEGIN
HEBREW LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
IN PRE-K 3



88%

PERCENT OF STUDENTS
WHO RECEIVED A 3 OR
HIGHER ON AP EXAMS



1:1

DEVICES FOR
STUDENTS IN
GRADES 4-12



46

STUDENTS ARE
CHILDREN OF
ALUMNI



6

DIFFERENT
SPORTS
OFFERED



95%

PERCENT OF FYOS
GRADUATES SPEND A GAP
YEAR IN ISRAEL

609K

GRANTS
RECEIVED
IN 2024

165K

FUNDS FOR
DIFFERENTIATED
EDUCATION



2,500

HOURS OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE BY STUDENTS
ANNUALLY

75

YEARS
EDUCATING
STUDENTS IN
THE MEMPHIS
JEWISH
COMMUNITY



300+

ARTICLES WRITTEN
ANNUALLY FOR HIGH
SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS



19

ALUMNI SERVED
IN THE IDF IN
THE HAMAS WAR



26

STUDENT CLUBS
AND ACTIVITIES
OFFERED

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