

Letter from the Author

Congratulations on becoming one of your school's madrichim! You were accepted into the program because your school trusts you and has confidence in your ability to become an effective madrich or madrichah.

This handbook will expand your understanding of children and will help you build the skills you need to handle the many roles of madrichim. Each chapter functions as a complete workshop. Workshops focus on leadership skills, daily responsibilities, group work, tutoring, learning styles, and students with disabilities. In each of these subject areas, you will learn how to deal with the challenges that madrichim commonly face. You will practice applying the skills that you learn, and you will reflect on how your learning is likely to affect your work in the classroom.

You and your fellow madrichim are role models for your students, and your efforts can make a real difference in their religious school experience. Among your duties is helping your students develop a positive Jewish identity. By deepening your involvement in your religious school, you are serving as an example of an active participant in Jewish communal life.

Teaching, tutoring, and mentoring can be tremendously fulfilling. I hope that as you take on your teaching responsibilities, you find joy in working with your students.

B'hatzlahah,

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