Let No Child Be Left Behind: Naaleh Torah Tutors – At The Frontline Of The Chinuch Revolution

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They are the unsung heroes and heroines; dedicate professionals who motivate struggling students to reach for the stars, while challenging the gifted to exceed all expectations. Selflessly and often devoid of the recognition they deserve, these men and women devote their efforts to the academic success of their students, instilling in them a sense of self-confidence and self-worth. And although thus far, they have not been accorded the acclaim and homage or job security that their classroom counterparts enjoy, these miracle workers are quietly but powerfully turning the tide in chinuch. According to an article in Mishpacha Magazine, "…menahalim across the board agree that this is the next frontier in chinuch; a functional and vibrant network of private educators."

"Many (of these) private rebbeim possess skills or qualities that allow them to reach a talmid with a specific challenge in ways the classroom rebbe is not able to," said Rabbi Menachem M. Karmel, Menahel of Montreal's Yeshiva Gedola elementary school. "Some of them specialize in auditory processing or kriah issues and they're literally saving lives, giving kids who were on the outside a way to climb back into the system and thrive. At the same time, even those who haven't formally trained in kriah support or other specific areas may have the talent to connect with an unmotivated talmid, or to create a non-pressured learning experience for a boy who is struggling to fit the mold.

"We've certainly noticed the trend," Rabbi Tzvi Bloom of Torah Umesorah told Mishpacha. "More and more rebbeim are coming to workshops and conventions. Just as we created specialized groups for different grade-level rebbeim and moros, we would be happy to provide specific training and networking for this group as well."

With the evolution of chinuch's goals and techniques along with society's demands and complexities, and as parents are cognizant that a child with reading or comprehension issues is at risk of struggling going forward, more parents than ever before are turning to private rebbeim and moros to inspire and motivate their children, in the hope of ensuring their academic success.

Investing in these men and women on the front lines of chinuch with the proper resources and respect can be significant. "Once we can fully communicate the life-altering impact proper remedial assistance makes on our students we will be able to rewrite the life stories and destinies of countless children and families," says Rabbi Yosef Mashinsky, Menahel of Bais Dovid in Monsey.

Many parents, due to time constraints, resources and often ability, must hire a private teacher in order to provide their child with the many advantages of one-on-one instruction. With costs ranging from \$60 to \$100 per academic hour, the cost of a private tutor can be prohibitive.

To that end, Bais Midrash of Queens, a non-profit organization, has partnered with the Avi Chai Fund to create Naaleh Torah Tutors, as an innovative solution to the challenge. By pairing students with professional educators and learning specialists through a customized web conferencing platform that can be accessed from the comfort of your home or school, Naaleh Torah Tutors has significantly lowered the cost of Torah tutoring.

Naaleh Torah Tutors strives to give every Jewish student around the world the individual attention and academic support of one-on-one tutoring at an affordable price. They aim to provide the International

Jewish community with an affordable option to support their children's Jewish education, allowing the students to improve their Judaic Studies skills while developing a warm relationship with a dedicated role model.

Students are paired with highly qualified private tutors or learning specialists. Focusing on the child's own learning style, these teachers provide the student with the succor and support to improve his skills. Sessions take place using cutting-edge web conferencing technology to teach students via the Internet.

"Our tutors and learning specialists are trained on how to take advantage of technology to enhance student engagement," says Mrs. Tziporah Klaver, Director of Naaleh Torah Tutors. "Communication lines between Naaleh tutors and parents and schools always remain open for feedback and discussion. Our tutors are highly qualified and possess years of experience teaching and studying Torah. Our learning specialists have impeccable credentials and will help your child succeed!"

User-friendly, the simple online Naaleh Torah Tutor platform is all that is required to purchase tutoring sessions, create and manage appointments and meet with the private teacher. Sessions can be conducted at home, thereby eliminating the need to go anywhere or to factor in travel time for a tutoring session. Parents schedule a convenient time, then the student may study from any venue. Additionally, the platform may be accessed from a PC, mobile device, at home or on the go.

Naaleh Torah Tutors would like to work in tandem with schools to provide quality individualized attention to help students succeed. Naaleh Torah Tutors offers highly professional Torah tutoring for as little as \$20 per hour.

"Nowadays, what was once considered a luxury has become a necessity," says Mrs. Klaver. "Today's classrooms are unable to fully meet the educational needs of each of our children. Private tutoring is no longer a privilege reserved for the very wealthy or those with serious learning issues. Naaleh has created a program which can give every child the support needed to reach his academic potential, by bringing professional tutors at affordable prices to any computer!"

Discover why Naaleh Torah Tutors is a gamechanger. It is the gift that will positively impact your child – and your family – forever.

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