



Rabbi Avraham Varnai

Rabbi Avraham Varnai was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada. He travelled to Chicago to study at the Seymour J. Abrams Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School and the Lubavitch Mesivta of Chicago. He went on to receive his Rabbinical Ordination from Yeshivas Bais Menachem in New Jersey and a Bachelor's degree in Talmudic studies from Central Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim Lubavitch. In 2010, Avraham graduated with a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Loyola University. He is licensed and certified as an educational administrator with the Illinois State Board of Education.

Rabbi Varnai has been teaching fourth grade at the Seymour J. Abrams Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School for the past 12 years. As an instructor, Avraham uses many methods of hands-on teaching and exciting class programs to bring out the best in each and every one of his students. His goal is to have each student feel respected and appreciated for who they are and for every child to develop a love for learning and for Judaism.

In addition to his teaching, Avraham is the school's program director and works with the administration to bring energy and excitement to the entire school with special programs for Jewish holidays. Avraham and his class put on a grand production for families and friends at the annual Gemara celebration. Another highlight is the 4th grade grand Menorah lighting. Every Chanukah, Rabbi Varnai and his class construct a unique menorah with a focus on chesed, and celebrate the completion with a grand menorah lighting ceremony. They have made a menorah with over 5,000 cans of food which was distributed to local food pantries. A few years back, a menorah was constructed with over 1,000 toys that were later given to local hospitals, Chai Lifeline and the Friendship Circle. These projects have gain international recognition.

Avraham is thankful to be working at Cheder with such an amazing team of educators. His coworkers and administrators have been so supportive and encouraging throughout his teaching experience.

Family is in an integral part of Avraham's life. His parents, Yisroel and Sara Esther Varnai, who currently live in Beitar Illit, Israel, taught him the importance of proper Chinuch from a very young age. His wife Rivka is the Director of Student Services at Hillel Torah. Avraham and Rivka enjoy collaborating on lesson planning and educational strategies together. They are the proud parents of four beautiful children, Chana Perl, Yaakov Chaim, Shimon Alexander and Yehudis Bracha.