

Rabbi Shmuel Kurtz



Rabbi Shmuel Kurtz has been teaching at Ida Crown Jewish Academy for over twenty years. He received *Smicha* from HaRav Zalman Nechemia Goldberg, *shlita* and HaRav Moshe Shmuel Shapiro, *zatzal* in 1989. He received his teacher certification and master teacher certification from the ATT in 1995 and 1997, respectively. He also participated in the “All Kinds of Minds” and “Research for Better Teaching” seminars. He has published two books, translations of the *Malbim on Megillas Ruth* and the *Pele Yoetz, of Rav Eliezer Papo*.

Rabbi Kurtz’s teaching style promotes higher level cognition, demands of students to challenge their a priori positions, and raises the awareness of the ethical implications of their choices. Learning is transformed from an academic exercise into an experiential encounter with the timeless wisdom and truth of *Torah*. He strives to inspire students to become lifetime *Torah* learners and contributing members to the Jewish community in the ever-changing world of tomorrow.