



For the past twenty -five years, Gayle Kopin has been involved with Jewish Education. In 1996, Mrs. Kopin joined the staff at Hillel Torah where she teaches Language Arts and Social Studies. Instructing students how to write and enjoy literature as well as History and current events are just a few of Mrs. Kopin's passions. By integrating music, storytelling, and other differentiations into her classes, Mrs. Kopin's students are able to learn lessons that will enable them to succeed in their futures. When graduates come back to visit, she is overjoyed to hear of their

accomplishments. Some of her students have even become teachers due to her influences.

Mrs. Kopin takes leadership in planning many school-wide programs. As 5th grade student advisor, she has ongoing communication with parents to ensure their partnership in the learning process of their children. Mrs. Kopin is also the 8th grade fundraising advisor where she understands the importance of collaborating and partnering with parents to benefit the students. She is also mentored many of the new teachers to help them in their instruction and to find creative ways to present curriculum.

In addition to Mrs. Kopin's work at Hillel Torah, she has been a mentor for the Yeshiva University Fellow's program as well as a student teacher supervisor for the Azrieli Graduate School. Mrs. Kopin is also the proud recipient of the 2011 Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education.

Mrs. Kopin is an active member of Beth Tikvah Congregation in Hoffman Estates where she taught Family Education. She has also served as a past-president of the Sisterhood and has held many chairmanships on the Synagogue Board of Directors. Currently, she is co-chair of the Ruth G. Damlich Caring Committee.

Mrs. Kopin's family is very important to her, and her husband, Ira, can be seen at many school events. Mrs. Kopin is especially proud of her son and daughter in law, Adam and Heather Diamond, her stepchildren Michael and Suzan, Richard and Kimberly, and Karen and Brian, as well as her seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.