



Mrs. Ruth Becker has taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov for almost a decade and has made a positive and lasting impact on hundreds of students. Mrs. Becker believes that all students are “gifted” with talents and abilities distinctively their own. In her own words, “my privilege and challenge is to discover each student’s strengths and to capitalize on them. I love knowing I can make a difference in a student’s life- both in and out of the classroom. My students become children of my heart and remain so long after they are promoted to higher grades.”

Mrs. Becker is a self-reflective teacher who consistently evaluates and re-evaluates her teaching skills in order to assure that she meets the needs of every child, every year, in a compassionate classroom setting. As a teacher, she is always learning from her students and colleagues. She recognizes that stimulating the minds of children and helping them to learn is a challenging task that constantly requires new ideas and a fresh outlook. The opportunity to make learning fun and to create wonderful memories in her classroom is one of the highlights of Mrs. Becker’s career.

Mrs. Becker was “born” to education following in the steps of her beloved mother, of blessed memory, Mrs. Elaine Wolinetz, who was a prized teacher and an institution in the first grade classroom at JDBY for almost forty years and her father, Mr. Morris Wolinetz, a devoted primary grade teacher at YTT. She brings to the classroom a foundation of educational philosophy and an ongoing commitment to grow professionally, incorporating new techniques, Smart Board, writers’ workshops, differentiated instruction, and many ATT professional development courses along with a myriad of other current ideas to further enhance the educational experience for her students. Additionally, she creates a unique yearly theme which makes each class feel even more special. Mrs. Becker’s classroom is a dynamic work environment and no two days, no two years are ever the same.

Mrs. Becker has been an active volunteer contributing to many of the school programs. She and her husband, Mr. Benjamin Becker, are the proud parents of eight children. Their choice to educate their children at JDBY/YTT speaks to their endorsement of the high quality of the education.