



Lior Kakon

For the past 20 years, Lior has been an educator. She began in the IDF Educational Department and became an officer. Later, while earning a BA in Educational Administration and a minor in Jewish History at Ben Gurion University, she became the coordinator of Perach, a mentoring program. She then went on to receive her Masters in Public Policy and Management. During this time, she was a teacher and the Director of Extra-Curricular Activities at Gutvirt High School in Sderot.

Today, Lior is an exceptional Ivrit and Judaic teacher at Hillel Torah. She has been teaching in the middle school for 10 years and has been a very successful and well-liked teacher by students, colleagues and parents. Lior is also a leader and a mentor among the teachers and has led many important programs in her school such as the Shlichim program, the Neta program, Camp Chi Outdoor Ed and the state of the art Bnei and Bnot Mitzvah program. In addition, Lior takes leadership in planning many school-wide program and extracurricular activities. She produced the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Yom Ha'atzmaut program, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Shabbaton and planned and executed the decoration of all the public areas in the school.

Lior is a lifelong learner, always striving to grow in her profession and as a person. She has participated in many professional development opportunities. Lior was invited to participate in the Neta Master Teacher program and currently is the program coordinator at Hillel Torah. She also has served in the capacity of a mentor to new and developing teachers. Furthermore, Lior attended many ATT courses earning an ATT Teacher's License.

In addition to her work at Hillel Torah, Lior also works for a kiruv organization, Yisraelink. She is the principal of a Hebrew school, Maccabim, for Jewish children who go to public schools and are looking for ways to increase their Hebrew skills and to connect to their Israeli and Judaic roots.

Lior's family is an integral and important part of her life. Yigal, her husband, is also a very active teacher at Hillel Torah. Lior and Yigal work as a special team on many school programs. They are the proud parents of four children, Nirel, Amir, Amitai, and Ella.