

Far Rockaway

Parent Education Center to open in Queens serving Jewish communities across the borough

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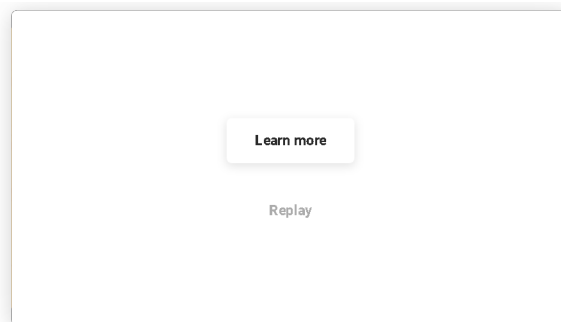
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Hidden Sparks, a nonprofit that provides teachers and parents with the tools to support struggling students in mainstream Jewish day schools, will open a Parent Education Center (PEC) in Queens in time for the 2021-2022 school year.

Upon its launch, the Hidden Spark PEC will operate within 20 Queens Jewish day schools and parents of students in the Title I program. Participants are expected from Kew Gardens, Kew Gardens Hills, Forest Hills, Jamaica Estates, Rego Park and Far Rockaway.



Debbie Niderberg, executive director of Hidden Sparks, said the center is critical in being able to provide direct service to those in need in the community.

“We feel both privileged and thrilled that the New York City Department of Education has selected us as its partner for helping Jewish day school parents in Queens, which has one of the largest populations in the tri-state area,” Niderberg said. “Over the coming months we look forward to connecting the community with education specialists who will be able to work with parents both during scheduled group sessions as well as in direct counseling meetings, both virtual and in-person. We’re excited to assist parents in Queens in helping their children be more successful in the classroom.”

Through a virtual center with a dedicated staff, parents will be eligible to receive guidance, counseling and participate in workshops if they have a child that receives DOE services through the Title I program that focuses on improving English language and math skills for struggling students. Parents will be able to attend these one-on-one meetings and group sessions at no cost.

The individual sessions and workshops will offer support and mentoring for parents seeking help with homework strategies for their children, help them to promote their child’s extracurricular reading, as well as

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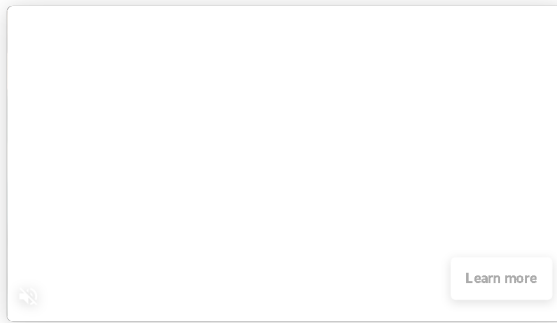
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Founded in 2006, Hidden Sparks is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping teachers and schools educate struggling learners. Through professional development programs and on-site coaching for teachers, it helps educators deepen their understanding of learning and approaches for teaching all kinds of learners, particularly those who struggle. With 110 participating day schools and a total of 3,875 educators trained by the Hidden Sparks curriculum, the organization has impacted a total of 47,450 students since its inception. For more information, visit www.hiddensparks.org.

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