



MAGENU UNVEILS NEW PERSONAL SAFETY CURRICULUM AT TORAH UMESORAH CONVENTION

Magenu attended the Torah Umesorah convention this month where it unveiled the first in-school curricula for Jewish schools to teach personal safety. The concept is based on thorough research of what works in prevention, including repetition, role playing, active participation and having trusted adults to do the teaching. Magenu's program offers teachers and Reb-beim the ability to teach with this methodology in six separate lessons. It is the first of its kind in our community. Magenu met countless educators from locations including Toronto, Baltimore, Texas and Mexico who expressed the need for such an education. "We stand firmly on the fact that the main abuse prevention components lie in the hands of the adults," the organization said in a statement. "However, we also believe we have an obligation to help children understand what situations to avoid, how to recognize tricky people, healthy and unhealthy relationships, safe and unsafe touches and most importantly, who and how to tell if something does happen and the child needs help. Opening discussion to children in classrooms helps them gain a sense of self confidence in themselves. It allows adults to recognize when a child needs them and gives them the language of how to approach difficult topics."

