Teaching Fellowship Gives Opportunity to SCW Alum

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Another aspect of the fellowship is the mentor system, in which a teacher at the host school acts as a mentor for the fellow. The mentor meets with the fellow to offer feedback and support for on-the-job concerns. Kasher's mentor at ICJA is English teacher Caryn Engel. Kasher praised the mentor system, which is unique to her among other teachers at ICJA. She remarked that Engel is "honest, open, warm and caring."

Engel participates in monthly conference calls with Small and other mentors associated with the fellowship. Engel commented that Small is "very helpful," and that the conference calls "offer resources and suggestions that help me provide my mentees with a supportive environment." Engel also spoke positively about the mentor system, adding that she "wishes there was a program like this when I was a new teacher."

A second Teacher Training fellow, Ephraim Illagouv (SSSB '08), was placed at Margolin Hebrew Academy in the Los Angeles area. Illagouv commented that she is "looking forward to working in a Jewish environment, and I'm excited to be a part of a community that values Jewish education."

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