

MESILA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: FACT SHEET

MESILA
Providing The Path to Financial Stability

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Background

Mesila has been actively involved in financial crisis intervention for the past 15 years. Our original focus was on family counseling, but over time we expanded our educational efforts because we realized how much crisis can be averted through education. By way of illustration, it takes a few lessons to warn someone not to go into debt; it takes a community to dig someone out from under a mountain of debt – and sometimes even that is not enough.

About Mesila's Programs

In keeping with its mission of empowering families and communities to achieve financial stability, Mesila has developed educational programs to teach kids about financial literacy and health because we find that so much crisis and unhappiness can be averted if people are given these tools at an early stage. Learning about financial literacy helps kids to have better, healthier lives and avoid problems down the road. Our educational programs are currently being taught in over 100 schools worldwide, and have been received enthusiastically by teachers, students, and parents in Israel, the US, Canada, and England.

Educational Programs

Mesila has developed educational programs for the following student populations:

- High school
- Mesivta
- Seminary
- Elementary school (new pilot program for the 2013-2014 year)

Course Topics

The following is a partial list of topics covered in Mesila's educational programs:

- Needs, Wants & Priorities
- Spending, Loans & Credit
- Budgeting & Planning
- Employment & Entrepreneurship
- Savings & Investments
- Charity & Integrity
- Hashkafah, Halachah & Attitudes

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Mesila provides its course material and curriculum advisement free of charge to all Jewish schools. For more information about Mesila's educational programs, or to bring our programs to a school in your community, please contact info@mesila.org or call (212) 784-6780 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; please leave a message).

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