

When I was in Yochi's class, I felt safe. I felt like we were all a big family. Since I was in that same class for three years, I knew that I could take risks and share my opinions with no one judging me. Once we walked into that classroom it was all hebrew. When being surrounded by hebrew this really affected the way I learned. Only talking in hebrew, really impacted where I am today. Yochi didn't let us speak english at all, which was a good thing which is why I am now at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy doing very well. I felt that Yochi really cared about how we did in her class and really wanted to make us better. When I first walked into the classroom I didn't know too much hebrew, but when I left there, I was so confident and I felt that I really learned a lot from my three years with Yochi. - **Talia Willner**

I loved being in Yochi's class. I felt that it was a good experience being in a all hebrew environment because without that I would not be nearly as good at speaking hebrew right now. I loved having the snakes in the classroom. It was fun and a good learning experience. Last year our snake was sick. Everyone in the classroom worked very hard to make posters and sell treats because we have connected to all our snakes so we cared about it a lot. Before this snake was in our classroom it would bite. But then when it came into our loving and caring classroom it started becoming friendly and an awesome snake. Being in Yochi's class for three years really let me open up because our class was like a family. Being in that kind of family environment helped everyone come out of their shells to share their views on our work. -**Jenna Ufberg**

For me Yochi's class was one of the best experiences of my life. I have never been good at picking up languages, but with Yochi, I picked up hebrew much faster. Her methods were very helpful. She would always make fun, exciting, and helpful activities. I came out of her class practically fluent in hebrew. In our first year, we were introduced to a whole new system where every week we would start out with ten coins and every time we spoke an english word we would lose a coin. At the end of the week we would count our coins and get a sticker for each coin, and put it on our sticker chart. When everyone finished their sticker charts, we would have a party. This would push us to only speak hebrew, as our reward. This was the key thing that helped me learn. It also brought us together as a class. I will never forget it. -**Kate Hoffman Filler**

Yochi has been one of the biggest inspirations in my life! I remember in third grade after the first day of school, I came home and the only thing I told my parents about was her and Yochi. I have learned so many things over the three years it is incredible. One thing that I think really benefited our class was Quizlet Live. Every time we needed to learn a set of words we would play Quizlet Live. On the last day of hebrew in 5th grade I cried a little. Those three years in hebrew were so meaningful and I learned so much. I went into JBHA almost fluent in hebrew because of Yochi. She wasn't only our hebrew teacher, but an influence and a second mom. I am so thankful got to have Yochi as my hebrew teacher for 3 years. Thank you Yochi! -**Eden Singer**