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Dear Selection Committee,

I write, with pleasure and conviction, to second the strong endorsement of Eti Zehavi and her work that you have received from Sharon Alter, the Director of Hebrew Studies at Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School.

Since assuming my position as Head of School at Hausner in the summer of 2016, I have been impressed by the combination of passion and pedagogical skill that Eti brings to her calling as a Hebrew teacher. Beyond this, I also appreciate that she is a professional disinclined by nature to rest on her considerable laurels or to shift into auto-pilot. In the midst of a career extending decades, she remains intellectually hungry and eager to explore new ways to reach her students and to light their passion for the Hebrew language. Her submission for the Kohelet Prize reflects just these qualities. Eti's own personal learning has sparked further professional explorations of curriculum and pedagogy as well, and she is working on weaving these pursuits together in innovative ways with the potential to enrich the field.

I am proud to call Eti a colleague, and I am grateful for her abiding commitment to advancing Hebrew language instruction at Hausner.

Sincerely,

David Zimand
Head of School