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Queenie Spindel  
Hillcrest Progressive School  
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Dear Queenie:

I was in attendance at the Chanukah party, this past week, which was put on by the afternoon nursery class. My grandchildren, Talia & Avi Kirshblum, participated in this wonderful performance.

For the past 36 years I have served, and continue to serve, as the Educational Director of the Adath Israel Congregational School, which educates children in Senior Kindergarten through Grade 10 in religious instruction.

Throughout my career as an Educator, I have come to appreciate the extraordinary qualities displayed by those rare teachers who are at the highest level of competence in their ability to teach and relate to students. What I viewed at Hillcrest was precisely those kinds of teachers. You clearly have a team dedicated to achieving pedagogic excellence. Watching the interaction between staff and children over the 45 minute period was really something to behold. You and your staff are to be commended for the outstanding level of achievement that was displayed at this wonderful program. The warmth and sensitivity projected by you and your faculty to all of the children was clearly reciprocated, and was quite obviously reflected in their ability to perform as well as they did, in a venue that would intimidate even many adults.

Avi & Talia are fortunate to attend such an exceptional school. It is so, because you are truly, "The Queenie". Keep up the good work!!!!!!!

With best wishes for a Happy Chanukah, and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,



Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum, M.Sc.