

Congregation
B'NAI ISRAEL
בני ישראל

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Dear Helen,

On behalf of Congregation B'nai Israel Religious School, I would like to thank you for your performance on March 28, 2007. Our students were deeply moved by the story, which you brought to life with such emotion and realism. As young teens they were able to identify with the character and really understand the life experience of a young Holocaust survivor.

The Holocaust is one of the mainstays of our curriculum for seventh grade students. They also learn about it in their secular studies at this grade level, and have been exposed to a number of different Holocaust programs. Your performance was really something different, because it was very much geared to their age level. Even though it dealt with events that happened so many years ago, the material is fresh and relevant.

Here are some comments from our students that illustrate how affected they were by the performance:

“The play taught me that survivors still suffer from things that happened long ago. It showed the strength of the survivors, today and long ago.”

Emily Wolk, 13

“I thank Helen Mintz for doing a play for us. It really showed us what the survivors have been through. I never expected any people to be treated so cruelly. It's really sad, and I vow to keep the Holocaust from happening again.”

Erica Kauffman, 13

Our teachers were also very pleased with the performance and the questions and responses it elicited from the students. It is something we will always remember.

Yours truly,

Ilisia Kissner
Religious School Director