



1st of Elul, 5770  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Shalom Horim / Parents,

I hope that you have all been enjoying the summer so far. All of us at Beit Rayim Hebrew School are eagerly looking forward to the coming academic year. As we do every summer, we evaluate how the curriculum and the materials used in our school move forward our ultimate goals of creating young Jews who possess a strong sense of Jewish identity; who are able to function effectively in synagogue life and home rituals; who appreciate the significance of the State of Israel and understand its place in the broad sweep of Jewish history; and finally, who are aware of the unique nature of Conservative Judaism.

The first component in our success is the dedicated work of our faculty who bring a passion for Jewish education to their classroom; who share their love of Judaism, Israel and Jewish life with their students; and who accomplish so much in the limited time available. These teachers, who centre their lessons around the students, and relate the material to their everyday lives, succeed in engaging the children and, as a result, both learning and time are maximized in the classroom.

The second component in our success is you, the parents who make sure students arrive on time and ready to learn; who review material covered; who encourage students to practice their Hebrew reading and complete other assignments; and who demonstrate the importance of Jewish learning at home. Amongst you are also a tireless group who shoulder the work of the School Council providing support to the school and benefiting all Beit Rayim Hebrew School students.

The third component of our success is our school administrator Grace whose outstanding efforts and calm demeanor ensure that our school goes forward in a smooth and easy manner.

Our final and most important component in Beit Rayim Hebrew School's success is the students who bring their enthusiasm, curiosity, excitement and energy with them each day. Their presence brings our school to life and encourages all of us to maximize our efforts on their behalf.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our opening assembly on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM in the Gym at Ross Doan Public School. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring all the components of our success together, to hear about some of the special events

and activities that will take place during the coming year and to being the year's journey of Jewish learning as a community.

As part of our ongoing effort to be both environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible, much of the information previously included in the Back to School Package has been posted on our website [www.beitrayim.org](http://www.beitrayim.org) and we enclosed only those forms which need to be completed and returned to the BRHS office.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin Knopman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Knopman