

MILKEN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

OF STEPHEN WISE TEMPLE

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Genie Benson
4007 Benedict Canyon
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Dear Ms. Benson,

To have celebrated Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut in Israel is an extraordinary experience, one that I believed never could be duplicated outside of Eretz Yisrael. When I was approached by the Keshet Chaim Dance Company to participate in a grant that would engage their dance company in planning a program for Milken Community High School, I did so with guarded enthusiasm.

After meeting with you and Gal with key members of our staff, we decided upon three Jewish cultures around which we could develop our program: Yemenite, Eastern European, & Israeli. You helped bring the richness of these cultures into our Hebrew, music, art, and dance classes.

The candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of Yom Hazikaron to the moving dances performed by your professional group and our own student dancers bringing in Yom Haatzmaut was joyful. On the day of Yom Haatzmaut, the campus came alive with authentic food; in the center of our beautiful amphitheater, Keshet Chaim replicated a Yemenite wedding. What joy! What festivity! The response we received from faculty, parents, and students was so positive. We had indeed brought Israel to Mulholland Drive. Thank you for all that you gave to the Milken Community.

Most sincerely,



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