



## A Message from the Principal

The Mishna in Ethics of the Fathers speaks of three crowns, those of priesthood, royalty and Torah. Above all is, however, the *Keter Shem Tov*, the crown of a good name adorning individual personal achievement. The reputations of our honorees precede them; they richly deserve the awards being bestowed upon them tonight. The Pescovitzes are a unique part both of Hasten Hebrew Academy history and current events. Alumni parents of note, Ora was awarded Woman of Valor and Mark remains an active board member and communal leader.

Karol Cook, dedicated first grade teacher and consummate professional, is our school's pulsating heart of caring and compassion, qualities which endear her to colleagues, parents and students alike. She teaches foundational academic and thinking skills, but more significantly, imbues her students with a sense of confidence and character in the instructional process. Karol depicts grace and dignity and personifies the potency of every teacher as a role model for life.

Our eighth grade class is a stellar group of conscientious academic achievers and spirited school leaders. They are true ambassadors for the Hasten Hebrew Academy, synthesizing the principles of academic excellence with service and leadership. Multi-talented, they can color the canvas of the Jewish community with vibrant brushstrokes! My best wishes for success and personal achievement in your future academic endeavors.

Congratulations to all of the honorees. May you go from strength to strength.

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