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Dear Friends of The Hasten Hebrew Academy,

On the occasion of your celebration dinner in honor of the 39th anniversary of the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, I would like to send my warmest greetings.

The Hasten Hebrew Academy has served the Indianapolis Jewish community, providing quality and comprehensive general studies and Judaic education for the past 39 years. The Academy has received accolades from the U. S. Department of Education and the State of Israel for the quality of education offered to students' preschool through eighth grade. Each student is provided with unlimited opportunities to achieve his or her academic potential.

I also wish to congratulate Drs. Mark and Ora Pescovitz as the HAI-Life honorees for this awards dinner. They are generous contributors to and advocates of the school. Ora has previously been honored as the Hasten Hebrew Academy's Woman of Valor and Mark is on the Board of Directors. Sharing in their honor are their three grown children who are all graduates of the Academy.

Special recognition goes to Karol Cook, the Hasten Hebrew Academy's first grade general studies teacher who has taught at the Academy for 14 years. She is a warm and dedicated teacher who has a deep love for children and a strong dedication to the Hasten Hebrew Academy.

My special congratulations go to the 8th grade graduating class as they complete this phase of their studies. Many of them spending as much as 12 years at the school going from Early childhood through eighth grade. I encourage them to emulate the community members being honored today by making Jewish education their life-long commitment. I am confident that the Hasten Hebrew Academy will produce students instilled with a respect for Jewish learning and inspired by a love of Israel for many years to come. This will not only ensure the future of the Jewish community but is also essential for the continued special relations between the United States and Israel, which are so important in view of the challenges ahead.

*Yishar Koach and Mazal Tov* to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Orli Gil  
Consul General