

Dear Professors:

I am writing to express my הכרת הטוב to the Bernard Revel Graduate School. As a result of the scholarship gained and the methodology that I learned at BRGS, my skills as a teacher of Tanakh on a High School level were immeasurably enhanced. For example, I can no longer imagine teaching the story of לבן without a discussion of ANE herding contracts.

When interpreting Biblical verses, we do a close reading and maximize the emphasis on Biblical grammar for acquiring a correct interpretation of פשוטו של מקרא. No longer is grammar an isolated dry subject, rather it has become an integral part of our attempt to provide a literal exegesis.

How one defines פשט, is a question constantly addressed as we analyze the words of the ראשונים. Knowledge of the intellectual history of the medieval exegetes and placing them in their cultural milieu has given a breadth to the lessons as we analyze their words within a given context.

As a result of the superior education that I received at Bernard Revel, Shevach High School has decided to honor me with the Shevach V'Hodaah teacher award at this year's dinner. I really feel that the award in great part belongs to you and wanted you to share in my achievements. ... שלי ושלכם.

Thank you for all that you have taught me. With much gratitude,

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