

Dear Rabbi Sanders,

We want to let you and Bais Yaakov know how blown away and impressed we are at the way Tzippy's teachers and friends handled her recent quarantine and made her feel so missed and included in the 2nd grade Chumash play. Tzippy was out for her class's video-taping of their Chumash play. When she was on Zoom, watching it being recorded, I noticed her crying and realized what she was missing. (I hadn't been aware that the performance that day was the "real" thing, and she was actually missing it).

Morah Schwartz went above and beyond to make sure Tzippy was included. She had a picture of Tzippy enlarged and attached to a stick, put a cape around her, and even attached a crown on her head and a mask over her face. She then put this stick "Tzippy" in the second row on stage so she would be as included as possible, despite her being home in quarantine. I have included a picture from what we saw on Zoom that day.



The night before this performance, Ahuva E. called our home and left a beautiful message for Tzippy, letting her know how much she was missed in school and that she wishes Tzippy were there, but not to worry, that Tzippy would be included in the performance on a stick (at the time we heard her message, we didn't understand what Ahuva was referring to until we saw it on Zoom the next day). The day of the performance, after school was over, Miri R. brought over a mazel tov balloon and a cupcake to our home. Morah Schwartz called Tzippy in the evening to let her know how much she missed her.

Mrs. Alper had each girl in her class make Tzippy a card, which included paragraph messages about how much the girls missed Tzippy, as well as *Refuah Shelaimah* wishes. Mrs. Alper herself included her own card, letting Tzippy know not to worry about schoolwork and that she'll help her catch up when she gets back.

Learning on Zoom is challenging for most students, and it's difficult to be apart from your teachers and friends, but all of these gestures made Tzippy feel so special and really part of her class, even though she wasn't physically in school. We have deep *hakaras hatov* to Morah Schwartz, Mrs. Alper, and all of Tzippy's friends for helping her get through the quarantine *b'simcha* and feel so special. These beautiful acts of chesed are a testament to the values which permeate the atmosphere of Bais Yaakov. We are so fortunate to be part of this very special school.

Sincerely,  
Pesach & Rivka Shafner