

Gan Gurim was the most amazing experience for my entire family. Tami's approach and experience helps each child blossom – and I'm so lucky that all four of my children got to experience Gan Gurim. Tami treats each child with so much love and respect - she teaches them how to be independent and feel good about what they can do. She challenges them, but in a way that makes them grow. She creates a strong personal connection to each child, so that when there's a problem, she quickly recognizes it and offers effective advice and solutions.

Rebecca

My oldest daughter, Rebecca, started out so nervous and attached to me that she would cry for almost the whole morning at Gan. But, with Tami's guidance and help, Rebecca blossomed - she became self-confident, happy, and learned how to interact successfully with the other kids. And of course, the icing on the cake – Ivrit! We are an American family with Israeli connections and relatives, but speak primarily English at home. Rebecca learned English and Hebrew simultaneously and by the time she left Gan, her Hebrew was at the same level as her Israeli friends. Throughout her time in elementary and middle school, Rebecca's level of Hebrew has been on par with Israelis in her classes. As an 8th grader, she was chosen to play the lead in the Berman Hebrew Academy's Yom HaShoa play entirely in Hebrew, "HaYeladim M'Rechov Mapu." She was one of the only students whose Hebrew was proficient enough for a lead role, so the impact of her Hebrew immersion at Gan Gurim has remained with her for life.

Maddie

My second oldest daughter, Maddie, had an even tougher time as a preschooler. Back then, she was physically very small and so anxious that she actually stopped talking in school. Tami was very clear and direct with us about what was going on with her and offered me recommendations for getting her help – but in a loving and productive way. She spoke with the psychologist and helped us get Maddie back on track. Now, Maddie is a thriving 6th grader with tons of friends. Her Ivrit is also at a very high level thanks to her beginnings at Gan Gurim, and her favorite TV shows are the ones she watches in Hebrew from Arutz HaYeladim, such as Galis, Shchuna and HaBanim ve'HaBanot.

Nati

My son, Nati, also flourished with Tami in Gan Gurim. As the 4th child and only boy in our family, we were a bit concerned when he was slow to start speaking in English. Before enrolling Nati in Gan, we discussed with Tami what it would mean to put him in an all-Hebrew environment before his English skills were solidified. She assured us that expressive language could only be helped by 2nd language acquisition and she was right. When Nati started in Gan, we saw both his English and Hebrew language skills blossom. He began to understand Hebrew, and by the end of the year, he was happily playing with his friends and speaking Hebrew to them and to us at home.

Elisheva

My 3rd daughter Elisheva, while unable to enroll full-time in Gan Gurim, was welcomed as a Gan Gurim sibling. She was born while her sister was a Gan Gurim student and when she got older and her younger brother was in Gan Gurim, she jumped at any chance to spend the occasional day in Gan. Tami always welcomed her with open arms and always made her feel like a part of the Gan Gurim family.

