

July 30, 2013

Dear Dr. Saari,

For the past decade, you have joined us in Boston each summer to teach master Hebrew teachers and coordinators in NETA's certificate program for Advanced Hebrew Language Teaching<sup>1</sup>.

Each year anew, the students drank in your every word with thirst as they enjoyed your incredible erudition and well-planned lessons. They emerged after each class amazed by your clarity of thought and the plethora of examples you brought from the many languages you know. From the moment they step into your classroom, all your students realize what a privilege it is to study with you. Their admiration for your personality and breadth of knowledge, your wisdom and sensitivity to man and his languages was expressed over and over again.

Sadly, the certificate courses will not be offered again after this summer.

We hope that you will find the educational-academic institution in North America that will take advantage of your masterful teaching, and that teachers, students and lovers of languages – Hebrew above all – will profit from the intellectual discourse you open.

May those engaged in the study of the Hebrew language, translation, linguistics, and Judaic Studies take advantage of your talents and skills and not allow you to disappear from the stage of education, humanities, and Judaic studies in North America.

With great esteem and boundless thanks,

Hilla Kobliner and the NETA team

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<sup>1</sup> NETA is a comprehensive program for Hebrew-as-a-second-education in middle and high schools. Used in over 120 schools worldwide, NETA provides curriculum, learning materials and professional development for Hebrew teachers.