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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in my capacity as Associate Director of NETA, a comprehensive Hebrew Language program based at the Hebrew College in Boston, Massachusetts. 10 years ago, when we were searching for an instructor for our Hebrew language teachers from across the United States and Canada, we turned to Dr. Rami Saari. As a linguist with extensive teaching experience teaching Hebrew to adults in Israel, Finland, Hungary, Greece, and South America, Dr. Saari was our first choice.

Since 2003, Dr. Rami Saari has been a dedicated and beloved instructor at our graduate-level summer course each year. He teaches Morphology and Syntax of the Hebrew Language to Hebrew teachers from secondary schools and universities worldwide - from the United States and Canada, from Israel, Australia, South Africa, Mexico, and the Former Soviet Union (FSU). Dr. Saari has consistently impressed us all with his erudition, his focus, and his teaching style. He succeeds in conveying an enormous quantity of theoretical and practical knowledge about the Hebrew language while keeping course participants engaged and wanting more. Our summer courses are demanding, requiring participants to be attentive to detailed lectures for four hours daily, but Dr. Saari stays on-message while simultaneously allowing participants to ask questions and participate in discussions.

Dr. Saari's command of multiple languages and his far-ranging knowledge of the field of linguistics in general and of Hebrew in particular is particularly remarkable. He gives all his students a deep and far-reaching understanding of the Hebrew language and of the work with which a linguist is engaged. Course participants report benefiting enormously from the class; a typical comment from a participant, days after the course ended, was "I am still high".

It is not often that one encounters a teacher who is deeply knowledgeable about a relatively esoteric and scary topic who is able to convey his own excitement about the topic and to make it accessible. Rami Saari is such a teacher, and uniquely enriches any educational setting in which he participates.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information,

Best,



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