

Home is Where I Belong
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A home starts with a raw piece of land. As I entered Levine Academy, I too was raw: only two years old and undeveloped as a person. I was alone, and did not know what my future would hold. I needed direction.

You can't build anything with out blueprints or plans. Levine Academy had plans on how to develop me as both a student and a Jew. In a warm and caring environment, the school provided me with direction and guidance through my entire time here.

Even with the best land and most well developed plan, no home is secure without a solid foundation. My foundation here has been the development of my Jewish identity. My identity as a Jew will last no matter where I go or what I do, throughout my life regardless of changes or remodeling. With unconditional love and support, Levine Academy has made certain that my foundation was strong and solid.

Having superior materials is very important when building a home. Levine Academy provided all the resources needed: a great faculty, staff, supplies and snacks! Levine Academy provided the framework and structure to make me successful as a student, a person, and a Jew. The key brick in my home was the faculty here. I was luck to be around these amazing teachers and guides during my years here. Without them my home would have felt empty.

Finish-out is the next important step in building a home. On top of the solid foundation and structure is curriculum; a curriculum that delivered top education and preparation to advance both in school and in character. Beyond finish-out is furnishing the home. Levine Academy furnished my home with friends who are warm, comfortable and inviting. The type of furnishings you would want to keep for a lifetime.

I have lived in this finely furnished, wonderful "home" called Levine Academy for twelve years. Built on a strong foundation, with solid structure and finish-out, it is hoard to believe that I am now moving out. But this will always be a place I can return to, to feel that warmth and comfort.

Ben Zoma taught:

"Who is wise? One who learns from all persons, as it is written, 'From all my teachers I have gained understanding.'"