

The Last Game
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Imagine having to step-up to the plate for the first time, praying that you make the ball sail through the air. At times, I have felt that way here, but with help and motivation from teachers and friends, I have flourished and excelled, accomplishing any goal I have desires. After four years of tough challenges, I have finally made it to this day. But it was definitely not a walk in the park Rabbi Tarfon taught: “You are not obligated to finish the task, but neither may you ignore it.”

Even though I have received many tests and irritating projects, I have still done well and survived. But, here are also many other memories I have. Some of the greatest times have been shared with my friends during things like Field Day and trips like Sky Ranch, New York, and Israel. All of these events are worth more to me than being in the World Series.

All of this free time has a heavy price. Levine Academy has a tough curriculum, and it is not always easy to score an “A.” It is like anticipating the pitch, only to find out it is a 100 M.P.H. fastball. You can either slug it and get a homerun, or whiff it and strikeout. I have usually been pretty close to a homerun, but occasionally I have struck out. On those few times, I have received help and strengthened my hold on that subject.

The only thing I cannot seem to grasp is the fact that I am leaving here – and all of the great teachers and friends I have made. Levine Academy, without a doubt, has been one of the most influential places I will ever go to. This school has given me the opportunity to get a grand slam in life.