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The Mozes S. Schupf Fellowship Program

I am writing on behalf of Netanel (Nati) Flamer regarding his application for the Schupf scholarship.

Immediately after his release from the IDF in the summer of 2016, Nati began teaching at the Ankori Rishon LeZion campus as a teacher of civics, history, language, and the Middle East in a general education class. His unique personality and the worlds in which Nati grew, allowed him to create a close and meaningful relationship with his students.

While teaching students the course material, Nati incorporated an in-depth discourse about values, which he was able integrate it into every subject he taught. **The passion is in his blood**.

His job title did not include the role of ‘advisor,’ however, in reality, he became an advisor for every class he taught due to his ability to reach and motivate his students. This ability is called social sensitivity, and Nati is truly blessed with it.

As an educator, he insists on touching on sensitive issues in civics classes, creating respectful discourse in spite of controversies over the subject matter. Nati is unrelenting in his attempt to encourage close and thoughtful conversations on topics like religion and state and their consequences, the secular and religious relations imprinted on his students.

Moreover, in his own pleasant way, Nati invests tremendous energy in breaking stereotypes while teaching Middle Eastern Studies to his young students. This has produced admirable results, and his course has become many students’ favourite subject. His ability as a teacher to draw on both his academic and his military backgrounds deeply enriches classroom discussions, all of which makes Nati Flamer an excellent and unique educational leader.

In light of all this, I strongly recommend Nati for the The Mozes S. Schupf Fellowship Program, which will allow him to complete his PhD successfully and to go on contributing to Israeli society.

Sincerely,

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