

Last night, at the Heritage Awards Dinner, I witnessed firsthand how parental involvement pays off for students. Laura Segal was an honoree; her children, three Hebrew Academy Alums and one current student, paid tribute to her. The Segal children spoke eloquently about their mother's dedication to them and their education. Their beautiful and touching words about their mother brought tears to my eyes. It is my conclusion, that the formula for successful and highly achieving individuals, (such as the Segal children) is the combination of deeply invested parents and educators.

Looking around the room I saw many teachers and parents having a wonderful time supporting Hebrew Academy. I couldn't stop thinking about all of the time and effort that went into coordinating such an amazing evening. The evening was organized by several devoted parents. I would like to acknowledge the event chairs: Liz Goldstein, Deb Herr, Sherry Ashery and all the other parent volunteers that worked tirelessly to organize the Heritage Awards evening. The parents of Hebrew Academy are extremely devoted to ensuring the best education for their children and are willing to roll up their sleeves to work hard to get the job done. From my perspective, the night was a huge success! I am proud to be a part of this community.

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