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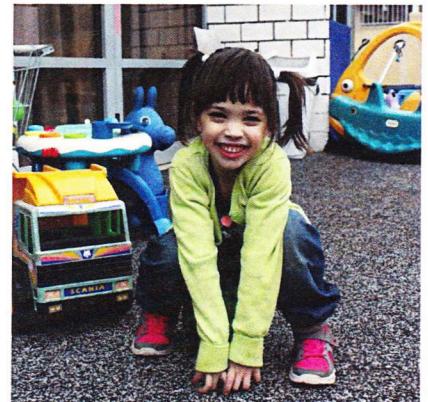
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Dear Paul

Tamar is five and a half years old and has Cerebral Palsy. After three intense years at Beit Issie Shapiro, she has overcome many of the obstacles that stood in her way. At age 4 she was integrated into a typical kindergarten. And, in just a few weeks, she will begin first grade with all her friends at their local school!



Tamar's mother says: "*Our connection with Beit Issie Shapiro started when Tamar was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. We heard that this was the perfect place for her to receive the best, state-of-the-art care. After only six months, I saw a significant improvement in her motor skills, and she had practically closed the gap cognitively.*

"At first, when the staff at Beit Issie Shapiro told me that Tamar could be integrated into a typical kindergarten, I was worried, and concerned. How would she function outside of the framework of Beit Issie that she was so accustomed to? Not only did the dedicated and professional staff at Beit Issie work closely with Tamar's new kindergarten teacher, but they also helped me through the process to make sure that she would have an integration aid to help her. They also continue to meet with me to provide the emotional support I need so much. This is one of the reasons so many families say Beit Issie Shapiro is their "second home."

In her new integrated environment, Tamar is loved by her friends; she plays soccer, rides a bike and even started learning Karate. She still walks with a limp, and will have to have an operation, but she is on the way to being able to do whatever sports activity she wants. "*It's a dream come true*" says her mother.

Your generosity allows all of this to take place and makes it possible for Beit Issie Shapiro to offer the comprehensive therapeutic and educational programs for children with disabilities including many with Autism and Cerebral Palsy. It also helps provide children like Tamar the opportunity to be in a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment.

Thanks to you, Tamar and the children and families at Beit Issie Shapiro have a better quality of life and a brighter future. Your support makes a world of difference!

With warmest wishes for a very happy and healthy Shana Tova!

Gilad Epstein
President Canadian Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro

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