

Before Dror even officially moved in with us, we all got a bit of a preview of what we all were in for. Not only did Dror accompany us to Boston one day for the Lego convention, but then he also got dragged over to Chinatown for a less than memorable meal. And then he was game enough to go with Daniel to his "day of sharing" at school, so got some one on one time with Daniel, as well as meeting many of his friends. Two short adventures with Dror and we were hooked. We were captivated and captured by the spell and charm and magic of Dror Ben Ami.

It was still a few months before Dror was going to move in with us, but we got ready by arranging his room, cleaning up the house and eagerly/nervously awaiting his arrival. Honestly, I was not sure what to expect or even to anticipate what we were getting into, but my worries were quickly lost. I just decided to treat Dror like one of the family – my oldest son who offered up no labor pains or stretch marks. Dror fit in so quickly and so easily that it was easy to think of him as a sole part of the family. In fact, Jacob has since put in an official request for an older brother.

The experience of being a host family has been nothing short of amazing. It has expanded our nuclear family beyond bounds. Not only did we get Dror, but he brought so many others into our lives – Lidor, Emily, Liz, the Tragers, the Stambler, random people from random events – just to name a few. Dror has participated in every aspect of our lives and it has been great. He and the kids are forever off doing something. Whether it is creating movies and music, or skiing down fresh slopes of powder, or finding new apps to creating all sorts of inventions. It is never a dull moment in our house! I am not sure how we will adapt back to life without Dror. No more buying endless gallons of orange juice and Trader Joe's macaroni and cheese; no one to keep us up to date on the latest music and fashion trends; no one to keep us abreast and involved in current events, here and in Israel. When Dror leaves, who will really be able to help Jacob and Daniel with their math and Hebrew school homework?

Dror has enriched our lives in so many wonderful ways. What a great experience and one we will never forget, but always cherish.

Not to mention that now we have an even more important reason to visit Israel. Gotta bring Dror back to the states for more skiing!

With love from the Freedman/Bellin Family

To Shai and Asaf

It was truly a pleasure to have you with us at SSA. You were both so sweet and your manners were amazing! Your programs were wonderful and I was more than happy to take pictures for both of you. We will miss you.

**Please stay in touch,
Sherry Morris**

**Hi Alon,
When are you coming over again at 10 pm? "Do you have anything sweet to eat?" Can't wait to see you again in CT or Israel. It will be soon, we promise!!
Eli, Evie, Ken, and Samara too**

**Hi Bar
The Chodock family has enjoyed you so this year. We will miss you tons, especially your late night visits.
Eli, Evie, Ken, and Samara too**

