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To whom it may concern,

My name is June Koutros, and I am the Principal of the Zelda & Herman Schwartz Hebrew School at Temple Shalom. We were very fortunate to be offered the opportunity to present Bluecard's new and innovative Holocaust education program.

The documentary *Big Sonia*, which tells the story of Holocaust survivor Sonia Warshawski, was exceptionally well done and truly captivated our students, as well as the students from St. Bernard Academy whom I invited to attend the presentation. Throughout the entire program, all students were attentive and engaged.

It is critically important that children today are educated about the Holocaust and learn directly from the stories of survivors. The question and answer session following the film, during which students were able to ask questions of the AI generated hologram of Sonia Warshawski, was an extraordinary experience for everyone present, including the adults. There truly did not seem to be a question that could not be answered by this remarkable technology.

Students from St. Bernard Academy, who have not had as much prior Holocaust education as our Hebrew School students, shared that they learned a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. The film and the 3D hologram were also easy to set up, making this program practical and accessible for a wide range of educational settings.

I highly recommend this program for both religious and secular schools. At a time when Holocaust denial still exists, it is essential that our children understand the atrocities that took place. Sonia's story and her enduring compassion and love for others is a powerful testament to the human spirit. I sincerely hope this program continues to be shared widely so that Sonia's story, and the lessons it carries, are never forgotten.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

June E. Koutros

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