Submit a Proposal for the Fall 2021 Issue

We encourage you or a colleague to submit a proposal for the fall issue of *HaYidion*, Prizmah’s magazine for lay and professional leaders in Jewish day schools. **The theme of the issue is Organizational Memory.** Contributions will explore aspects of this subject across the school. Articles may explore the technical processes and obligations of school record keeping, a wide variety of issues pertaining to school culture and transitions, and much more.

**Topics may include, but are not limited, to the following:**

- How is important memory handed over during transitions of a board chair or a head of school? During onboarding of new board members, teachers?
- Leading practices for HR and memory—acculturation, exit interviews, documentation, etc.
- Where does a school’s memory reside? Who “owns” it?
- How does Jewish memory inform and intersect with the particular memories within a school?
- Role of founder—constructive vs. “founder syndrome”
- How is memory preserved given board term limits, head turnover?
- To what degree should the previous leader’s vision and methods remain?
- How do schools keep track of ideas tried that didn’t work?
- What aspects of the community’s history are important to remember?
- How is that history portrayed in marketing/admissions? On school walls? In conversations by school leaders and stakeholders?
- How do memories of the school keep current stakeholders and alumni feeling connected?
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- How to tap into alumni memories when the school has changed?
- Tapping into memory of veteran or retired teachers
- School archives—use and importance

We look for articles that present ideas in fresh ways, offer the new, lesser known and unexpected, engage with the current literature and trends, reflect honestly upon challenges in the field, and have an eye trained on innovative, successful initiatives. **Important:** articles must have a clear and compelling argument that gives shape to the whole.

Please send short proposals, 1-3 sentences only, by June 23rd. Proposals will be reviewed shortly thereafter and receive responses within two weeks. Article deadline is August 30th. No article will be considered without an accepted proposal. Articles are usually ca. 1000-2000 words in length.

For our school spread, we’re looking for articles of ca. 500 words describing how schools celebrate anniversaries / milestones. Please contact us by June 23rd if you are interested in participating. Send proposals to editor@prizmah.org.