



PRIZMAH

Center for Jewish Day Schools

HAYIDION, PRIZMAH'S MAGAZINE FOR LAY AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS OF JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS

Submit a Proposal for the Fall 2023 Issue

We encourage you or a colleague to submit a proposal for the upcoming issue of *HaYidion*, Prizmah's magazine for lay and professional leaders in Jewish day schools. **The theme of the issue is TECH HORIZONS AND CONCERNS.** The world of tech and its impact on schools keeps accelerating ever faster. Recent years have seen the rise of school tech directors, especially during Covid; the ever more rapid growth of new companies and technologies; the appearance of AI and its myriad educational uses and implications; the impact of social media and awareness of its dangers. It's time to present, hear about, and grapple with some of the issues presented by the New Tech, to peer into the future of our edtech universe as well as discussing what we've learned and where we should consider placing limits.

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

Leadership

- How to think about AI and modern tech in educational and Jewish frameworks
- Developing tech policies in line with school mission
- Managing and setting policies around social media, such as Whatsapp groups for students and parents
- Helping teachers adapt to technology that so quickly changes and outstrips our capacities
- How do we understand "appropriate use"?
- How tech has changed the game in development, recruitment / admissions, etc.?

AI

- How might we think about the purposes of learning in the age of AI?
- Is AI an accelerator for progressive education?
- New ways of assessment
- New tools and opportunities for use in the classroom (and beyond)
- To block (forbid) or not to block: When, where, how, why

Education

- Balancing the need to control / set limits with the incentive and learn, use, explore
- Is there a role for "old" technologies and methods, such as handwriting, memorization, paper books?
- How have technologies that enable greater data collection changed the horizon for student learning?
- Other platforms / tech advances that are transforming our schools

Mental Health and Guidance

- Balancing behavioral and emotional challenges of contemporary technology, such as cellphones, texting, video games etc.–and how to address them
- How should we think about “screen time”?
- Effective practices in teaching digital citizenship
- Parenting in the tech age–role of school in working with families

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 **Monday, July 17th**. Proposals will be reviewed shortly thereafter and receive responses within two weeks. Article deadline is **Friday, September 1st**. 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 shorter pieces by **teachers on “AI as an educational tool.”** Please contact us by **Monday, July 17th** if you are interested in participating. Articles of approximately 500 words will be due by **Friday, September 1st**.

Send all proposals to editor@prizmah.org.