

CHICAGO COMMUNITY REPORT



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Center for Jewish Day Schools

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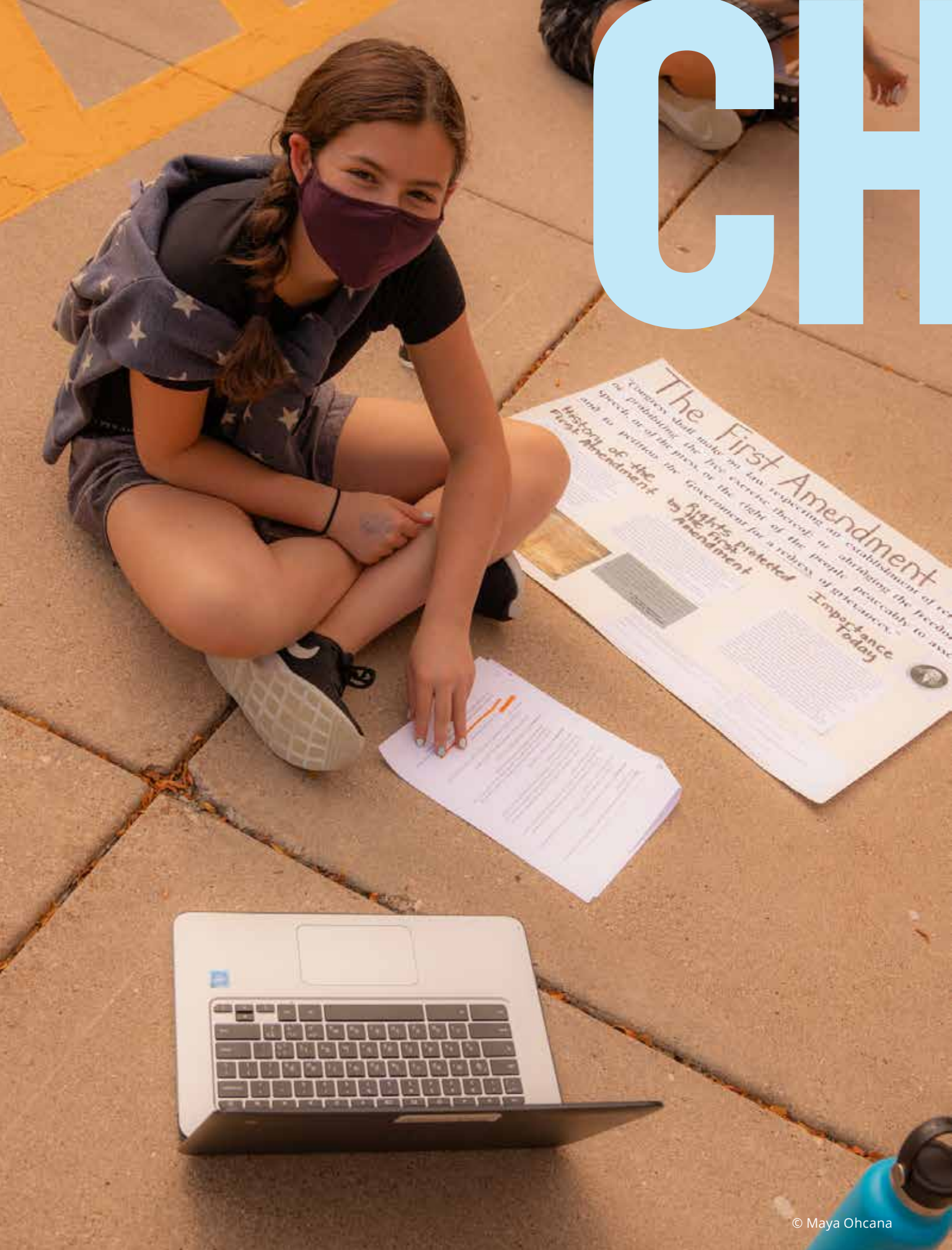


Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools strengthens the North American day school field. We are the network for Jewish day schools and yeshivas, enhancing their ability to excel and thrive by deepening talent, catalyzing resources, and accelerating educational innovation.

Across North America, Prizmah is widely recognized for the value it brings to day schools. When the entire field began an unplanned and unprecedented experiment in adaptability, flexibility, and innovation last March, Prizmah provided the necessary support to help day schools step into this new world.

The work Prizmah does in each region and for each individual school is what brings strength to the entire field. In each city, on each campus, the evidence of Prizmah's support, guidance, and impact is clear. Here's just a taste of the work Prizmah has been doing in your community from January through October to ensure the future of Jewish education is stronger than ever.

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As the Director of digital learning and technology, I am so grateful to Prizmah for bringing together the EdTech Reshet. This year has brought new challenges, and having the time, space, and resources to collaborate with my colleagues around the country has been invaluable, helping me tremendously in my work. Prizmah has a finger on the pulse of the needs of this group and facilitates relevant and necessary learning opportunities for us regularly. Truly, the success of transitioning to new technologies and helping teachers transition to remote learning can be attributed to the collaboration and best practices that have emerged from the EdTech Reshet.

—ALEX TREYGER

Director of Digital Learning and Technology
Chicago Jewish Day School



CHICAGO-AREA DAY SCHOOLS AND YESHIVAS

- Akiba Schechter Jewish Day School
- Arie Crown Hebrew Day School
- Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School
- Chicago Jewish Day School
- Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov High School
- Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School
- Ida Crown Jewish Academy
- Philip and Rebecca Esformes Cheder Lubavitch Girls School
- Rochelle Zell Jewish High School
- Seymour J Abrams Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School
- Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago
- Torah Academy of Buffalo Grove
- Tzemach Tzedek School
- Yeshiva Ohr Boruch – The Veitzener Cheder
- Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi

50 DAY SCHOOL LEADERS WERE ENROLLED IN 16 RESHET (NETWORKING) COMMUNITIES

- Admissions Professionals
- Art Teachers
- Board Leadership
- Day School Doctors
- Development Professionals
- Educational Technology Directors
- General Studies Leadership
- Heads of School
- Judaic Administrators
- Learning Specialists
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Orthodox Leaders
- Physical Education Teachers
- Rituals from Afar
- School Counselors
- Senior Development Professionals

50 DAY SCHOOL REGISTRANTS FOR 12 GATHERINGS

Prizmah's gatherings bring together professionals for intense shared learning opportunities over multiple sessions

- Judaic Professionals Retreat
- Admission Professionals Biweekly Check-ins
- Development Professionals Biweekly Check-ins
- Director of Technology Check-ins
- EdTech Check-ins
- Educational Leader Weekly Check-ins
- Judaic Administrator Biweekly Check-ins
- Kellogg Program
- School Counselor Cohort
- Senior Development Professionals Online Retreat
- New Admission Professional Institute
- Physical Education Teachers Connect



\$87,100 DISTRIBUTED ACROSS CHICAGO-AREA SCHOOLS FOR COVID-19 TUITION ASSISTANCE

Prizmah provided funding for schools facing significant increases in tuition assistance requests, including special support for Jewish communal professionals impacted by COVID-19

110 DAY SCHOOL REGISTRANTS FOR 32 WEBINARS

Prizmah's webinars introduce experts from the field for one-time professional development opportunities

- All About the Jewish Community Response and Impact Fund
- Ask Me Anything: Development Fall Series – Socially Distant Donor Engagement and Stewardship
- Coronavirus and Implications for Navigating Your School's Student Enrollment and Parent Communications
- COVID-19: Financial Aid
- COVID-19: Marketing, Website, and Social Media Channels
- COVID-19: Recruitment & Retention
- Crowdsourcing about Coronavirus: Q&A for Technology Leaders
- Exclusive Student Conversation with Israeli Ambassador Ron Dermer
- Financial and Legal Issues Facing Day Schools in Light of COVID-19
- Fundraising in the Face of COVID-19
- Going Virtual: Crowdsourcing and Lessons Learned from SAR
- Keeping Graduates Close While Socially Distancing: An Alumni Engagement Roundtable
- Making Fundraising Work: A Guide for Small School Development in a Pandemic
- Mental Health and Wellness: Paradigm Shifts for Your Context
- Navigating the Admission Process During COVID-19
- Q&A Session – SBA Loan Paycheck Protection Program
- Retaining Students in Changing Times
- Rituals from Afar: Community Service
- Rituals from Afar: End of Year Celebrations
- Rituals from Afar: Graduations
- Rituals from Afar: Planning for the Fall Chagim
- Rituals from Afar: Recess and Lunch
- Rituals from Afar: Shavuot, Lag BaOmer, and Yom Yerushalayim
- Rituals from Afar: Student Activities: Clubs and Extracurriculars
- Rituals from Afar: Tefillah/Prayer
- Rituals from Afar: Use of Outdoor Spaces and Outdoor Education
- Rituals from Afar: Welcome Back to School
- Rituals from Afar: Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, and Yom HaAtzmaut
- School Schedules: COVID-19 Friendly Options
- SPACE: Your Most Valuable Asset. A Conversation with Architect Hila Stern Bornstein
- Spring Pivot: Reframing Your Q4 Fundraising in Response to COVID-19
- ZOOM DEEP DIVE: Advanced Settings, Tools, Tips, and Tricks to Take Zoom to the Next Level

The people who build and support Jewish day schools — they are the heroes of the Jewish world because they are the builders of the Jewish future.

— RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS, z"l

With your help, Prizmah can continue to serve the schools in your community and across North America. Please consider becoming a Friend of Prizmah* or joining our new Blue Diamond Giving Society to ensure that day schools can continue to thrive.

PRIZMAH'S BLUE DIAMOND GIVING SOCIETY

\$10,000 ▶ Builders (Bonim) בונים

- Recognition on Our Website and in Our Annual Report
- Complimentary Admission to Prizmah Professional Development Gathering
- Educational Briefings from Renowned Speakers

\$18,000 ▶ Believers (Ma'aminim) מאמינים

- Recognition on Our Website and in Our Annual Report
- Complimentary Admission to a Prizmah Professional Development Gathering
- Educational Briefings from Renowned Speakers
- Complimentary Admission to Prizmah's Biennial Conference

\$25,000 ▶ Patrons (Tomchim) תומכים

- Recognition on Our Website and in Our Annual Report
- Complimentary Admission to a Prizmah Professional Development Gathering
- Educational Briefings from Renowned Speakers
- Complimentary Admission to Prizmah's Biennial Conference
- Exclusive Annual Day School Investor Convening

\$50,000 ▶ Pillars (Amudim) עמודים

- Recognition on Our Website and in Our Annual Report
- Complimentary Admission to a Prizmah Professional Development Gathering
- Educational Briefings from Renowned Speakers
- Complimentary Admission to Prizmah's Biennial Conference
- Exclusive Annual Day School Investor Convening
- Five Hours of Specialist Consultations or Professional Development for Your School

\$100,000 ▶ Visionaries (Anshei Chazon) אנשי חזון

- Recognition on Our Website and in Our Annual Report
- Complimentary Admission to a Prizmah Gathering
- Educational Briefings from Renowned Speakers
- Exclusive Annual Day School Investor Convening
- 10 Hours of Specialist Consultations or Professional Development for Your School
- Participation in Annual Visioning Meetings for the Future of Jewish Day School Education

To make your gift or for more information, please contact Hannah Olson at 646.975.2803 or hannaho@prizmah.org.

*Friends of Prizmah giving levels: \$1,800 Pioneers ▶ Chalutzim חלוצים; \$5,400 Partners ▶ Shutafim שותפים.



Being a part of the Prizmah community of day schools has always been a source of growth for our school and for me personally as a leader. Over the past year, however, as we've had to navigate this unprecedented pandemic, this professional community has played an even greater role in providing support and guidance. The Head of School Reshet has been more active than ever with school leaders from across the country asking questions and sharing ideas about how they are dealing with opening school during the coronavirus pandemic, leading a virtual school, or both simultaneously. For me, personally, being part of the Coaching Cohort this past year has enabled me to develop relationships with a wide range of thoughtful and talented school leaders and has helped me hone my skills as a leadership coach. This has not only impacted my clients, but also my own team at Hillel Torah. I deeply believe that day school leaders—both lay and professional—need to work together in order to be able to successfully navigate the challenges we face, and Prizmah is the umbrella organization that brings us all together and provides the framework and resources for Jewish education to thrive into the future.

—RABBI MENACHEM LINZER

Principal

Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School

Your support of day schools continues to make quality Jewish education a reality. Thank you for all you do to support Prizmah and your community.