

MONTREAL COMMUNITY REPORT



PRIZMAH
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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Connecting with other school leaders through the Prizmah Reshet has been an invaluable resource in these uncertain times, breaking the isolation often felt by school leaders and allowing for the free sharing and exchange of ideas and dilemmas of practice. The timely and relevant professional development sessions offered by their team of experts with regular, friendly “check-ins” for just about every level of school professional have been an incredible support for my entire school team. And, of course, I cherish the personalized coaching sessions offered by caring, dedicated, and experienced professionals through which I not only discovered a mentor, but a friend. Prizmah is a true partner in the business of running Jewish day schools, one that I cannot imagine doing without!

—DR. LAURA SEGALL
Head of School
Hebrew Academy



MONTREAL-AREA DAY SCHOOLS AND YESHIVAS

- Belz Community School
- Beth Jacob D'rav Hirschprung
- École Akiva School
- École Maimonide
- Hebrew Academy of Montreal
- Hebrew Foundation School
- JPPS Elementary – Bialik High School
- Solomon Schechter Academy
- Talmud Torah Herzliah
- Yavné Académie

27 DAY SCHOOL LEADERS WERE ENROLLED IN 12 RESHET (NETWORKING) COMMUNITIES

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

37 DAY SCHOOL REGISTRANTS FOR 12 GATHERINGS

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

- Admission Professionals Biweekly Check-ins for Small Schools
- DASL Program
- Development Professionals Biweekly Check-ins
- Director of Technology Check-ins
- EdTech Check-ins
- Head of School Weekly Check-ins
- New Admission Professional Institute
- Peer-to-Peer Thought Partners
- Physical Education Teachers Connect
- School Counselor Cohort
- The Collaborative Program
- YOU Lead Yearlong Leadership Training Program



\$114,405 DISTRIBUTED TO MONTREAL-AREA SCHOOLS FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

Prizmah provided scholarships to three children of Jewish communal professionals impacted by COVID-19

64 DAY SCHOOL REGISTRANTS FOR 24 WEBINARS

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

- Ask Me Anything: Development Fall Series – Socially Distant Donor Engagement and Stewardship
- Chagim Webinar Series: Shir Hashirim and Haggadah
- COVID-19: Recruitment & Retention
- Crowdsourcing about Coronavirus: Q&A for Educational Leaders
- Crowdsourcing about Coronavirus: Q&A for Heads of School
- Crowdsourcing about Coronavirus: Q&A for Technology Leaders
- Data Informed Strategy: Using DASL to Power Admissions and Development
- Effective Practices Engaging and Supporting Diverse Learners in a COVID-19 Virtual Environment
- 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
- How We Increased Enrollment Inquiries during Remote Learning: Lessons from The Leffell School Admissions Office
- Mental Health and Wellness: Paradigm Shifts for Your Context
- New Financial Implications of COVID-19 for Jewish Day Schools
- Rituals from Afar: Community Service
- Rituals from Afar: Planning for the Fall Chagim
- Rituals from Afar: Recess and Lunch
- 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
- Spring Pivot: Re-framing 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 Professional Development 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.



Montreal Jewish schools, all trilingual, are restricted in the time that can be devoted to both secular and religious studies in order to comply with government curricular requirements. And yet, they achieve excellence in diverse curricular areas and boast of great professional development for staff and administration. I say all this to emphasize how important it has been to us to be able to harness the power of Prizmah. One example: Prizmah has offered outstanding Jewish Studies professional development seminars, understanding not only our uniqueness as a community but the differences among the schools in their religious orientations. How often is everyone satisfied with the workshops being offered in widely diverse institutions?

Being connected to others doing the same work across the continent offers the chance to get quick answers to important questions, and an incentive to reach for growth and change. Prizmah consultants help schools achieve that growth and change.

Large, global professional conferences open up the world of education and bring together like-minded, dedicated professionals. Numerous, often permanent connections are made. Many Montreal leaders have attended Prizmah conferences, coming home with new ideas, strategies, questions, and a renewed passion.

Montreal, and I suspect many communities, does not have all the expertise that schools need in a variety of areas. In our work as the service provider and support for Montreal's Jewish schools, we often see our role as finding the resources that are available and facilitating their work with our schools. Most often these external resources come from Prizmah.

—COOKI LEVY

Executive Director

Bronfman Jewish Education Centre

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.