

# OHIO 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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At a time when the world we live in and how we educate our youth are both rapidly changing, Prizmah has afforded us multiple platforms to connect with peers for the valuable exchange of information. The Reshet of experienced development professionals has afforded us the opportunity to learn from and with each other. Every institution is unique. It is reassuring that, in the face of constant financial challenges, we can benefit from what has worked for others—as well as what has not—to reach multiple constituencies with the goal of advancing our financial foundation.

—LAURA EDELMAN LEVENTHAL

*Director of Capital and Board Advancement,  
Joseph & Florence Mandel Jewish Day School*





## OHIO-AREA DAY SCHOOLS AND YESHIVAS

- Akiva High School
- Beatrice Stone Yavne Academy
- Cincinnati Hebrew Day School
- Columbus Jewish Day School
- Columbus Torah Academy
- Fuchs Mizrahi School
- Gross Schechter Day School
- Hebrew Academy of Cleveland
- Hillel Academy of Greater Dayton
- Jewish Education Center of Cleveland
- Joseph and Florence Mandel Jewish Day School
- Lillian and Betty Ratner Montessori School
- Ohr Torah Cincinnati
- Rockwern Academy
- The Lippman School
- Yeshiva Derech HaTorah
- Yeshiva High School of Cleveland

## 45 DAY SCHOOL LEADERS WERE ENROLLED IN 14 RESHET (NETWORKING) COMMUNITIES

- Admission Professionals
- Art Teachers
- Board Leadership
- Development Professionals
- Education Technology Directors
- Heads of School
- Judaic Administrators
- Kindergarten Teachers
- Learning Specialists
- Music Teachers
- Orthodox Leaders
- Rituals from Afar
- Schools in Small Communities
- Senior Development Professionals

## 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
- Check-ins For Heads of Small Schools
- Day School Enrollment and Engagement Program
- Development Professionals Biweekly Check-ins
- Director of Technology Check-ins
- EdTech Check-ins
- Educational Leader Weekly Check-ins
- Heads of Small Schools Weekly Check-ins
- Judaic Professionals Retreat
- New Admission Professional Institute
- The Collaborative Program
- YOU Lead Yearlong Leadership Training Program





## \$70,000 DISTRIBUTED TO THE OHIO-AREA FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

Prizmah provided funding for schools facing significant increases in tuition assistance requests

## 80 DAY SCHOOL REGISTRANTS FOR 28 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
- COVID-19 School Communication
- COVID-19: Financial Aid
- COVID-19: Marketing, Website, Social Media Channels
- COVID-19: Recruitment & Retention
- 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
- Keeping Graduates Close while Socially Distancing: An Alumni Engagement Round Table
- Making Fundraising Work: A Guide for Small School Development in a Pandemic
- Navigating the Admission Process during COVID-19
- New Financial Implications of COVID-19 for Jewish Day Schools
- Retaining Students in Changing Times
- 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 Extra Curriculars
- Rituals from Afar: Tefillah Prayer
- Rituals from Afar: Use of Outdoor Spaces and Outdoor Education
- Rituals from Afar: Welcome Back to School
- Senior Development Professionals Online Retreat
- SPACE: Your most valuable asset—A conversation with Architect Hila Stern Bornstein
- Spring Pivot: Reframing Your Q4 Fundraising in Response to COVID-19



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](mailto:hannaho@prizmah.org).

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

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Prizmah is a gift to the field of Jewish education. Prizmah not only strengthens Jewish day schools by providing much-needed resources of all types, but it takes responsibility for looking at what Jewish education ought to be in the future. On a more personal note, school leadership can be a lonely place. Prizmah provides a network of colleagues with whom to collaborate and grow professionally. This provides meaningful support and *chizuk* (strength) to school leaders.

—RABBI AVERY JOEL  
*Head of School*  
Fuchs Mizrahi 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.