We encourage you or a colleague to submit a proposal for the spring issue of HaYidion, Prizmah’s magazine for lay and professional leaders in Jewish day schools. The theme of the issue is Leading Together. Contributions will explore the collaboration between heads, board chairs, and boards. Articles should examine the relationship between partners, what the partnership can accomplish, elements that lead to success and obstacles that may emerge. Pieces will likely discuss leadership under Covid, though that need not be their main focus.

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

- The role of trust, and how to establish and cultivate it
- Dispositions that are important for a board chair
- Managing the political realities / power dynamics on the board, and/or in the larger school community
- Tips for the head to “manage up”
- Communications between partners
- Managing differences in leadership styles
- Dynamics among the head - executive board - board
- How boards can support and train a new head
- Dealing with head and board chair turnover
- Gender issues in head-board dynamics
- Creating board culture that appeals to potential board members
- Challenges and opportunities of leading in the Jewish community
- How to develop leadership capacities of board chair and board members
- How the head-board chair partnership changed and functioned during the Covid crisis
- Partnerships for strengthening the lay leadership pipeline
- How the HOS support and evaluation committee has changed now
- Distributive leadership on the board
- Strategic planning conversations during Covid
- Admin partnerships for the head in board management
- Preserving unity and avoiding factions on the board
- Board members balancing multiple hats (parent, donor, etc.)
- The role of longstanding board members / ex officio former heads
- Board partnerships with other administrators (development, admissions)

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 December 21st. Proposals will be reviewed shortly thereafter and receive responses within two weeks. Article deadline is March 5th. 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 featuring an example of board leadership during Covid. The article should be written by a board member. Please contact us by December 21st if your school is interested in participating. Send proposals to editor@prizmah.org.