

HEBREW SCHOOL

As I look out my window and see all the yellow leaves still hanging on to the trees its hard to believe that it is almost November. Climate change can really fool with you!

So, after waiting out the end of the High Holidays and slowly adding all our curriculum components including Jewish Journeys class meetings, Jewish Journeys class meetings, SUPER Electives, music sessions, Junior Congregation and remote Hebrew lessons to our regular Sunday morning classes, OZHS is finally running full steam ahead!

Yes, we are still wearing masks, and yes, some of our activities are curtailed by COVID restrictions but it is so wonderful to, once again, have the opportunity to talk with students, hear young voices in the building, see NADAV interns and mentors busy in the kitchen, watch teachers doing their magic in the classrooms and chat with parents by the synagogue entrance. I am counting the days until we can welcome the whole OZHS community to our learning experiences and be fully together once again.

Speaking of learning experiences, OZHS just had its annual Desert Tent Jamboree where we all had a chance to learn about the hospitality of our biblical matriarchs and patriarchs. Each class depicted a story from the book of Genesis including the Seven Days of Creation, Noah's Ark, the Tower of Babel and the Sacrifice of Isaac (no children were harmed!) Music, costumes and general (controlled) mayhem rounded out the morning.

I am looking forward to celebrating Chanukah on December 5th! Our celebration will include games, crafts, entertainment, a dreidl tournament, a winter clothing drive, raffle and a special performance with students from both OZHS and Temple Sinai Religious School. Look for more details as the date approaches.

In addition to all that's going on at OZHS, NADAV is rocking! We have 13 interns this year working in a myriad of positions – cooking, challah baking, helping in the Shalom Shuk, assisting Raul with building projects, supporting the preschool and volunteering at various events. So far we've taken a cruise on the Spirit of Ethan Allen and spent an afternoon climbing around at Metrorock. This month we're going for bagels and skating!

Yes, it's good to get back to 'normal'.

Stay safe, stay healthy everyone.

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