

## HEBREW SCHOOL

What a year! Kudos to all OZHS staff, parents and students for making it through this most unique learning experience with smiles, energy and positivity. We all learned many things on this journey that we will take with us going forward.

Parents, I know it was tough.

How do you balance the work/family responsibilities? How do you know what the schedule is? How do you know your kids are really online? But you did it! Your kids logged on, had their required materials and participated in class!

Students, I know it was tough.

How do you find the link? How do you know what books and supplies you need? How do you know what day it is?! But you did it! You came to class, you shared, you sang, you asked questions, you laughed and you learned.

Teachers and madrichim, I know it was tough.

How do you connect with your students? How do you make it interesting? How do you keep your students engaged? How do you know there is actually someone behind that black box on the screen? But you did it! You found and used apps, videos, games, movement, art projects and more to share your love and knowledge about all things Jewish.

Despite the distance, we all managed to stay connected and foster a sense of community. We created a virtual shtetl that came together over the last 9 months to learn and share. I, for one, will miss you all over the summer. I look forward to the coming school year when we can gather in person and share laughter and learning face-to-face.

Thank you everyone for a memorable year. Stay safe, stay healthy.

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