

HEBREW SCHOOL

The sun is out and the daffodils are starting to poke out of the earth as I write this. I guess spring is coming and with it comes the end of another school year at Ohavi Zedek Hebrew School. Our last few sessions always come as a surprise, and we are never quite ready to say goodbye. There is always more to teach and always more to learn.

With the easing of many pandemic restrictions, our school year looked a bit more like it has in the past with students in classrooms learning side by side, in the Main Sanctuary learning prayer and singing together, celebrating holidays, sharing, laughing and just enjoying being together.

Highlights of this year include our special Shabbaton with Eliana Light which kicked off our in-depth study of the *Modeh Ani* prayer, the Chanukah Party where so many of us finally got to see each other face-to-face, the Twirly Ride at the Purim Party, seeing the whole congregation doing the *Modeh Ani* in sign language during our Family Shabbat and of course, our backyard Passover Exodus and matzo baking.* Smaller wonderful moments of just chatting with students and parents in the hallway also stand out.

It has been a challenging year for sure and I want to thank all of our teachers, *madrichot*, students, parents, Hebrew School Committee members and OZ staff for making it a successful one. I want to especially highlight the efforts of our teachers, who managed to inject creativity and energy into their classrooms despite the demands of their day jobs and university studies.

Please be sure to join us at **OZHS Commencement and Educator Appreciation Day, May 15 starting at 10:30 am** when we will celebrate our graduates, recognize the good work of all our students and give thanks to our educators. And we'll have ice cream too!

Thank you all for a good year learning at OZHS!

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*This event was on Channel 5 news: <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/families-in-burlington-gather-for-the-upcoming-passover-holiday-once-again/39684974?fbclid=IwAR1sDkoRiggL5tR5JdIIMuChWwMZtwEXijWbbwsdp0E092a5vzm4-GGI-Rk>

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