

HEBREW SCHOOL

Summer time! A time to hike, sail, pick strawberries and WORK!

OZHS 21-22 wrapped up for the year and now it's time to get ready for OZHS 22-23! First day of classes is **September 11** when the synagogue will host a **Welcome/Welcome Back Brunch** for everyone, along with a number of hands-on activities for adults to enjoy while kids are getting started in classes. Be sure to keep an eye out for information on a number of opportunities to connect, learn and enjoy planned throughout the fall semester.

The school year will bring our regular Sunday schedule of class time with peers, Junior Congregation with the whole school and multi-age SUPER Electives, in addition to our weekly remote Hebrew learning sessions for our older students.

New this year - '**A Taste of Torah**', an optional Wednesday in-person component that will bring kids together to study the weekly Torah portion through a myriad of different lenses. After a welcome snack, we'll take a look at the parsha's Hebrew text and connect these ancient words to modern day use. Then we'll read the English translation and tease out the overarching theme/moral/ethic together. Each student will have a chance to respond to these prompts through a variety of media: drawing, poetry, sculpture, movement, etc. Finally, we'll write up a short summary together to share on OZ's various social media platforms. I'm looking forward to sharing ideas with the kids! We'll be taking some of these same approaches to expand our piloted prayer component for the coming year too. Each class will have an assigned prayer that they will study in depth. As they move through their grades at OZHS, their knowledge base and understanding of prayers will grow.

Ah, but I get ahead of myself. Right now I'm gearing up for **Summer Camp at OZ!** Field trips to the Ben and Jerry's factory and Lake Iroquois, service projects at the Intervale and Shalom Shuk, art projects, nature and science activities, drama and sports will keep our campers VERY busy and happy. We still have a few more slots open if you or someone you know has kids ages 5-9 looking for a great experience in August.

I'm also excited about some new plans for our **NADAV Teen Internship Program**. We already have quite a few teens ready to jump into next year's offerings, which may include visits to/from the teens at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City! And hopefully we can finally get across our northern border with greater ease to enjoy all that Jewish Montreal has to offer.

Don't worry, I will find time to eat lots of ice cream, swim in the lake and take a few bike rides this summer but know the wheels are turning to create great Jewish experiences for all of our learners come September and beyond.

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