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What's one piece of advice you wish someone had given you when you were a student at Hebrew Academy?

Enjoy every moment while it lasts! My years at Hebrew Academy were some of the best of my life, and it's where I built my strongest friendships. Have fun, work hard, and remember that everyone is there to support you and wants to see you succeed!

Can you share a memorable experience or lesson from your time at Hebrew Academy- that has stayed with you throughout your journey?

Something I took away from Hebrew Academy and its alumni was the importance of giving back and paying it forward. Throughout all of my schooling, there was always an HA alumni older than me willing to give me advice or help whenever needed. Now that I'm a bit older, the roles are beginning to reverse, and I make it a point to help whoever I can whatever it may be. While this may be common practice in the Jewish community, I found that this was particularly emphasized by Hebrew Academy and its alumni.

What advice would you give to current students who are about to embark on their own professional journeys?

I would say that you will know when you like something in terms of a future career. Trust your gut instincts. Don't be afraid to ask people who are where you want to be to come observe in their workplace and see what their work is actually like and what their day-to-day entails. By experiencing what these careers are like firsthand you will be able to make the right career choice.

How do you stay connected to Hebrew Academy today, and what opportunities do you see for fellow alumni to get involved or give back?

The way I personally have been able to stay connected with Hebrew Academy over the years has been by coming back every year to judge the high school science fair. It's a great opportunity to catch up with my former professors, give whatever advice I can to high school students, and perhaps most importantly, remind myself where everything started.