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PRESS RELEASE

Yavneh Day School Welcomes New Head of School, Tzachi Rechter

Los Gatos, CA, August 15, 2022 — The Yavneh Day School Board of Trustees and Head of School Search Committee announced to faculty, staff, and community on Friday, August 12, 2022 that they are welcoming Tzachi Rechter as the new Head of School. Tzachi was selected from an impressive pool of candidates and will succeed Cindy Schlesinger, immediate past Head of School, and Sarah Munson, current Interim Head of School, on a full-time basis starting November 1, 2022. Immediately, he will begin working with the Board of Trustees, school administration, and community partners to prepare for his tenure.



Over the course of the Head of School search process, the Search Committee got to know Tzachi through engaging interviews, community forums, and in-depth data gathering. They learned about Tzachi's vision and passion for the future of Yavneh and were particularly attracted to Tzachi's strategic thinking, keen intellect, financial acumen, and deep belief in the value and importance of Jewish community and learning. The Head of School Search Committee would like to thank Tzachi for his candid conversations and meaningful discussions with the Yavneh community.

“In the past few months, I have visited Yavneh several times and talked to many school community members, board members, faculty and staff, parents and students. I heard the words – love, support, community, and family – over and over again. These words are key components in creating a school that prepares students for outstanding academic success and personal achievement while instilling the values, principles, and habits that will allow our students to navigate the world and become positive contributors to the Jewish community and society at large.” – Tzachi wrote in an announcement sent out to the Yavneh community.

About Tzachi Rechter: ([link to photo](#))

Tzachi relocated to Silicon Valley from Israel in 2015 with his wife, Corinne (CEO mentor), and their two children Ryan (aerospace engineer) and Chloe (pre-med at UC Berkeley). Tzachi grew up on a kibbutz in Israel and spent most of his early adult life building and nurturing communities in Israel, Hong Kong, and the US. Tzachi is an entrepreneur and business consultant for nonprofit and for-profit organizations. He is also an educator at heart with many years of experience in leadership positions in Jewish organizations and schools. He served on the board of directors of Jewish congregations in Hong Kong and Jewish High Schools in Israel and the US. Tzachi joined the Kehillah Jewish High School (Palo Alto) Board in 2016 and served as chair of the Finance Committee for two years before taking on the role of Chairman of the Board in July 2020. Tzachi holds an MBA degree from Northwestern University and a B.A. in education from Beit Berl College in Israel.

About Yavneh Day School:

Yavneh is a progressive, independent, Jewish K-8 day school in Los Gatos, California.

A Yavneh education is about discovering how a child learns in order to maximize each student's potential. Fostering curiosity, encouraging risk-taking, and ingraining a love of learning is what we do best. We are committed to world-class academics rooted in Jewish tradition.

Our community of exceptional educators develops programming and curriculum with intentionality that is rooted in four fundamental beliefs: Relevance, Diverse Learning, Judaism, and Partnership.

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