



**The Hebrew Academy**  
Award Winning Academics in a  
Genuine Jewish Environment

**Silver Gan Israel**  
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## First Day of School



The last minute dash for school supplies is over and a new school year begins. At the Hebrew Academy Rabbi Popack, Judaic Principal, sounded the shofar to herald in the New Year. Friendly reunions and new friends were quickly made as students settled in and opened to the first page of a new beginning.

## H. A. to focus on Data Driven Lessons

Shannon Perches, Hebrew Academy Principal

Hebrew Academy leads the nation with in classroom Smart Board technology and data driven lessons.

“Data-driven schools have a good sense of where their students are at the beginning of the year and have measurable goals for where they want their students to be at the end of the year. The next step for educators is to implement a system of frequent formative assessments in order to benchmark the progress of their students during the school year toward those year-end goals. Simply using baseline data to set measurable year-end goals, without also implementing a system that allows for frequent analysis and adjustment of instructional and organizational practice, is not likely to result in significant improvements in student learning.

Effective formative assessment practices, implemented during the school year, have been shown to be a powerful mechanism for improving student learning. Research meta-analyses have shown that good formative assessment has a greater impact on student learning, and on achievement gaps, than any

other instructional practice (see, e.g., Black & Wiliam, 1998).

To realize the instructional power of formative assessment practices, educators also need the opportunity to meet regularly and frequently to have collaborative, data-based discussions about student progress. During these meetings, educators identify emergent patterns from the formative data and discuss what the data tells them about students’ progress toward year-end learning goals. Teachers can then collaboratively identify appropriate instructional interventions that can be implemented during the next instructional cycle and collectively commit to implementing those interventions. These types of *professional learning communities* have been shown to have major impacts on student achievement and teacher satisfaction.” (Pulled from “Data-Driven Teachers” by Dr. Scott McLeod, Director School Technology Leadership Initiative University of Minnesota).

For a tour of the 11-acre campus in Huntington Beach please call Jenny at (714) 898-0051 or visit [hebrewacademyhb.com](http://hebrewacademyhb.com).

## Upcoming Events Open to the Community:

### Hebrew Academy Shabbaton

November 13th at the Hebrew Academy

### Club Royale Fundraiser

November 22nd,  
5:30-9:30 pm at the Museum of American Latin Art. Game Show, Family Feud, Entertainment, Auction, Buffet, Bar and more...

### Open Mic Night at Barnes & Noble in Huntington Beach

November 24th,  
4:30-7:30 pm

### Hebrew Academy is now accepting Enrollment for Winter Camp

To RSVP or for more information on all events call (714) 898-0051.

## After-School Programs opened to the Community

Music Program: “It was so cool to see my guitar teacher playing on TV,” says Zachery, an academy 4th grader, of musician Bentzy Marcus’s recent KTLA performance. Zachery is one of many students now taking advantage of the Hebrew Academy’s extra-curricular enrichment music program. Now in its second year, the student band members meet on Thursdays after school hours for jamming and lessons with Marcus. “Band provides a won-

derful opportunity for our students to learn to skillfully play a musical instrument and be a musician in our Hebrew Academy School Band,” says Marcus, lead guitarist for 8th Day, one of Jewish Music’s top rock bands. “Our band will be performing at various school programs and community events throughout the year and we always invite new members to join.”

Hockey with Coach Jeff Prime: Is your child showing signs

of being the next Wayne Gretzky? Well, you may want to cheer on professional hockey coach Jeff Prime as he teaches your child how to handle a puck. It’s all part of the Hebrew Academy’s After School Weekly Hockey Clinic held on Tuesdays at The Rinks in Huntington Beach. The professionally coached clinic is open to all Kindergarten through 5th graders, so tell your friends. Students will learn and practice basic hockey skill-building and

puck handling. Students must bring their own roller blades. Prime says: “This is a great opportunity for your child to learn the skills of hockey while having lots of fun.”

Character-Forming Lessons through Soccer: Soccer Shots is a new uniquely designed program that introduces soccer in a fun, safe, and controlled environment. Each week, Soccer Shots offers 30-minute soccer sessions teaching students basic soccer skills,

fun games, and healthy competition. Soccer Shots emphasizes character-forming lessons such as fair team play, individual concentration, group cooperation, and other skills that can be applied on and off the soccer field. The Academy’s Campus provides the open space for physical sports and personal growth. For more information about any of these programs, contact Melanie at (714) 898-0051.

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