



# VHA HEBREW ACADEMY FALL 2017

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Vancouver Hebrew Academy is thrilled to welcome two new administrators to our leadership team this year!**

**Mr. Adam Zalba, Principal of General Studies**

Mr. Adam Zalba joins us this year at the Vancouver Hebrew Academy as our new Principal of General Studies. Originally from Victoria, British Columbia, Mr. Zalba has dedicated his career to international and intercultural education working in International Baccalaureate (IB), and BC-certified schools. He has many years of experience setting up, administering, and teaching in schools here in Canada and internationally, including countries such as South Korea, Vietnam, China, and Brazil. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geography, a Bachelor of Education, and a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership.



Mr. Zalba's primary role is to oversee the implementation and quality delivery of the BC Ministry curriculum. VHA has a fantastic General Studies program (ranked #1 in BC by the Fraser Institute), and with Mr. Zalba at the helm, we know it is in good hands! Mr. Zalba very much looks forward to being a part of the continued growth of VHA and getting to know all members of the school community.

**Rabbi Tzvi Goldman, Principal of Judaic Studies**



Rabbi Tzvi Goldman will be starting his 14th year at the Vancouver Hebrew Academy this year. He came to Vancouver from Israel where he had been living together with his wife Etti for the previous four years.

Rabbi Goldman is well-known throughout the community for his warmth, humour and his clear dedication to the success and well being of his students.

While Rabbi Goldman will continue to have teaching responsibilities at the school, he is looking forward to his new role as Principal of Judaic Studies. Having recently participated in the Principal's Training Institute, a program of The Consortium of Jewish Day Schools, Rabbi Goldman is excited to take on the challenging role of ensuring the continued quality of our stellar Judaic Studies program.

**Rabbi Don Pacht**, our Head of School, continues to work hand-in-hand with our Board of Directors and community leaders to create and maintain a school of academic excellence that will serve the diverse needs of our community for generations to come.

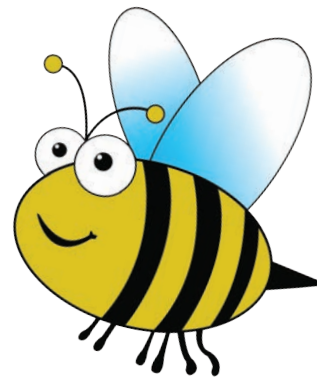


*It is going to be a great year!*

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**TORAH EDUCATION FOR LIFE...**

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# HOME SWEET HOME

VHA is proud to announce that this summer we were able to secure a lease extension with the Vancouver School Board, ensuring that we will have stability and security in our current location for years to come!

As part of our strategic development, we will be investing in upgrades to this facility including the replacement of the portables with brand new modular construction. This will add over 3,000 square feet of instructional space and allow for a full-day Preschool program as early as September 2018. As well, we will be upgrading the main building and installing new playground equipment.

These improvements have already begun and will continue through this school year and next summer.

We look forward to sharing our progress and growth with you!

# GARDENPARTY 2017

Thanks to Mike & Lisa Averbach for hosting!



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