

Oren Hirsch

Oren (97) developed a deep love for transportation, during his childhood and while at JPDS-NC. In 2015, he returned to JPDS-NC as a transportation consultant and advised the school on how to improve the school's bus transportation system.

After JPDS-NC, Oren attended the Mclean School of Maryland, where he graduated as a valedictorian in 2005. In high school and university he interned with the Montgomery County Division of Transit Services.

Continuing his passion related to transportation, Oren graduated from Cornell University in 2009 with a BS in Urban & Regional Studies. He also spent a semester in Rome, Italy on the "Cornell in Rome" Program. Oren was involved with Hillel at Cornell where he organized and led the conservative minyan's Shabbat and High Holy Days services for four years. After graduation from Cornell, Oren took a gap year in Jerusalem, Israel, where he studied at the Conservative Yeshiva and also attended Ulpan classes. Oren attributes his love for Judaism and learning to read Torah and lead services to the daily tefilah prayers at JPDS-NC. While in Israel, Oren secured a job as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analyst with the Jerusalem Transportation Management Team (JTMT). At JTMT, Oren used his Hebrew skills and assisted in the development of the first official Jerusalem Bus Map to be published since 1995.

After three years at JTMT, Oren left in 2014 and returned to the DC area. He is currently pursuing a Masters of Community Planning at the University of Maryland (expected completion May 2017) and works as a Transportation Planner at Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning.