



Students at BJE-accredited Adat Ari El Day School



Participants in BJE's Day of Service Learning at Shemesh Organic Farm



Teens participating in BJE Impact's Teen Service Corps



Participants in Generations LA, a BJE program committed to raising endowment funds for BJE-accredited Day Schools

## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK

July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

*Among many other BJE programs and services advancing Jewish education in Los Angeles, BJE is proud to share these highlights enabled by your support:*

- **BJE Impact** engaged with **13 schools, camps, and youth groups** in service learning projects, impacting over **1,000 students** in the Los Angeles area, and helping them connect to relevant Jewish lessons and Jewish values with volunteer opportunities.
- **213 Los Angeles teens** are enrolled in **BJE's 2018 March of the Living**; they will be accompanied by **5 survivors and 25 staff members**, including counselors, historians and health professionals. More than \$185,000 in BJE-provided tuition assistance has made it possible for 69 participating teens to share in this experience.
- **The First 36 Project**, a program of the **Simms/Man Institute** in collaboration with BJE and the Jewish Federation, started its **third cohort of 13 Parent and Me educators from 9 schools** throughout Los Angeles. The group receives neuroscience-based professional development to assist them in strengthening the parent-child relationship during the first 36 months of a child's life.
- As part of BJE's **80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**, BJE sponsored a **Day of Service Learning**, drawing a **capacity crowd** of individuals and families with children ages 2-16 to Shemesh Organic Farm in Malibu, CA. The program modeled Jewish service learning and BJE Impact programs.
- **Day school endowments** continued to grow. **21 schools** supported by BJE in partnership with other organizations, foundations, and local investors, have **raised over \$53 million** in cash and legacy pledges.
- **Over 2,400 families** were connected with family-friendly Jewish activities and organizations across LA through BJE's **JKidLA bi-monthly e-newsletter**.
- In July 2017, **Reshet-LA**, a joint program of BJE and the Union for Reform Judaism launched a **network for reimagining synagogue education**. **21 educators in 15 congregations** have begun the process of **transforming their religious schools**.
- BJE also sponsored a **Night of 80 Shabbats** in celebration of **BJE's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary** and Jewish education. **80 volunteer hosts** of varying ages and reflecting a diversity of Jewish traditions welcomed nearly **1,000 guests** into their homes to celebrate Shabbat and Jewish education.
- BJE assisted **24 schools** in accessing **over \$150,000 in government funds** for professional development and **over \$500,000 to assist students** falling behind academically.

—THANK YOU!