

## YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT WORK

Through your support, BJE: Builders of Jewish Education ensures a strong Jewish future by:

- **Helping families find and connect with the “right” Jewish educational opportunities for their children**
- **Enhancing the quality of Jewish education in Los Angeles**
- **Increasing children’s access to Jewish education**

You can be sure that when you invest in BJE, your money has real impact on Jewish children and their families. BJE is always evaluating Jewish educational needs in Los Angeles and creating new programs or enhancing current programs to address those needs. The LA BJE is recognized as a thought and innovation leader in the field of Jewish education.

BJE’s national reputation enables it to leverage significant dollars from foundations, corporations and the Federal Government to further the three part mission described above.

Through your support, the Jewish identity of the children and grandchildren in our community will be deeply rooted.

**Thank you** for helping BJE not only meet its fundraising goal this year, but also leverage millions of dollars in grant funding for the benefit of the children in our community.



## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT REPORT January 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

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

- To date, 17 day schools have been assisted by BJE to actively build endowments through the **Jim Joseph High School Affordability Initiative and Generations LA programs**. They have raised a combined total of over \$23.6 million in cash deposits, pledges, and legacy commitments.
- **Over 300 early childhood educators** gathered at the Skirball Cultural Center for the **annual Bebe Feuerstein Simon Early Childhood Institute**, topping last year’s attendance of 255. This year’s institute was titled: “Today’s Child” and featured workshops on cultivating self-esteem, integrating Judaica into student documentation and understanding children’s play.
- **20 Los Angeles, teens who had never participated in an Israel program, participated in Epic Israel**, a 25 day summer trip heavily subsidized by the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Agency.
- **BJE’s March of the Living 2014 delegation** consisted of 10 Holocaust survivors and 189 teens, powerfully connecting past, present and future.
- **6 schools recently completed a 3 year Hebrew proficiency project**, a joint initiative between BJE and Hebrew@theCenter, transforming Hebrew language education for their 1,600 students.
- BJE’s **3<sup>rd</sup> annual Day School & Yeshiva Administrators’ Retreat**, “21st Century Learners: Integrating New Literacies Into Curriculum & Assessment,” had representation from 25 schools across Los Angeles, Los Gatos and San Diego. Participants attended sessions on integrating digital, media and global literacies into teaching and learning and designing a 21st century professional development plan.
- **JKidLA ran the Jewish Federation Parent & Me Voucher program**, distributing 70 vouchers to families in the West San Fernando and Conejo Valleys attending a Jewish Parent & Me class for the first time.
- **BJE Impact: the Center for Teen Service Learning** launched a new website, [www.BJEImpact.org](http://www.BJEImpact.org), connecting teens, families and educators to community service opportunities and service learning programs.
- BJE convened a task force to explore new directions in **complementary Jewish education** to encourage participation in Jewish educational experiences, increase access to Jewish learning and enhance the quality of Jewish educational experiences.

**--THANK YOU**