



Including All of Our Children

Every Jewish child deserves to have a quality Jewish education, yet for families with children with special learning needs, finding a school that can meet their needs can be a challenging endeavor. The cost of mounting such programs is a major, limiting factor. There are only a few specialized programs available for families who are seeking to enroll their children in complementary (religious) Jewish schools.

In order to increase the number of programs that accommodate children with special learning needs and expand and strengthen existing opportunities, BJE's Center for Excellence in Complementary Jewish Education initiated a special education grants program. Through a \$50,000

matching funds grant from Sheila Baran Spiwak and Dr. Alan M. Spiwak, matched by additional generous donors, programs at complementary schools providing quality Jewish education for children with special learning needs have been launched.

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Building Jewish Education: One Child At A Time

With the start of the school year, Simhat Torah looms on the near horizon, and the annual Torah study cycle will soon begin, afresh. The Mishnah teaches that the Torah's account of the creation of a single person underscores that each individual is a world. In a similar vein, rabbinic lore has it that Moses' fitness to lead the "flock" of Israel was demonstrated by his attention not just to the herd of sheep he tended but to the needs of each lamb. Whether in its professional development of educators, special needs initiatives, teen experiential programs, concierge services or work with individual schools, BJE – a leader in meeting communal Jewish educational needs – recognizes the importance of each setting of Jewish education and of each teacher, student, and family it serves.

This newsletter includes information and stories about significant BJE programs, in progress and newly emerging. Each educational initiative involves very real people, with impact both immediately and for generations to come. The enduring mission of BJE, in partnership with all who share the vision of a vibrant Jewish community grounded in Jewish knowledge and wisdom, is all about building Jewish education, one child at a time.

As you read these pages, please consider participating financially to help ensure that opportunities such as those described continue to be available to meet each child's Jewish educational needs. Your gift will make a world of difference.

Thank you for your partnership, and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year,

Marc Rohatiner
President

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Executive Director



Left to right: Rachel Donitz Kaplan, Monise Neumann, Debra Markovic and Dr. Gil Graff

BJE's Night to Shine

Nine Jewish communal professionals were recognized for outstanding leadership and achievement at the Jewish Communal Professionals of Southern California (JCPSC) 30th Annual Awards Banquet on June 9, 2010. Of those recognized, four are members of BJE's staff: Monise Neumann, Debra Markovic, Rachel Donitz Kaplan, and Gil Graff.

Monise was recognized for her exceptional professional leadership as Director of BJE March of the Living; Debra and Rachel were honored for innovative programming as Concierges for Jewish Education; Gil was cited for significant career achievement as a BJE executive since 1985.

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BJE to Honor Donna Nadel

Donna Nadel, a community leader and BJE officer passionate about Jewish education, will be honored at BJE's Annual Gala on January 6, 2011, at Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel.

Known for her contributions as a lay leader at Wilshire Boulevard Temple and its religious school, Donna was invited to join BJE's Youth Programs Committee in 1996, a committee that she later chaired for three years. Under her leadership, BJE transformed its youth education services to better meet community needs. New programs were initiated while others were expanded. Sulam, The Center for Jewish Service Learning, launched during Donna's term as chair, is now a valuable resource for teens, parents and educators. BJE March of the Living, previously offered every other year, now operates every year with an ever growing number of participants: last year's delegation boasted 162 teens and seven survivors, accompanied by an outstanding staff.

As a member of BJE's Executive Committee, Donna's strength as a leader, building consensus to facilitate change, contributed significantly to BJE's strategic planning process and its successful implementation. Her leadership of BJE's Educational Services Committee focused on identifying those services most closely aligned with the agency's mission and ensuring the effectiveness of those programs. Never one to turn down a new challenge, Donna is very excited about her current "job," chairing a committee to enhance Board members' education and engagement. "I want to ensure that every board member has the opportunity to be as engaged and to benefit from their involvement with BJE as much as I have," Donna said.

A native of Philadelphia, Donna is an active leader and an asset to the Los Angeles Jewish community. Donna's passion for education is apparent through her involvement in her children's schools as well as her almae matres, University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University School of Law. Donna, her husband Paul and their three children live in Santa Monica.



“Donna’s passion about BJE is infectious, is compelling, and we are lucky to have that kind of leader. It is an honor to co-chair this dinner not only as a supporter of BJE but for my dear friend.”

– Julie Platt

“There are few people in this world who better understand the meaning of family and friendship than Donna. She displays a genuine openness, an ability to befriend those she meets, and gives unconditionally to the heart of her life, her family. These deep rooted connections make Donna truly special.”

– Linda Brown

“In addition to being a trusted friend and colleague, Donna is quite simply a force-of-nature, and I am continually awed and inspired by her passionate and unrelenting work on behalf of Jewish education.”

– Susan Brenner

“Donna is a smart, extremely hard-working leader, deeply committed to furthering Jewish education and BJE’s core mission. Donna has made many important contributions to BJE, especially in the areas of strategic planning and youth services. It is a pleasure to serve on the Board with her!”

– Susan Jacoby Stern



“Miriam is a true professional, follows through on everything, and is a great asset to BJE! She is efficient and productive and truly helps the school. Miriam is a winner!”

**– Metuka Benjamin, Director of Education
Stephen S. Wise Schools**

“Miriam has made it easy for schools to navigate through government regulations; [she] is constantly giving [us] information about how to help the school.”

**– Rabbi Heshy Glass, Head of School
YULA Boys High School**

BJE Recognizes Miriam Prum Hess for Professional Leadership

At BJE's Annual Gala on January 6, 2011, BJE will recognize Miriam Prum Hess for her exceptional professional leadership.

Miriam initially joined BJE's staff six years ago on temporary loan from the Jewish Federation, in response to a BJE proposal for dedicating a senior staff resource to the work of strengthening Jewish day school operations. Miriam, in close collaboration with BJE professional staff and lay leaders, and working with school leadership and local and national partners, initiated creative programs that serve 38 Los Angeles Jewish day schools to the benefit of over 9,500 students.

Schools Have a Valuable Partner

Today, under Miriam's leadership as its director, BJE's Center for Excellence in Day School Education provides seminars that promote educational excellence, tools, and resources for schools to operate more efficiently and effectively and a network for the dissemination of "best practice." With BJE as their partner, schools have access to increased financial support from Jewish



foundations, locally and nationally as well as to government resources available for the support of student learning and security.

Parents Have a Partner

Miriam's work didn't stop with strengthening Jewish day school education. Working with lay leaders to realize a vision, Miriam, in her role as Director of BJE's Center for Jewish Educational Engagement, initiated JKidLA (www.jkidla.com), an interactive website. Complemented by the individualized service of Concierges for Jewish Education, families are assisted in finding Jewish educational opportunities for their children.

In 2009, Miriam was awarded the Alan J. Kassin Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement by the Jewish Communal Professionals of Southern California. She holds a Masters and Honorary Doctorate in Jewish Communal Service from HUC and a Masters degree in Social Work from USC. Miriam and her husband Mark are the proud parents of two day school children, Eliana and Ezra.

“Her work stands as a premier community model that should be emulated by every single Jewish community in America. To have someone like this at a high level in our BJE, on your team, and in partnership...it has just been a blessing.”

**– Dr. Bruce Powell, Head of School
New Jewish Community High School**

“She has been a leader, a friend, a colleague, a system of support; she is the go-to person no matter what kind of question you have. She is the best thing that ever happened to our Jewish day schools in terms of the support that she has given us!”

**– Betty Winn, Head of School
Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School**

Strengthening Day School Sustainability



BJE, in collaboration with PEJE (Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education), launched an extraordinary program in March 2010 to ensure the vitality of day schools, with the support of Janine and Peter Lowy. The Leadership and Fundraising Academy (LFA) is designed to strengthen the fundraising capabilities of day school board leaders and professionals. Ten BJE-affiliated Jewish day schools were selected to participate in the LFA, enabling them to take part in an 18-month seminar series as well as receiving one-on-one coaching from development professionals.

The six intensive LFA sessions focus on topics including board development and fiduciary responsibility, legacy and endowment campaigns, diversifying the donor base of the schools, and strategic planning of short and long-term goals for day schools. The seminars are led by experienced development professionals, and participants include teams of professionals and lay leaders from each day school. The LFA is among the projects of BJE's Center for Excellence in Day School Education, under the leadership of Miriam Prum Hess, supporting the institutional strength of day schools.

Leadership & Fundraising Academy Participants

Beth Hillel Day School • Maimonides Academy • Pressman Academy of Temple Beth Am • Stephen S. Wise Day School and Milken Community High School • Shalhevet School • Sinai Akiba Academy • Temple Israel of Hollywood • Valley Torah High School • Yavneh Hebrew Academy • YULA Boys High School and YULA Girls High School

“No matter how much we think we already know about Jewish day school leadership and finance, times change and new challenges arise. Participating in the LFA at this time is particularly pertinent as we all are trying to rise to the twin challenges of maintaining educational excellence and making day school education affordable.”

– Rabbi Laurence Scheindlin, Sinai Akiba Academy

“It is a privilege to be a part of the Leadership & Fundraising Academy and to partner with BJE and PEJE to help build financial strength for the Los Angeles day school community. In my work at the Jewish Federations of North America and as a day school parent myself, I believe strong and successful day schools present the greatest possibility to influence the values and commitment of the next generation of Jews.”

– Beverly Woznica, Managing Director, Development, Jewish Federations of North America and LFA Coach

“PEJE is thrilled to work with BJE Los Angeles to deliver the Leadership and Fundraising Academy. It has been a true partnership in planning, implementing, and delivering this rich program that will impact and sustain change in fundraising and governance at the ten participating schools. We feel privileged to partner with BJE LA and with Miriam Prum Hess on this program.”

– Jennifer Weinstock, Program Manager, Financial Sustainability, Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education

“Peter and I are committed to Jewish education, and we look for ways to help raise the bar of excellence for our day schools. We were happy to partner with PEJE and BJE in bringing the Leadership and Fundraising Academy (LFA) to Los Angeles. The LFA's focus and training on transparent governance, financial management, and fundraising will enable both volunteer and professional leaders from the ten participating schools to bring innovative and exemplary models of success to their schools. We believe that financial stability and high levels of board efficiency will ensure the schools' prosperity for years to come.”

– Janine Lowy, LFA Donor Partner, Community Leader

Outstanding Educators Honored

All too often, educators – who are so vital to the learning experiences of students – are not recognized for the significant work that they do. Through the generosity of several community philanthropists, BJE is able to recognize excellence in Jewish education by honoring exemplary educators. Since 1990, the Milken Family Foundation has, annually, sponsored Jewish Educator Awards, spotlighting outstanding day school educators at BJE-accredited schools. In December, 2009, four educators received the prestigious awards, including prizes of \$15,000 each, at a luncheon hosted by the Milken Family Foundation.

In 1997, the late Simha and Sara Lainer, long-time supporters of Jewish education, established annual awards recognizing exemplary Jewish educators in early childhood and complementary Jewish education. Up to three awards, including prizes of \$2,500, are presented to distinguished educators in each of these fields at annual professional development conferences, before hundreds of colleagues.

In 2002, Dr. Marvin & Mehry and Thom & Iris Smotrich established the Smotrich Family Foundation Award of Merit for excellence in teaching. In Religious Schools (part time, complementary schools), two awards are presented, annually, to early career (2-5 years) educators who have demonstrated excellence in their educational work. Recipients receive \$1,000, and their schools receive \$500 in the awardees' honor.

In early childhood education, Smotrich (cash) prizes are awarded to educators and their schools for developing outstanding curricular materials that are shared with colleagues at BJE's annual BJE Bebe Feuerstein Simon Early Childhood Institute.

Grinspoon-Steinhardt Awards for Excellence in Jewish Education are presented annually to educators of excellence in nearly 80 communities across North America, including Los Angeles. This national award, sponsored by Harold Grinspoon and Michael Steinhardt, is designed to recognize, honor, and support outstanding classroom-based teachers in formal Jewish educational settings on the local level. Winners of this award receive a stipend of \$1,000 to be used for their own professional development and are invited to participate in a North American Community of Practice (CoP) with fellow award-winners and exceptional educational professionals.

Congratulations to the outstanding educators who were recognized with these awards in 2009-2010, and thank you to those who have made it possible to publicly honor our community's educators.

Esther Elfenbaum, Director of Early Childhood Education Services at BJE, received an honorary **Lainer Award**, marking 30 years of her outstanding service to the Jewish community. During her tenure, Esther has conducted innumerable workshops and created innovative programs for early childhood educators, developed and implemented an accreditation process to foster excellence at Jewish preschools, and kept directors and teachers current on educational trends as well as research on cutting edge educational methodologies. **“When I was hired as director of Stephen S. Wise Temple ECC, I attended BJE’s workshop on Reggio Emilia, led by Esther, and I later traveled to Reggio Emilia, Italy on a BJE study trip developed by Esther”** said Dr. Sheryl Cohen, Director of Stephen S. Wise Temple ECC. **“Esther constantly provides opportunities [for educators] to stay connected in the learning process.”** More than 7,000 students at 70 BJE-affiliated early childhood centers benefit from Esther’s professional expertise.





Early Childhood Educator Awards 2009-2010

Lainer Distinguished Educator Awards

- Tali Soffer* – Adat Ari El Rose Engel ECC
- Marina Kogan* – The JCC at Milken ECC
- Esther Elfenbaum – BJE Director, Early Childhood Education Services (honorary award)

**Grinspoon-Steinhardt awardee*

Smotrich Family Foundation Award of Merit

- Micaela Chambers – Temple Ahavat Shalom ECE Center
- Leah Abergel, Bree Gutierrez, Rose Orlovich & Debbie Younesi – Adat Ari El Rose Engel ECC
- Lilya Aleksandrovskaya and Tere Atri – Temple Emanuel ECC

Complementary School Educator Awards 2009-2010

Lainer Distinguished Educator Awards

- Rabbi Micha'el Akiba – Temple Beth El
- Joey Gold – Tikvat Jacob
- Diana Pakdaman – Sinai Temple

Smotrich Family Foundation Award of Merit

- Jamie Elman – Temple Beth Hillel
- Joel Dinin – Shomrei Torah Synagogue

Day School Educator Awards 2009-2010

Milken Family Foundation Jewish Educator Awards

- Melanie Berkey – Shalhevet School
- Rabbi Dov Goldman – Cheder Menachem
- Shelley Lawrence – Sinai Akiba Academy
- Rabbi Mitchel Malkus – The Rabbi Jacob Pressman Academy of Temple Beth Am

Leading the Way to Inquiry-Based Learning

BJE's Center for Excellence in Early Childhood and Parent Education promotes the methodology of Reggio Emilia, an inquiry-based approach to early childhood education. In the spring, in partnership with BJE's Early Childhood Directors' Network, BJE created and implemented two programs to explore the Reggio Emilia approach in greater depth, providing tools for improving student learning.

Educators and parents from over 30 BJE-affiliated schools attended the first of these Reggio Emilia programs in Santa Monica on April 25, 2010. Patricia Hunter McGrath – artist, author, and Director/Atelierista of Blueberry Atelier in Santa Monica – displayed and discussed her exhibit of photography, poetry, and artwork created by four and five year olds. Then McGrath spoke to over 100 BJE program participants about the travelling exhibit: "The Hundred Languages of Children," which the group viewed during the second segment of the event.

The second program featured educators who participated in a BJE continuing education experience in the town of Reggio Emilia, Italy. They led a panel discussion about their application of the cutting edge methodology they learned through this BJE initiative in their Jewish preschools in Los Angeles. After the discussion, attendees toured Adat Ari El Rose Engel Early Childhood Center, a BJE-affiliated school transformed after its director was introduced to the Reggio Emilia approach.

"My entire staff benefited from seeing the beautiful facility and how Reggio was integrated with the Jewish curriculum," said Renee Hutchings, ECE director, Gan Israel, Tarzana.

Continuing education programs organized by BJE have enabled educators from over 25 BJE-affiliated LA Jewish schools to incorporate the Reggio-approach into their classrooms, strengthening student learning.



"BJE continues to be at the forefront of Jewish early childhood education by encouraging our schools to expand their knowledge of the Reggio Emilia curriculum philosophy."

Beryl Strauss, Director, Adat Ari El Rose Engel ECE

"BJE has kept our professional development opportunities alive and growing in Los Angeles and helped us stay connected in the learning process."

Dr. Sheryl Cohen,
Director of Stephen S. Wise Temple ECC

"Thank you for organizing and facilitating the two-part, citywide "The Wonder of Learning/The Hundred Languages of Children Exhibit" and the visit to Adat Ari El. Experiences such as these facilitate an environment of professional growth, dialogue, and community across religious denominations."

Marcy Stieglitz, Early Childhood Educational Consultant



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To be considered for a Spiwak Matching Grant, schools were challenged to create new programs that are open to all children, regardless of synagogue membership. Grant programs must be a joint project of two or more BJE-affiliated schools. Each qualifying program can receive up to \$10,000 towards a Jewish educational program benefiting students with special learning needs and, in addition, receives professional consultation from a specialist with expertise in the learning needs of the population served.

Early this year, BJE selected two programs to receive the Spiwak Matching Grant. The first initiative, created by three congregations in the Southbay, is a holistic network called the "Shlemut Network," to support Jewish families with children with special needs. The Shlemut Network,

currently in its beginning stages, entails monthly events and will offer resources to support the social, educational, and spiritual needs of the families it serves. It will hire a program coordinator to work with each of the three synagogues to train staff and lay leadership in best practices for educating children with special needs. Projected programs include family support groups, inclusive Shabbat dinners, and guest lecturers to address educational issues that special needs families encounter.

The Shlemut Network was initiated by Congregation Tikvat Jacob in Manhattan Beach, Temple Beth El in San Pedro, and Temple Menorah in Redondo Beach. "We are looking to provide education and programming to support the social, educational, and spiritual needs of these families," said Randi Sher, Director of Education at Temple Menorah of Redondo Beach.

A Spiwak Matching Grant also enabled the OurSpace program at Temple Aliyah and Valley Beth Shalom to expand, providing funds for additional staff, resources, and programs. OurSpace, which currently offers a number of outstanding educational opportunities for children with special needs, sought funding for "The Artistic Spectrum of Jewish Learning," a course for young adults which provides a Jewish learning experience through the arts. OurSpace currently provides programs for both children and young adults, including a youth group, choir, and support for youngsters preparing for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The grant from BJE has enabled OurSpace to engage additional students in Jewish educational activities.

"Our philosophy is to create a space for these children and adults where they can learn, socialize, create community and along with their families have every opportunity to live a full Jewish life. It's about reaching out to the community at large and making sure that there is a space for everybody in the Jewish community."

– Susan North Gilboa, Director of OurSpace

"You have given me, as a mother, hope and strength in my soul, watching all three of my children grow up learning and living a Jewish life."

– Lisa Abravanel, Parent



Advancing Student Learning: “No Child Left Behind”

To the benefit of thousands of students in Jewish day schools in Los Angeles, last year BJE accessed close to \$400,000 in federal funds to support professional development seminars for teachers and provide academic support in language arts and math for children falling behind academically. The professional development seminars are essential to advancing the knowledge and capabilities of educators to improve student learning. BJE’s Center for Excellence in Day School Education represents a consortium of 17 Jewish day schools and 2 preschools located within the LAUSD boundaries, and BJE secures federal funds for the professional development of educators at eligible, participating schools.

BJE arranged workshops led by experts in the field of education, offering these classes to educators at no cost to schools. In spring 2010, hundreds of teachers and administrators participated in courses on the “Responsive Classroom” and on “Differentiated Instruction and Understanding by Design.” The “Differentiated Instruction” course in May focused on how to diagnose the differing needs of students and how to use that diagnosis to develop lessons that meet individual learners’ readiness, interests, and learning profiles. “The differentiated learning seminar was outstanding! I am so grateful to have been given three days to really learn, focus, and apply these concepts,” exclaimed Jodi Lasker, the 7th grade Judaic Studies teacher at Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School.

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Reflecting on the “Responsive Classroom” seminar in June, Meri Zeiff, a kindergarten teacher at Temple Israel of Hollywood, stated: “I loved it! It was the best teacher workshop I’ve taken. I got so much out of the week and can’t wait to implement my new skills. It was a week well spent.”

Looking to 2010-2011, BJE hopes to more than double the

scope of publicly funded student support and continuing education opportunities by accessing expanded “No Child Left Behind” resources for which consortium schools qualify.



BJE March of the Living 2011

Registration Deadline:
December 10, 2010

For more information and an application:
Contact BJE March of the Living Director

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Left to right: Hayley Miller, Paula Lebovics and Jake Goren

March of the Living Goes Hollywood: LA Teens Featured in International Documentary

When Brazilian film producer, LG Tubaldini Jr. and film director, Jessica Sanders set out to make a film about the power of the March of the Living program, L.A.'s BJE March of the Living, internationally recognized for its outstanding educational programming, was selected to represent the "March" experience of American teens.

The documentary, "March of the Living," shot in 2008, follows high school students from Los Angeles, Sao Paulo, and Berlin as they prepare for the trip and captures their experiences and reflections while on March of the Living. "What I thought was extraordinarily interesting was the inclusion of the three communities and the centrality of the Los Angeles community as part of this documentary," said Dr. Beryl Geber, Associate Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles which provides a generous, annual grant in support of BJE March of the Living. "There were times in the documentary when the visible and caring mutual support of the teens and the survivors was so deeply moving it brought tears to my eyes."

BJE hosted the premiere screenings of the documentary "March of the Living" at Creative Artists Agency's (CAA) Ray Kurtzman Theatre on June 8 and at AJU's Gindi Auditorium on June 13. More than 600 people attended the screenings, including BJE donors, March of the Living alumni and families, as well as members of the film crew and others from the entertainment industry.

The filmmakers received a standing ovation after the screening at the Gindi Auditorium, which was followed by Q&A with the film director and producer LG Tubaldini Jr., BJE March of the Living Director Monise Neumann, and other members of the crew.

"The film was powerful," said Dorothy Goren, who attended a screening with her grandson, a BJE March of the Living alumnus. "As far as my grandson is concerned, it changed his whole feeling about being Jewish. He was enthralled with the trip and particularly with the survivors. He made some good friends amongst the survivors, and he talks about the trip all the time."

The crowd of filmmakers, students, BJE supporters, staff, and survivors remained long after the program, at each event, to discuss the film and the experience it documents.

Each spring, over 150 BJE March of the Living students from Los Angeles travel to Poland and Israel, joining over 8,000 teens from around the world to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Ha'Shoah) at Auschwitz and Israel's Independence Day (Yom Ha'Atzmaut) in Israel. During this life-transforming journey, BJE encourages participants to think about the historical experiences of the Jewish people and enables teens to deepen their personal Jewish identity, connect with peers from L.A. and around the world, and strengthen their understanding of and relationship to Israel.

BJE's mission is to enhance quality, increase access, and encourage participation in Jewish education throughout Greater Los Angeles. BJE, independently and in collaboration with schools and other community institutions, is an advocate, planner, catalyst, and creative leader for strengthening and advancing Jewish learning, with emphasis on children, early childhood through high school, their educators and parents.

MARCH OF THE LIVING

September 13, 2010

BJE Board Installation

September 14, 2010

Leadership & Fundraising Academy

November 2-3, 2010

National Jewish Early Childhood Network (NJEEN) pre-conference (includes tours of BJE-affiliated preschools)

December 7, 2010

Milken Family Foundation Jewish Educator Awards Luncheon

December 10, 2010

Registration Deadline for 2011 March of the Living

January 6, 2011

BJE Gala

January 10, 2011

BJE Bebe Feuerstein Simon Early Childhood Education Conference

January 16, 2011

BJE Religious School Education Conference

Facts at a Glance

- **1,332** participants in BJE professional development programs for educators in 2009-10.
- **162** teens participated on 2010 BJE March of the Living.
- BJE's **SULAM: The Center for Jewish Service Learning** www.sulamcenter.org was accessed by **1,700** visitors per month, and over **500** educational resources per month were downloaded from the website in 2009-10.
- **73** high school students received scholarship funding through the **Jim Joseph High School Affordability Initiative**, administered by BJE, in 2009-10; **100** high school students are receiving assistance in 2010-11.
- **82** educators were referred to schools for teaching positions by BJE's **School Personnel Services Department** in 2009-10.
- BJE's **JKidLA** (www.jkidla.com) averaged over **2,000** unique visitors per month in 2009-10.
- BJE's **JKidLA** currently has nearly **2,000** followers on **Twitter**...follow JKidLA and BJELosAngeles on Twitter and fan JKidLA and BJE on **Facebook!**