BJE 2014-15 Annual Report



















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Many Paths, Many People

Throughout the pages of this year's annual report, two overarching themes are apparent: first, there are many paths of Jewish educational engagement; second, it takes the collective investment of many, many people dedicated to the education of successive generations of Jewish children and families to make high quality Jewish learning experiences available. BJE's work is wholly dedicated to enabling Jews to access meaningful Jewish learning opportunities, through such projects as day school endowment development, strengthening parent and me programs, teen experiential education and nurturing the professional growth of educators who teach children in multiple settings.

Jewish education enriches the lives of learners and enables them to contribute the wisdom they acquire to their families and communities. The success of BJE in realizing its mission depends entirely on partnership with community institutions and individuals. We are fortunate that, over its 78 year history, BJE has benefited from the investment and leadership of outstanding volunteers and that equally devoted "NextGen" leadership continues to emerge.

Thank you for your support. We recognize with appreciation, those whose financial contributions made possible the accomplishments of 2014-2015. The work of BJE is truly a communal effort; its impact—your impact—is felt for generations.

Sincerely,

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Jewish Service Learning with BJE Impact

In November 2014, BJE Impact: The Center for Jewish Service Learning held a conference made possible in part by the Pauline Roberts Fund for the Teaching of Jewish Ethics. The day-long conference addressed the integration of community service with instruction and Jewish learning and looked at best practices in the field. Forty Jewish educators, who collectively engage with thousands of students, heard a presentation by the nonprofit organization Repair the World.

Participants were then asked to share and reflect on their personal experiences and discuss different models and approaches, challenges and how to incorporate new tools into their own practices.

Participants appreciated the practical approach to incorporating this kind of work into their curricula, and the chance to interact with others in the field. They described the conference as "excellent," "well planned and organized," and "packed with a lot of activities and thought provoking discussions." One participant commented that it was "so inspiring and exciting to know there are so many smart, talented and resourceful professionals."

Jewish Service Learning is a form of active learning that values critical thinking and strengthens teens' understanding and connection to Judaism and its teachings. It involves taking the content from the Torah, the classroom, and modern thinking, and putting it all to work in the community. Research shows that when Jewish Service Learning is effectively implemented, teens gain self-confidence and self-worth, academic achievement, Jewish identity, a deeper sense of the importance of Jewish and community citizenship and build character.

"We are so incredibly lucky to be her daughters," said Anne Roberts, referring to her mother Pauline. "Being Jewish and living a life of Jewish values was very important to her, and she instilled a love of being Jewish in us." Anne's sister, Teri Smooke, echoed these sentiments, adding, "She understood the importance of passing these values on to the next generation, and knew that teachers can have great influence on young people. She wanted to provide Jewish educators enrichment and networking opportunities to help them teach these values."

BJE Impact aims to help support and create meaningful community service experiences for teens that build Jewish identity and enhance Jewish learning. Services include: educational consulting, partnership, and professional development for educators, schools, camps and youth groups and programs to help identify opportunities to incorporate service learning, and to provide the resources to do so; a website to help Jewish teens in Los Angeles and surrounding areas find volunteer opportunities and explore Bar/Bat Mitzvah project possibilities that match their

For Pauline Roberts' daughters, Anne Roberts and Terri Smooke, seeing the conference happen was a fulfillment of their mother's wish – and her legacy.

interests and are Jewishly contextualized, and where Jewish educators can find relevant teaching resources connected to volunteer opportunities; and BJE Teen Service Corps, a summer day camp for 7th – 10th graders building on Jewish Service Learning experiences. BJE Impact is supported in part by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation.

Left-right: Rachel Davidson-presenter, Anne Roberts, Terri Smooke, Alisha Pedowitz-BJE Specialist, Teen Experiential Education

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NextGen Attendees at the BJE 2015 Gala: (top row left-right) Adam Weiss, Matt Weintraub, Zach Lainer, Elenna King, Morissa Brenner, Noa Klein, Michael Klein, Danny Raijman, Nathalie Altszyler-BJE NextGEN co-chair, Aaron Spiwak-BJE NextGEN co-chair, Sarah Gelbart, Josh Gelbart, (bottom row left-right) David Mayman, Gosia Weiss, LeeAnn Weintraub, Talia Graff, Leeba Morse-BJE, Campaign Associate Donor & Community Relations, Zach Andrews, Liz Bieber, Maddie Miller, Felicia Miller.

NextGEN

Sometimes a cooking class is more than just a cooking class. When BJE NextGEN gathers young Jewish adults for kosher cooking parties, they may learn to make a delicious lemon raisin chicken tajine, but they also learn about programs such as JKidLA, a resource for connect-

By increasing awareness among our peers, we hope to steward the next generation of BJE leadership, and help strengthen BJE's capacity to accomplish its vital mission.

> ing families to Jewish educational opportunities that meet their needs – including delicious kosher and vegetarian recipe suggestions for Shabbat and holidays. BJE NextGEN

was created to connect and engage

young adults committed to furthering

Jewish education with BJE. Through a series of social, educational and community building experiences, participants engage with each other and BJE, forming early and meaningful connections to the Los Angeles Jewish community.

Co-chaired by Aaron Spiwak and Nathalie Altszyler, who also sit on the BJE Board, the NextGEN committee is comprised of 11 young people who are tasked with planning events, connecting young adults to BJE's programs and mission and giving of their own time and resources.

"For me, Jewish education is critical to the continuity of our Jewish identity and culture," said Nathalie. "We realized that in between the 18 year-olds who are recipients of BJE services and their parents, there was a gap made up of young adults who largely don't know about BJE. That's who we're hoping to engage."

NextGEN recently presented a three-part series: "Navigating the Complex Waters of Jewish Education in L.A." The three areas of focus – Jewish day school affordability, complementary Jewish education and thinking beyond Jewish schools – helped provide important insights in support of families in the midst of decision-making about the best approach to Jewish education for their own children.

"Our sense is that even among those who have heard of BJE, there's been very limited awareness of the depth of services provided to Jewish families in our community, and the tremendous work BJE does to support affordability of Jewish education," said co-chair Aaron Spiwak.



The First 36 Project staff and fellows from: The Rabbi Jacob Pressman Academy of Temple Beth Am ECC, Douglas Family ECC at Sinai Temple, Mann Family Wilshire Blvd. Temple ECC, Temple Beth Hillel Department of ECE, Valley Beth Shalom Nursery School and Temple Judea Preschool.



Dr. Victoria Simms

The First 36 Project

This spring, six early childhood Parent and Me programs were selected to pilot an exciting and innovative program of the Simms/ Mann Institute in partnership with BJE and the Jewish Federation. The First 36 Project combines tried and tested theories of early childhood development, starting at birth, with cutting-edge research in early childhood learning and brain sciences to nurture meaningful relationships and foster resilience in future generations. The project is designed to rethink the nature of Parent & Me programs in Jewish institutions and refine their ability to deepen and enhance the social and emotional development of the youngest children and their parents.

The program's launch included a unique and exclusive professional development opportunity for the first cohort of Fellows – a presentation by world-renowned researcher Dr. Ruth Feldman. Dr. Feldman is a professor of psychology and neuroscience at Bar-Ilan University in Israel with a joint appointment at Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center. Her research focuses on the biological basis of social affiliation, the development of parent-infant relationships, bio-behavioral processes of emotional regulation, and the developmental origins of empathy.

The Simms/Mann Institute's mission, through the vision of its founder Dr. Victoria Simms, is to develop, implement and support groundbreaking initiatives that offer authentic solutions to the complex issues facing individuals, families and communities in the 21st century. BJE is fortunate to have been selected to partner with the Institute to bring this cutting-edge research to the following six BJE affiliated Early Childhood Centers: Pressman Academy of Temple Beth Am ECC, Sinai Temple Douglas Family ECC, Temple Beth Hillel ECC, Temple Judea Preschool, Wilshire Boulevard Temple Mann Family ECC, and Valley Beth Shalom ECC.

"It is inspiring and exciting to begin this journey as a part of this pilot cohort. I truly can't wait to see where this program leads me, both professionally and personally". *Sari Edber, Temple Beth Hillel.*

Through its Center for Excellence in Early Childhood, BJE works with 65 Jewish Early Childhood Centers and scores of Parent & Me programs across greater Los Angeles.

Early environments and experiences have a significant impact on brain architecture. For these reasons, we aim to advance and enhance interventions that will lead to best practices for children ages zero to three. Supporting secure attachments between caregiver and infant, starting in infancy, fosters the child's capacity to bounce back and cope with the inevitable stressors in life. Dr. Victoria Simms

Dr. Gil Graff noted, "BJE is indebted to the Simms/Mann Institute for its visionary leadership in bringing this exciting new direction to early childhood education and for partnering with BJE and working with us to bring it to the Jewish community." I remain involved with BJE because I remain committed to its mission to provide the support and guidance to ensure that Jewish children receive a Jewish education that connects them to our heritage and the Jewish community. This is vital to the continuity of the Jewish people.

Herb Abrams (1984-1988)

Jewish education is a lifetime commitment. As a past president of BJE I know how important a communal entity solely devoted to Jewish education is for our community. In Los Angeles, BJE is that hub encouraging, assisting, enhancing, garnering support for and keeping Jewish education in the forefront of community priorities. I could not imagine not being a part of it.

Linda Goldenberg Mayman (1991-1994)

Builders of Jewish Education: Why I'm a Builder

I have always felt that BJE does such important work in promoting Jewish Education. To me that is all about the continuity of Judaism. I feel it a privilege to be part of BJE.

Janet Farber (1999-2002)



I am still involved with BJE because of three "Ps"--people, programs and premise: outstanding BJE board and staff members; innovative educational programs; the overarching premise that Jewish education mattters.

Dr. Elaine Lindheim (2005-2008)

Top row left-right: Dr. Gil Graff-Executive Director, Marc Rohatiner, Dr. Emil Jacoby-past Executive Director, Herb Abrams, Max Candiotty, Mark Lainer, Herb Glaser, Dr. Alan M. Spiwak, Chuck Hurewitz, (bottom row left-right) Donna S. Nadel, Rhea Coskey, Earl Greinetz, Dr. Elaine Lindheim, Linda Goldenberg Mayman, Janet Farber BJE has been fortunate to have some of the most engaged, committed members of L.A.'s Jewish community at the helm. Remarkably, all of the past BJE presidents remain involved with BJE's work, and committed to its vital mission. The institution is grateful for their many years of vision and passion. Here, some of them share why they are Builders of Jewish Education.

Education of our Jewish children is the future of our community. Earl Greinetz (2002-2005)

Without educating our children on the values and tradition of Judaism, we will fail to imbue them with the beauty of their religion and the understanding of the need to perpetuate our faith. The work of BJE through the years and going forward assists us, in so many ways, to achieve that goal.

Rhea Coskey (1997-1999)

Now that my kids have grown up and are having children of their own, it has become a renewed focus in my life to ensure that my grandchildren have access to affordable and quality Jewish education.

Dr. Alan M. Spiwak (2014-present)

BJE is vital to Jewish education in Los Angeles. Staying involved and connected to the vibrant lay leaders and staff of BJE gives me great personal satisfaction. I believe that I am making an impact on the quality and availability of meaningful Jewish experiences for children and their families, and setting an example of best practices, nationally.

March of the Living Student Action

Edan Evanhaim was a student at New Community Jewish High School (NCJHS, now deToledo High School) when he participated in the MOTL in 2015. After a deeply moving experience in Poland, the group travelled to



Left-right: Daniel Ozer-Ross, Edan Evanhaim.

Israel for the second portion of the program. There, on Yom Hazikaron, they watched a documentary about Michael Levin, a young man who left his home and family in Philadelphia to join the Israel Defense Forces, and tragically died defending his adopted home during the Hezbollah assault on Northern Israel in 2006. In 2009, the Lone Soldier Center was established to support the nearly 6,000 "lone soldiers" like Michael, with no family in Israel to support them. The next day, Edan was further moved hearing from Michael Levin's parents, as well as spending time with other lone soldiers from Los Angeles and hearing their stories. Edan was so inspired, that even before he left Israel, he knew he wanted to do something to help support the Centers. "An important part of the March of the Living is to act," said Edan. "I felt like I could do something to help."

Just a few weeks after Edan returned home, he organized two basketball games – one between NCJHS alumni and students, and one between the Milken High School and NCJHS basketball teams – to raise money for the Lone Soldier Center. Both schools have many students who go on MOTL, and he felt that these basketball games would be a fun way to draw a crowd and raise some money.

Everyone involved made contributions to participate: \$10 to play, \$20 to coach or referee; spectators paid for tickets, and some made additional contributions. In total, over \$1,100 was raised, an impressive first effort, especially for a high school student.

He was joined in his efforts by NCJHS classmates, Adir Bernshtein, Mika Nagar, Eliav

Gabay, Morgan Davidson and Noah Emanuel. Though not all of them had been on MOTL themselves, Edan says his friends were moved as Jews to see Americans serving in the IDF, and were also motivated to help their friend.

A graduate of NCJHS, Edan has begun his studies at University of Michigan. But he hopes that the fundraiser he started this year



Left-right: Noah Emanuel, Adir Bernshtein.

is only the beginning. "I'd like to help future MOTL alumni continue doing this [fundraiser], and hopefully grow it. I think the trip is very important to go on if you have the opportunity, and it's equally important to come together and take some kind of action in our community."

March of the Living Reflections

Remember. Educate. Act. That is BJE's call to action of the approximately 200 Los Angeles Jewish teens who join their peers from around the world for the annual March of the Living (MOTL). This year's march from Auschwitz to Birkenau followed the 70th anniversary of the Soviet liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. In commemoration, The Daily Californian, the publication of University of California Berkeley, invited students to reflect on this powerful event. Four contributors - Tiana Cherbosque, Rachel Marcus, Annie Pill, and Arie Pollock were part of past L.A. MOTL delegations through BJE.

For all four women, the trip had a tremendous impact, connecting them to their roots, and impressing upon them their responsibility as Jewish people to both remember the past, and take action to combat hatred and genocide in the world around them.

Rachel Marcus, a rising sophomore majoring in psychology, explained that this was an opportunity to share her powerful MOTL experience with the Berkeley community. "On such a politically active campus sometimes people only associate Jews with the Israel conflict, but there is so much more than that – there is our history and a large chunk of that took place in Europe."

"We are the last generation to be able to physically hold the hands of Holocaust survivors," Rachel said. "Since the Holocaust there have been approximately 48 genocides around the world. We said 'Never Again' and we lied. As Jews, it is our duty to stand up for those who are being discriminated against for being different. It is our job to look beyond our privileged lives, remember what it was like for our people, and stretch out our arm to those in need today."

"March of the Living inspired me to comport myself with integrity, to treat others with the utmost dignity and respect, to stand up for what I believe in, and to never be idle in a world in which many voices go unheard," stated Annie Pill, a rising Junior majoring in sociology.

Since the first March of the Living held in 1988, over 200,000 participants, from 35 countries, have marched down the same path leading from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Holocaust Remembrance Day. The 2015 BJE delegation included 194 teens and 6 survivors. BJE March of the Living is supported in part by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation.

"Walking out of Auschwitz and under the sign "Arbeit Macht Frei" ('Work Will Make You Free') opened the dam to rivers out of my eyes and onto the skin of my cheeks. How come I was able to walk out of Auschwitz when so many others could not? Perhaps it is to remember, to preserve, to think and to honor. It is for Judaism, for pride, for pain and for memory. It is for us; it is for them. Theirs was a mission to survive. Ours is to never forget." Excerpted from the Daily Californian, written by Rachel Marcus

To read the reflections of all four students in The Daily Californian, go to: http://www. dailycal.org/2015/01/30/reflections-70-years-liberation/

Jim Joseph Foundation High School Affordability Initiative

In 2009, BJE, the Jewish Federation and the Jim Joseph Foundation launched the ambitious L.A. High School Affordability Initiative. Over the course of six years, the Jim Joseph Foundation would provide five Jewish high schools significant middle income tuition subsidies as well as supporting the schools' fundraising efforts to secure a combined \$17 million in endowment funds. Added to the \$17 million would be a 1:4 matching gift from the Simha and Sara Lainer Day School Endowment Fund, bringing the total to \$21.62 million in endowment funds to continue to provide the five high schools with annual income for middle income tuition assistance.

As of June 2015, the close of the six-year grant period, the five high schools had raised more than \$17 million in pledges, with over \$12.83 million deposited, exceeding their fundraising benchmarks.

Jim Joseph High Schools:

deToledo High School (formerly New Community Jewish High School)

Milken Community High School

Shalhevet School

YULA Boys High School

YULA Girls High school

From Generation to Generation

Join us in honoring the Simha and Sara Lainer Family Foundation, January 14, 2016

Co-chairs: Gary Lainer, Lisa Lainer Fagan and Jesse Lainer-Vos

One of our greatest responsibil-

ities as Jews is to pass on our

faith and traditions to the gen-

erations that follow us. Makina

Jewish education affordable to

is a powerful way to fulfill that

responsibility and help ensure

as many families as possible

According to Maimonides, the highest level of tzedakah or charitable giving is to strengthen another human being by fostering his independence. What greater communal mitzvah, Angeles had endowments of any kind; there was no broad financial communal plan for securing the day school experience for L.A.'s future. With the high and growing cost of living in saw a challenge – and an opportunity. At this year's Gala, BJE

will honor the Simha and Sara Lainer Family Foundation for inspiring the community's efforts to raise \$100M in endowments by making a \$5M challenge grant as an incentive to other local philanthropists, as a first step, to raise an additional \$15M. This combined \$20M-the Simha and Sara Lainer Day School Endowment Fund—would, in turn, provide a 1:4 match to encourage schools to raise an additional \$80M in day school endowments. This ambitious initiative has had an incredible impact in the community. It has served as a catalyst for addressing the crisis in day school affordability, and encouraged endowment development throughout the day school system.

then, but a partnership of the entire Jewish community to help build a \$100 million endowment fund to help make Jewish day school education available to successive generations of children and families.

Mark Lainer

the Jewish future.

In 2007, Mark, Nahum and Luis Lainer, trustees of the Simha and Sara Lainer Family Foundation, had exactly this idea in mind when, with BJE and The Jewish Federation, they established the Simha and Sara Lainer Day School Endowment Fund. Prior to the establishment of this fund, fewer than five day schools in Los L.A., affordability was an increasing concern for many families. The Lainers

Our parents were strong advocates for the importance of Jewish education. They imparted this to my brothers and me, helping to shape our Jewish identity. I can't imagine a more meaningful way to honor their memory.

Luis Lainer



Left-right: Mark, Lainer, Luis Lainer and Nahum Lainer holding a portrait of their parents Simhaz^{r1} and Sara^{r1} Lainer.

"Thanks to the initiative of the Lainer family, Los Angeles is setting an example for cities across the country looking to address the affordability of Jewish education. We are incredibly grateful for their leadership and vision, and look forward to recognizing them at this year's Gala for their many contributions." said BJE Executive Director, Dr. Gil Graff.

For decades, Simha and Sara Lainer strengthened Jewish education through community-wide scholarship programs and capital investments for a growing school system. Establishing an endowment at BJE, they hoped that their example would inspire others to join them to create a large communal endowment to support Jewish education. To realize that vision, the Lainer brothers established the day school endowment fund that bears their parents name.

The Lainers are well acquainted with the benefits of Jewish day school education. All of their children attended Jewish day schools, as do their school-aged grandchildren today. The next generation has already taken up the mantle of leadership, with Gary and Jeff Lainer helping to lead the endowment efforts at their respective children's schools (Gary is also currently serving as President of Sinai Akiba Academy) and Lisa Lainer Fagan has served on the BJE Board for many years. PEJE and local donors – in support of endowment development.

As of June 2015, the establishment of the Lainer Fund has enabled BJE to assist 21 schools to build endowments. Over \$52 million has been leveraged by the Fund, including tuition assistance and endowment development grants and just under \$30 million in school endowment dollars raised as of June 2015.

Currently, the value of the Lainer Fund is approximately \$7.5 million. The Simha and Sara Lainer Family Foundation has agreed to be honored

I am proud to see our children carrying forward the commitment to Jewish education that our parents modelled. They, in their own right, are significant supporters of Jewish day school education and endowment development. Nahum Lainer

The existence of the Lainer Fund has helped BJE obtain other major grants -- \$12.7 million from the Jim Joseph Foundation and \$2.475 million from the AVI CHAI Foundation, by BJE in order to raise needed BJE funds and to act as a catalyst for completing its goal of \$20 million. We invite you to join the Lainers in this vital and sacred initiative.

Generations LA

Another phase of endowment development – Generations LA – launched in 2011 with seven L.A. day schools, and was followed by a second cohort of five schools in 2013. In early 2015, BJE launched a third cohort of Generations LA, working with four day schools to assist them in building endowments. This program, involving endowment development, coaching and support for three years, will help these 16 schools achieve a goal of at least \$19 million in current endowment gifts, pledges and legacy commitments. The program is already a success. As of June 2015, these schools had already secured over \$12.5 million in pledges and deposited nearly \$5 million in cash. Generations LA is funded by PEJE, (Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education), AVI CHAI Foundation and local donor families.

Generations LA Schools:

Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School

Adat Ari El Labowe Family Day School

Bais Chaya Mushka Beth Hillel Day School

Brawerman Elementary School of Wilshire Boulevard Temple

Cheder Menachem

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Kadima Day School

Temple Israel of Hollywood

The Rabbi Jacob Pressman Academy of Temple Beth Am

Sinai Akiba Academy A Sinai Tem<u>ple School</u>

Valley Beth Shalom Harold M. Schulweis Day School Weizmann Day School

Wise School

Yavneh Hebrew Academy





Richard Sandler, Executive Vice-President Milken Family Foundation with Dr. Gil Graff



Honoring Earl Greinetz and Dr. Elaine Lindheim

Left-right: Dr. Gil Graff-Executive Director, Rhea Coskey-Gala co-chair, Dr. Elaine Lindheim and Earl Greinetz-Honorees, Janet Farber-Gala co-chair, Dr. Alan M. Spiwak-President.

On January 8, 2015, BJE honored former board presidents Earl Greinetz (2002-2005) and Elaine Lindheim (2005-2008) for their many years of extraordinary agency leadership. The theme of the evening, and BJE's year, was "Many Traditions, One People, One Goal," recognizing Earl's Ashkenazi heritage and Elaine's Sephardic heritage.

The Milken Family Foundation was also recognized for more than a quarter century of partnership with BJE, spotlighting excellence in Jewish education through its Jewish Educator Awards program, and enhancing day school affordability through scholarship support.

Donor Thank You Event

Following on the Gala theme: "Many Traditions, One People, One Goal," members of BJE's Donor Societies were invited to a special evening acknowledging their leadership and support of BJE. The event, held May 31, 2015 at the home of Susan and Michael Baum, featured Stephen Sass, President of the Jewish Historical Society of Southern California. Steve led a lively discussion about the cultural roots of Los Angeles' diverse Jewish community. Guests brought an array of objects, reflecting their families' place of origin. The objects were exhibited at the event and incorporated into the presentation.



Above: Rabbi Michelle Missaghieh and Ben Tysch. Left: Stephen Sass, President Southern California Jewish Historical Society



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BJE gratefully acknowledges the essential support of the donors and organizations whose generosity enables BJE to provide ongoing services and programs to enhance quality, increase access, and encourage participation in Jewish education.

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