



YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT WORK

Through your support, BJE: Builders of Jewish Education:

- **Builds Jewish families by helping them find and connect with the “right” Jewish educational opportunities for their children**
- **Builds Jewish identity through experiential programs for teens**
- **Builds Jewish education by enhancing quality and 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. The impact of your contribution is for generations.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT REPORT

July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

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: Building Jewish Families

- **JKidLA** revealed a new, **interactive website that links families with recipes, holiday activities** for the home, **Jewish educational opportunities** throughout Los Angeles and social media enabling them to experience Jewish educational opportunities year round.
- BJE launched **Ma Koreh**, a program which connects over 1600 LA based Israeli-American families with young children through **Hebrew language family activities**. With the support of Sifriyat Pijama B’America (SPBA) families also receive **free Hebrew language children’s books and music**.

BJE: Building Jewish Identity

- **BJE Teen Service Corps** expanded to include 10th grade CITs and engaged 56 teens in **community service projects and service learning** during week-long **summer day camps**.
- **Epic Israel 2015**, a partnership of BJE, the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Agency for Israel, is now recruiting current 10th & 11th graders in the LA area, for a **24 day subsidized summer Israel trip** with a focus on community service and social action.
- BJE provided over \$10,000 in survivor scholarships and over \$170,000 in **student scholarships** for the 2015 **March of the Living**.

BJE: Building Jewish Education

- At the initiative of BJE, over 70 lay and professional leaders representing 25 Jewish day schools explored **creative middle income affordability initiatives for day schools** at a program featuring Dan Perla, Program Officer for Day School Finance at the AVI CHAI Foundation.
- For the 2014-15 academic year BJE secured **over \$1.5 million in federal funding** - through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act also known as No Child Left Behind - **earmarked for professional development and to assist students falling behind academically**.
- BJE’s **Early Childhood Director’s Network** held a mini Conference **"All Aboard - Full J-STEAM Ahead"** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) featuring Susan Woods, Executive Director of the Children’s Center at Caltech.
- BJE Impact held **Jewish Service Learning: A Conference for Educators** to inspire, share best practices and connect 43 Jewish Service Learning educators in a professional learning network.
- Cohort 1 of **Generations LA**, a group of 7 Jewish day schools, completed the 3 year program raising a combined **\$10 million in cash and legacy gifts**.
- **Hebrew Language Proficiency Project** with Hebrew@theCenter began its **second cohort** working with 6 schools to **transform the teaching and learning of Hebrew** in day school.

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