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YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK, July 1 – December 31, 2016

BJE is proud to share the impact of some of the BJE programs and services advancing Jewish education in Los Angeles during this period



- BJE Impact engaged with 10 schools, camps, and youth groups in service learning projects, with the goal of inspiring over 1,000 Jewish youth to “Learn. Act. Reflect. IMPACT.” through hands-on action, Jewish learning, and identity building.
- 210 L.A. teens signed up for BJE’s 2017 Teen March of the Living. They will be accompanied by 6 survivors and 26 staff members on this life-transforming program to study Jewish history pre-Holocaust, examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hate during the Holocaust and explore post-Holocaust Jewish life in Poland and Israel.
- The First 36-Project of the Simms-Mann Institute in collaboration with BJE and the Jewish Federation, graduated its first cohort of 11 parent educators from 9 schools throughout L.A. Over 400 parents were reached by the graduates of this neuroscience-based parent and early-childhood-education program.
- Day School endowments continued to grow. 21 schools supported by BJE in partnership with other organizations, foundations and investors, have raised over \$36.9 million in cash and legacy pledges for tuition assistance.
- 24 BJE-accredited day schools in the LAUSD-BJE Consortium benefitted from over \$300,000 in government funds, accessed through BJE, for instruction and counseling of students and professional development for teachers and administrators.
- Over 40 Jewish teen educators participated in academic courses for professional development, through BJE’s University Access, a program of the Jewish Community Teen Initiative, in partnership with the Jewish Federation.
- BJE partnered with Hebrew Union College’s Rhea Hirsch School of Education and the Union for Reform Judaism, to help build the North American Conference on Reinventing Religious Schools. The conference, to be hosted in June 2017 and supported by a grant from the Jewish Federation, will focus on innovation in part-time religious schools.