



## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK

July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

***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's professionals pivoted their work to address the ever-evolving needs facing schools, educators, parents and students as a result of the pandemic. Your donation enabled BJE to convene networks of Heads of Schools, Admissions Directors, Student Services Personnel and other educators relating to the more than 20,000 students in BJE-affiliated schools.

As early childhood centers became the first schools eligible for a return to in-person learning, BJE's Early Childhood Education Network supported the directors of 57 BJE-affiliated early childhood programs as they worked to establish engaging and COVID-safe experiences for our youngest learners.

BJE helped to secure and distribute a 30-day supply of essential PPE (personal protective equipment) from the State of California, including masks, gloves and face shields to BJE-affiliated day schools and early childhood centers.



BJE's Reshet-LA (network for Directors of Part-time Jewish educational programs) launched a training series on Positive Education for Religious School students, focusing on students' wellness and mental health. Administrators and educators in 21 schools participated in the four-part program.

BJE's website featured Reshet-LA's Thriving in 5781-Resources for Online Learning, with links to tools for educators and parents to support children's Jewish learning.



BJE's JKidLA saw heightened online usage during July-December, 2020, a 25% increase in people accessing this resource than during the same period in 2019.

Hundreds of community members took part in BJE's Kindness Challenge, sharing their various acts of kindness on social media, in order to encourage others to spread good will at a time when BJE was not able to provide in-person service learning experiences.

Twenty-six Teen Experiential Educators attended a virtual seminar hosted by BJE and the LA Jewish Teen Initiative addressing inclusivity and anti-racism in teaching teens.



BJE adapted its summer Teen Service Corps into a virtual program, L'Dor V'Dor: Digital Edition, pairing high school students with isolated seniors at the Jewish Home and sharing group reflections about the impact of their experiences. A second session was held in the Fall. In December, BJE piloted a Teen Philanthropy program with the (national) Teen Funders Network, involving local teens from seven high schools.

**THANK YOU!**