



**SAN DIEGO
JEWISH ACADEMY**

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2024/2025





A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear SDJA Supporters,

As we reflect on the 2024/2025 school year, we do so with deep appreciation for your steadfast support during a time of significant challenge and resilience for our Jewish community. Your generosity has been a beacon of strength for the San Diego Jewish Academy – uplifting our families, our faculty, and most importantly, our students.

Your philanthropy over the past year has enriched our school in meaningful ways. It has provided critical resources that expanded academic offerings, strengthened our staff, and created opportunities that continue to challenge minds and inspire purpose.

This Community Impact Report illustrates how your partnership enabled SDJA not only to persevere, but to thrive. From enhancing campus security to broadening experiential programs and enriching classroom learning, your contributions have made a tangible difference.

Because of you, SDJA continues to be a place of learning, connection, and hope. Your support has empowered programs across all divisions, inspired student-led Tikkun Olam initiatives, and deepened our commitment to Jewish values and our bond with Israel.

Thank you for standing with us – with strength, with purpose, and with hope.

With heartfelt gratitude,

ZVI WEISS
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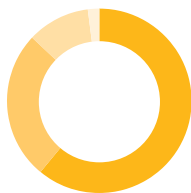
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2024/2025

REVENUE



83.9%	Tuition + Student Fees:	\$21,796,526
7.9%	Gifts + Contributions:	\$2,044,899
8.3%	Other Income:	\$2,148,674

EXPENSES



61.6%	Educational Program Expenses:	\$16,016,367
25.5%	Tuition Assistance + Discounts:	\$6,620,246
11.1%	Facilities + Administration:	\$2,878,486
1.8%	Reserves for Future Use:	\$475,000

TOTAL SUPPORT

Total ImPACT Fund:	\$1,179,683
Total Restricted Funds:	\$388,410
Total Endowment Funds:	\$433,367

TOTAL FUNDS REALIZED: \$2,001,460

Donor Participation

Board of Trustees / 100%
Parents / 59%
Grandparents / 20%
Alumni and Parents
of Alumni / 19%

\$2,899,800

Need-based tuition
assistance provided to
38% of SDJA students

796

Philanthropic gifts donated
in 2024/2025, a 27%
increase from 2023/2024



SNAPSHOT OF **YOUR IMPACT**

Cultivating Community in the Early Childhood Center

The ECC fostered a culture of connection that brought staff, parents, grandparents, and children together through meaningful programs. Sing-alongs, holiday celebrations, Family Shabbat in the Park, class playdates, Bubi Brigade, parent gatherings, and toddler and baby classes like Kindermusik and yoga, all helped strengthen bonds and nurture a sense of family and community.

Repairing the World, One Act at a Time

Our students explored new ways to support communities in need with a wide variety of programs across the divisions: student-led blood drives, visits to senior centers, baking & card-writing campaigns to support the LA Firefighters during the devastating fires, packing blankets for the unhoused, shoe recycling drives, and writing heartfelt letters to Israeli soldiers.

Sparkling Curiosity at Math & Science Nights

The Golda Meir Lower School launched Math & Science Nights to celebrate discovery, creativity, and hands-on learning. Parents joined their children for evenings that went beyond equations and experiments — sparking wonder and inspiring lifelong learning. Through interactive stations, students and families explored math puzzles, science challenges, and STEAM activities that brought classroom concepts to life.

Standing with Israel: Commemoration & Connection

Students from ECC through 12th grade commemorated October 7th in many meaningful ways through special programming including a school-wide kite flying activity — a powerful visual representation of our community's commitment to stand united with Israel. Weeks later, SDJA families once again opened their hearts and homes to students from Sha'ar HaNegev. The students participated in on-campus learning alongside their peers, enjoyed sightseeing, and experienced the warmth of SDJA home hospitality.

Unprecedented Support for Student Success

To further strengthen student support, Maimonides Upper School created a Dean System in both the Middle School and High School, utilizing a hybrid Teacher/Dean model. With this model, the Academic and Student Life Support Team enhanced their ability to support students across grade levels, with 50% increase in facetime, providing enhanced guidance and consistent student support with a strong network of educators engaging throughout the student's SDJA journey.

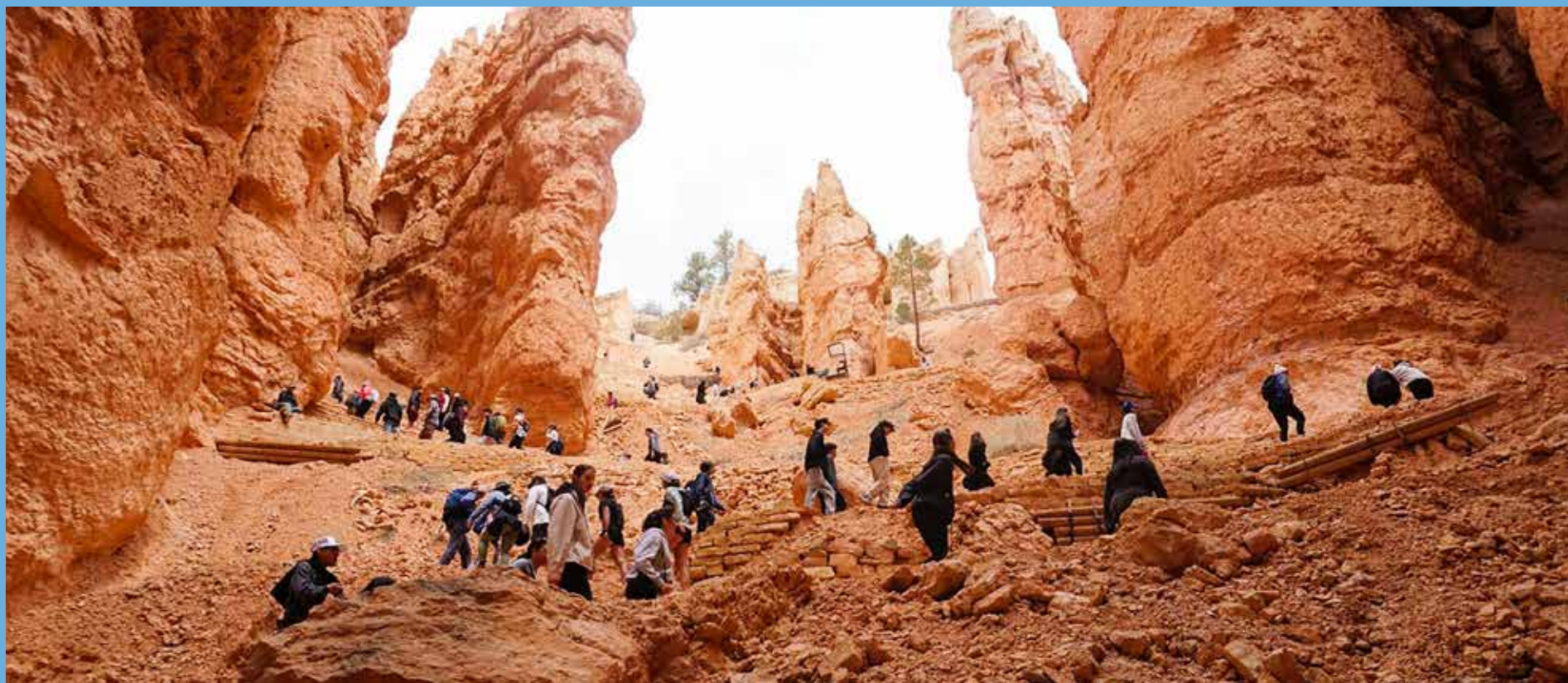
Unforgettable Experiences: Beyond the Classrooms

From the iconic monuments of Washington, D.C. to the breathtaking trails of Yosemite, to the transformative Senior Class trip to Israel, SDJA students embarked on unforgettable journeys that blended education, adventure, and personal growth. They observed the majesty of wolves in their natural habitat, walked in the footsteps of heroes during the Southern Civil Rights Tour, and engaged deeply with the stories that shape our world — all while learning, laughing, and strengthening their friendships.

YOUR GENEROSITY makes so much possible for our students and families. Thank you for your support!









THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

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SDJA's Lion's Society recognizes our generous donors and their annual contributions made during the 2024/2025 year. We are so grateful for our donors' generosity to our school.

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The Mitzvah Circle recognizes the Lion's Society members who made annual gifts of \$5,000 or more.

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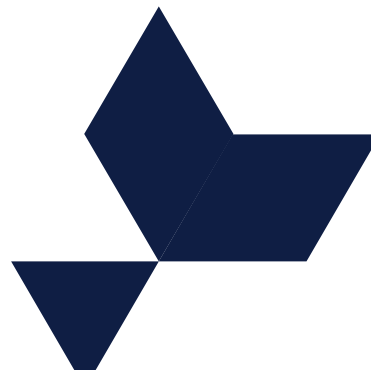
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