



*Growing Together*

# Shalom School Annual Report 2017–2018





## Greetings from . . .



### Nancy Leaderman, Head of School

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, school, and community! We are proud to bring you this Annual Report, highlighting our many accomplishments this year and celebrating the love and learning that fill our school each day. Our theme this past year has been 'growing together,' and indeed, it has been a year of remarkable development and progress. Our students have gained new skills and knowledge, our teachers have learned from the children and each other, as well as from excellent professional development opportunities, we have welcomed new families to our community, and we have raised funds crucial to supporting our excellent program and curriculum.

All of these accomplishments are due to your ongoing support and generosity. Our tradition teaches that we plant trees not because we expect immediate shade or fruit; we plant knowing that it will be many years before we see the true fruition of our initial efforts. We are fortunate that we see many of the fruits of our community's generosity immediately. Annual campaign gifts and the proceeds of our Benefit help support tuition assistance, program enhancements, and so much more, and those are benefits we reap almost immediately. What we don't see right away, however, is the impact each gift, no matter how small, may have in the overall development of a child. Sometimes, we are lucky enough to have alumni come back and share how Shalom School helped shape their values and gave them tools that enabled them to succeed and thrive. I'm always thrilled to meet former students or their parents and hear about where they are now and how Shalom School helped them on their path. So I know that every dollar that each of you gave this year is an investment that will come back ten- or one hundred-fold in the years to come, as our current students continue to grow, nurtured and sustained by our school. Thank you for that investment, for your vision in knowing that your support today helps all of us 'grow together' into the beautiful future our children will create.

### Laura Halen, Director of Early Childhood Education

We are beyond excited about our recent reaccreditation by NAEYC. As you may know, NAEYC sets standards of best practice for childcare that are rigorous and exacting, and there are relatively few centers and programs able to meet their stringent requirements. Shalom School is among only a handful of accredited programs in the greater Sacramento area, and we were incredibly proud to achieve scores of 100% in several categories and be commended for many aspects of our program. Of course, though outside recognition of our excellence is always nice, what's even more important is the experience of the children and families in our program. As the very positive feedback I receive regularly and our very full wait pool attests, we continue to provide a loving, nurturing, and engaging environment that our community values and appreciates.

Our continued work with Raising Quality Together, an ECE training and support program of the Sacramento County Office of Education, has enabled us to provide ongoing professional development for our amazing staff. Using a research-based approach, we've been able to explore assessment, developmental milestones, and curriculum, and we collaborate and work hard each day to bring these best practices to our program and students. Though this may sound a bit removed from the day to day life of our classrooms, our faculty's commitment to lifelong learning and ongoing professional development helps our program constantly evolve and stay energized, always striving to give every child the best possible care and experience.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer and record enrollment for fall, and I am so grateful to our wonderful staff and to all of you for your ongoing support of our ECE.



*Shalom School's mission is to provide each child with an outstanding education in a nurturing environment that is academically excellent, inclusive, innovative, and inspired by Jewish values and traditions.*



### **A Message from Our Board President**

The Hebrew term for gratitude is *hikarat hatov*, which literally means “*recognizing the good*”. Today as I reflect on what it means to be grateful, I can’t help but think of the families that came together 40 years ago who had the vision to start Shalom School. Today we have a thriving school in which the students who graduate have a strong Jewish identity.

I am grateful to the teachers and staff who continue to foster a love of learning in our students.

I am grateful to YOU parents who choose to send your children to Shalom School.

I am grateful to the many donors who contribute to the Annual Campaign and attend the annual Benefit. Without your donations, there would not be an opportunity to give our children a Jewish education.

I am most grateful to the Board of Trustees. . . Thank you for your leadership. We have the sacred task of making sure that Shalom School will be around for another 40 years.

Thank you, *todah raba!*

Kelli Brogan, *President*

Shalom School Board of Trustees

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### **A Message from Our Development Chairs**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Development Committee, we want to again express our deepest gratitude to you—the entire Shalom School community, near and far—for your generosity which has led to another successful year of fundraising. As we build upon year-after-year momentum, we continue our efforts to create a deep-rooted culture of giving that will support Shalom School’s ongoing needs (e.g., tuition scholarships, professional development, and enrichment) and secure its long-term success.

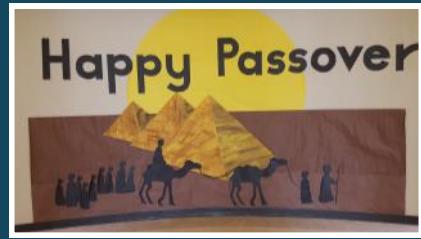
We are encouraged that many of our donors have moved into the “Combined Giving” category (\$5,400+ for both Annual Campaign and Benefit), a result that allowed us to achieve a total fundraising level this year of more than \$261,000. This total includes another successful Benefit that exceeded our fundraising goal and honored important founding members of our community, Penny Bard, Carry Cohn, and Liz Igra. Future and current Shalom School families are forever connected to the Shalom School families, teachers, and alumni of the past, and the Benefit evening was a wonderful reminder of these connections. Thank you to our amazing honorees, our generous sponsors, and to everyone who joined us at the Benefit. We are already looking ahead to the 2019 Annual Campaign and Annual Benefit when we will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shalom School.

Andrew Bluth & Daniela Urban

Development Chairs

## Growing Together Highlights

Throughout the year, Shalom School students grow together in their classrooms, on field trips, with their buddies, and during holiday and other special celebrations. Each day, our children learn from their dedicated and loving teachers and from each other, and we are now privileged to have several generations of alumni. We are exceptionally proud of those alumni, many of whom are students in selective admissions high school programs and at wonderful colleges and universities; work in law, medicine, education, and other important fields; contribute to their communities as leaders and volunteers; and/or are parents and teachers in our school.



# Thank You!

## COMBINED GIVING - OUR MOST GENEROUS DONORS . . .

COMBINED GIVING opportunities are for our most generous supporters who provide support at leadership levels that enables the continued excellence of Shalom School. Combined giving allows donors to contribute to both the Annual Campaign and the Annual Benefit at the same time, maximizing their gift and recognition.

### Cedar - \$10,000+

Marcy Friedman  
Janie & Frank Gumpert  
Linda & Marvin Kamras

### Oak - \$7,200+

Nancy & Alan Brodovsky  
Scarlet & Harvey Edber  
The Govenar Family  
Belen & Vitaly Rabinovich

### Cypress - \$5,400+

Lenore Aizenberg  
Anonymous  
Sheri & Jeffrey Berger  
Kelli & Matt Brogan  
Nancy Leaderman & Matthew Bray  
Teri & Mitchell Ostwald  
Pat Thaler & Bill Thomas



# Thank You!

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Shalom School, like all independent schools, relies on the generous contributions of supporters to our Annual Campaign in order to continue providing the truly excellent educational experiences our students enjoy.

### \$3,600+

Monica & Scott Shapiro

### \$2,000+

Debbie & Mark Aizenberg

Elise & Marc Beckerman

Judy & Steve Lewis

Martha & Richard Pastcan

### \$1,500+

The Duer Family

Hester & Eddy Joelson

### \$1,000+

Bea Kandra & Ron Becker

Jessica & Joel Birch

Alexa & Andrew Bluth

Amy Gen Kuong & Benjamin Ilfeld

Deborah & Louis Gonzalez

Judith & Scott Grimberg

Jenny & Steve Jeffrey

Barbara & Ron Kaufman

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Sharon & Larry Saltzman

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Mona Alfi & Glenn Hammel

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Jilian & Jonathan Bar-or

Sandi & David Fahn

Amilia & Avi Glikman

Zoey & Richard Goore

Joan Gusinow & Jerry Pollack

Alyssa Kaplan

& Cantor Benjamin Rosner

Davita Levin-Robinson

& Seth Robinson

Samantha & Eric London

Frankie Lopez

Dana & Brad Nanigian

Betsy & Mike Singer

Kirsten & Todd Tregenza

Judi & Steve Turteltaub

### \$360

Mike & Holly Fahn

Hilda & Jack Harouni

Denni Mador

Sandra Martin

Lynette Otis

Ben Pastcan

Stacy & Rob Spector

Ruth Young & Rick Cohen

### \$180+

Anonymous (3)

Lisa & Jonathan Breslau

Yvonne & David Duer

Dana & Alan Edelstein

Angela & Jack Ezekiel

Jennifer Freeland

Terri Friedman & Mark Urban

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Lisa & Garen Horst

Laura Halen

Emily Hannon & Chris Polage

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Jennifer & John Long

Debra Malenovsky

& Emmanuel Osorio

Marcy Merrill

Sybil & Nathan Miller

Beverly Nielsen

Michelle & John Ortego

Jill & Phil Reiser

Jennifer Rothschild & Arthur Jey

Janis & Joseph Shulman

Julie & Jeff Small

Caron & Alex Zamansky

### Up to \$180

Anonymous (4)

Harley Abbott

Mary Albert

Janice & Jonathan Aron

Joi Barrett & Seth Rosenthal

Terri Boddy

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Aviva Lavin

Miri Levine

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Cathy Meyers

Julie & Jamie Nelson

Ann Nguyen

Ruthi Ofek

Arlene Perez & Salvador Guevara

Ted Samson

Keren Schatz

Rosemary Sheets

George Souza

Janelle & Eric Spears

Bailey Stewart

Daniela Urban

Amy & Brook Wells

John Wooten

Stacey Worthen

Stephanie Yee & Raegan Bayquen



# Thank You!

## SHALOM SCHOOL 2018 BENEFIT

SAVE THE DATE!  
40TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT  
2.23.19

This year's *Gather With Us* Celebration, honoring founders Penny Bard, Carry Cohn, and Liz Igra, was a tremendous success. Year after year, the Benefit plays a vital role in funding our school. Proceeds from the Benefit ensure continuation of outstanding educational programs and tuition assistance at Shalom School.

Leader's Forest - \$1,800+

Alison & Phil Braverman

Friend's Orchard - \$1,000+

Alexa & Andrew Bluth

The Erle Family

Liz Igra

Hester & Eddy Joelson

Bea Kandra & Ron Becker

Judy & Steve Lewis

Samantha & Eric London

Gayle & Jerry Merksamer

Dana & Brad Nanigian

Tammy & Michael Rochman

Monica & Scott Shapiro

Marla & Ray Van Laningham

Randi & Dan Weitzman

Irit & Jeff Winston

The Zimmerman Family

Supporter's Meadow - \$540+

Debbie & Mark Aizenberg

Penny & Leslie Bard

Jilian & Jonathan Bar-or

Debbie & Cliff Berg

Jessica & Joel Birch

Carry Cohn

Holly & Mike Fahn

Shira & Don Gilbert

Joan Gusinow & Jerry Pollack

Jenny & Steve Jeffrey

Alyssa Kaplan & Cantor Benjamin Rosner

Davita Levin-Robinson & Seth Robinson

Veda & Andrea Levy

Roslyn Levy-Weintraub

Debra Malenovsky & Emmanuel Osorio

Marcy Merrill

Jane & Steven Orkand

Martha & Richard Pastcan

Jill & Phil Reiser

Sharon & Larry Saltzman

Betsy & Mike Singer

Judi & Steve Turteltaub



# Thank You!

## FUND-A-NEED CONTRIBUTORS—2018 BENEFIT

This year's fund a need will support our faculty's professional development, culture, and community. It will subsidize teachers' attendance at conferences and trainings, provide for special events and meals to show faculty appreciation, and enable us to subsidize team and community building activities. Our teachers are our most important educational resource, and your support will help us continue to nurture their growth. In the past year, teachers have learned advanced aeronautics at NASA space camp, provided enriched activities for students, completed new credentials and degrees, collaborated to develop innovative curricula and projects, and so much more. Our faculty are the bedrock of our program and are grateful for the generosity of our donors.

### \$10,000+

Marcy Friedman  
\$5,000+  
Dana & Brad Nanigian  
\$3,600+  
Janie & Frank Gumpert  
\$1,800+  
Kelli & Matt Brogan  
Linda & Marvin Kamras  
Judy & Steve Lewis  
Sandra Martin  
Stacy & Rob Spector  
\$1,000+  
Lenore Aizenberg  
Anonymous  
Nancy & Alan Brodovsky  
Suzie & Bob Lauer  
Martha & Richard Pastcan  
\$500+  
Debbie & Mark Aizenberg  
Alexa & Andrew Bluth  
Keely & Mitch Bosler  
Rebecca Cox & Jake Weir  
Yael & Mervin Fahn  
Gayle & Scott Govenar  
Hedy Govenar  
Holly Ilfeld & Robert Bennett  
Alice & Bert Polan  
Betsy & Michael Singer  
Sonia & Ryan Spielvogel  
Judi & Steve Turteltaub  
Irit & Jeff Winston  
Caron & Alex Zamansky

### \$360+

Carry Cohn  
Scarlet & Harvey Edber  
Margaret Kane & Rick Frey  
Davita Levin-Robinson & Seth Robinson  
Jane & Steven Orkand  
Willie Recht  
Jennifer & Jonathan Saul  
Marla & Ray Van Laningham  
\$100+  
Lenore Aizenberg  
Stacy & Max Berkowitz  
Jessica & Joel Birch  
Rachel Brodovsky  
Monique & Warren Cohen  
Terri Friedman & Mark Urban  
Elizabeth & Al Gress  
Leah & Josh Grossman  
Mehrnaz Halimi & Stephen Waks  
Wendy Hoffman-Blank  
& Rabbi William Blank  
Liz Igra  
Hester & Eddy Joelson

### \$100+, continued

Denni Mador  
Jessica Mador  
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Beverly Nielsen  
Chani Oppenheim  
Lynette Otis  
Jill & Phil Reiser  
Tamra & Robert Ruxin  
Rabbi Garth Silberstein  
Robert Velazquez  
Up to \$100  
Charlie Carl  
Abby Edber  
Hannah Edber  
Laura Halen  
Anna Igra  
Ayala & Yair Luria  
Ruthi Ofek  
Ben Pastcan  
Rivka Tillman  
Janet Tinkle  
Kristen & Jared Thaler  
Stacey Worthen



Ruthi Ofek, inside a mock up of the Mars Module at the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

Our ECE faculty discuss best practices and assessment during professional development.

# Thank You!

## Life & Legacy Circle

### SHALOM SCHOOL LIFE AND LEGACY CIRCLE

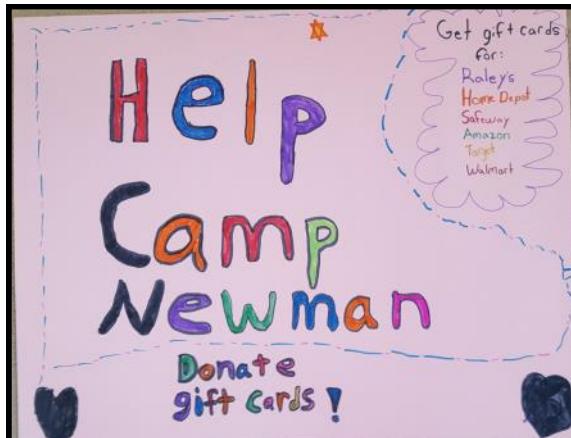
We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to the following members of Shalom School's Life and Legacy Circle. Leaving a bequest or planned gift to Shalom School distinguishes them as a member of a visionary group of donors who recognize that Jewish education is an important cornerstone of our Jewish community; believe that every Jewish child, regardless of financial circumstances, deserves a day-school Jewish education; and, understand that instilling a love for learning and Torah in our children will inspire future generations to make Judaism a vital part of their lives.



Anonymous (10)  
Debbie & Mark Aizenberg  
Tricia & Andy Beran  
Jessica Braverman Birch & Joel Birch  
Wendy Hoffman-Blank  
& Rabbi William Blank  
Penni Blumberg & Bruce Carl  
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Kelli & Matt Brogan  
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Jill & Phil Reiser  
Tammy & Michael Rochman  
Caren Rubin  
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Monica & Scott Shapiro  
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This year Shalom School's student council encouraged relief support for victims of disasters in nearby areas.



The Jewish Federation  
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# SHALOM SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

Shalom School has grown in the last three years, with current enrollment of over 200 and a strengthened faculty culture, infrastructure, and sense of mission and purpose. In the next few years, we will continue to face competition from other independent and public schools, a projected teacher shortage in California and the nation, and ongoing pressure to articulate and deliver on our value proposition. Through continued work on professional development, curriculum enhancement, rigor and best practices, fundraising, and innovation, we plan to build on our already formidable reputation and achievements and to serve the widest possible range of children and families. Shalom School will build on the academic excellence that defines our competitive advantage.

Shalom School provides a unique combination of developmentally appropriate education, including a rigorous curriculum that challenges and supports each individual student; a sense of community, Jewish tradition, meaning, and values; exposure and developing mastery in a second language; and a foundation for lifelong love of learning.

As the only Jewish Day School in a hundred mile radius, Shalom School has a special role in the greater Sacramento area Jewish community. Welcoming a diverse group of children and families, we have both a clear and defined identity and a warm and welcoming community. Families boast a range of religious identities, affiliations, and levels of observance, as well as family structures and life circumstances. We value diversity and connection and serve as a central hub of the Jewish community.

Moving into the next three years, our Strategic Plan emphasizes four key areas, with specific action steps for each:

- I. Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum
- II. Long-term Growth and Institutional Advancement
- III. Nurturing the Whole Child
- IV. Building Competitive Advantages



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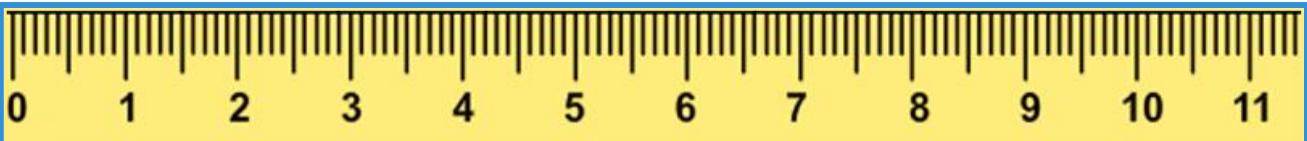
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## SHALOM SCHOOL GROWING TOGETHER

