

Please Join Our Giving Circle!

We are excited to share the launch of a new pilot program for The Rabbi David L. Silver Yeshiva Academy Alumni...a **Silver Academy Alumni Giving Circle**, and we want you to be a part of it!

What is a Giving Circle?

A giving circle pools the intellect and resources of a group of like-minded individuals to make an impact on the world. (Find more info about Giving Circles on the [Amplifier](#) website.)

At SA, we are experimenting with this concept by forming an Alumni Giving Circle. Through this Giving Circle, alumni will come together virtually to hear from educators, administrators and lay leaders. With the information gathered from these community ambassadors, the members of the Giving Circle will decide where the contributions should be directed within SA and the greater Harrisburg Jewish community.



We know alumni can be great contributors in thought and in tzedakah. A giving circle will provide invaluable insight into the school and be a wonderful, social way to give and feel connected to your school and community. This will offer you the opportunity to make a difference by contributing to projects that you want to support.

What drives the Alumni Giving Circle discussions and decisions?

Our giving circle will be based on our shared connection to SA - we will spend time together, learn about each other's values and interests, and decide on the mission of our Alumni Circle. Together, each member can have a greater impact on the school than anyone could have on their own. Our new Alumni Giving Circle will discuss the Jewish values that are most important to the participants —the group will hear about how those values come to life at SA. As a result of the meetings and the information gathered from the various SA speakers, the group will then decide where the Alumni Giving Circle contributions should be invested at SA and within the greater Harrisburg Jewish Community.

How does it work, what qualifications do I need to become a member, and what's the schedule for meeting?

Suggested minimum contribution: \$36. You may choose to contribute more, but one vote per alumni.

Qualifications: You must have been a student at The Silver Academy Academy at some point to be considered an alumni. We hope to have a minimum of ten members and a maximum of 40 participants.

Meeting Schedule: We will meet virtually three times this year; each session will be one hour with 30 minutes dedicated to a speaker(s) from the school and the next 30 minutes discussion within the group. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday March 13th at 7PM to hear about school priorities, the educational philosophy and the greatest needs for funding. We will then draft a mission statement for the group.

Follow-up meetings will be scheduled Wednesday April 11 at 7PM and Monday May 1 at 7PM During the final meeting of the Alumni Giving Circle will vote on where to allocate the Giving Circles Funds. On Wednesday June 6 at The Silver Academy graduation, the group will give the checks to the grant recipients.

We would really like for you to be a part of this Giving Circle. Let us know if you would like to participate. You can sign up on our web at www.silveracademypa.org and click on Keep in Touch. Please let us know by Monday March 12, if you are interested, so we can get you the link to join our first virtual meeting on Tuesday March 13th at 7PM.

Let us know if you have any questions! If you think of anyone else who might want to be part of this giving experiment, ask them to come along!

With great excitement about this new venture,

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