



**Jewish** SILICON VALLEY

# 2023 IMPACT REPORT

Energizing Change  
Empowering Jewish  
Community



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## Message from Leadership

*“ Jewish is a team sport, and Jewish Silicon Valley has done a tremendous job of pulling together and paving the way for the future of our community. ”*

*-Scott Kaufman, Interim CEO*

## Message From Leadership

As community members process their pandemic experiences, strive to rebuild relationships, and begin to re-enter shared physical spaces, the work of Jewish Silicon Valley feels more relevant and vital than ever.

### Collaborating To Create Collective Solutions

We serve as a collaborative resource and partner to address the common challenges facing the Jewish community, and to design collective solutions, which we believe is key to co-creating a stronger Jewish future.

### Meaningful Connections Rooted in Jewish Values

We are forging new collaborations to connect, support, and advocate for the Jewish community in Silicon Valley. And, we are helping all who seek connection join in ethically driven, values-based communities and construct meaning in their lives, informed by Jewish frameworks.

### Leading with Energy and Allyship

From new faces and voices, to long-time dedication and passion - Our diverse community of staff, volunteers and board members stands united in purpose.

*“The dedication and passion demonstrated by our volunteers, committees, and teams have been nothing short of inspiring. Your unwavering commitment to fostering and shaping a vibrant Jewish future has truly set us on a remarkable path. As new challenges and opportunities arise, I am confident that our united efforts will continue to be the cornerstone of our success.”*

**-Avery Kaufman - Board Chair, Jewish Silicon Valley**

*“Together we strengthened our community's bonds and stood resolute in our goals to fight antisemitism, foster community connection, grow our resources, and build a solid organizational foundation. We moved with compassion and agility through the past year, forging a stronger and more vibrant future for the year ahead.”*

**-Scott Kaufman - Interim CEO, Jewish Silicon Valley**

## OUR MISSION

Harnessing the power of community to improve lives, build bridges of understanding, and strengthen the Jewish people, here, in Israel, and around the world.



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## Impact Stories

Our community builders and leaders bring energy, passion, and skill to the communities we serve.

# Impact Stories

Visit [jvalley.org/impactreport](http://jvalley.org/impactreport) to read these full stories & more.



## Israel 75: A beautiful example of coming together in community.

On our campus, Israelis, North American Jews, interested community members, the secular-minded, and the religiously inclined joined together to mourn as part of our first Havdalah ceremony and transition together to celebrate for Yom Ha'atzmaut.

It was heartening to be a part of this powerful collaboration between so many exceptional community leaders and organizations.

[Read more](#) ➔

**“The whole day felt so genuine...  
and this type of work is needed.”**

-Parent Participant

A sentiment expressed by one of the parents at our Fun & Sports with Family event, welcoming over 200 guests from all over the Bay Area for a fun day of play designed for children with special needs and their families.

[Read more](#) ➔





**“ This space has saved my life. Literally. I can’t imagine not being able to come here and connect with these other mamas about this season of motherhood.”** -Parent Participant

From Babies & Bagels and Music Together, to Parenting Education Courses - the Jewish Silicon Valley Family Center has transformed into a home away from home for new parents. [Read more](#) ➔

**Over 200 teens from various community groups gathered for live music and fun.**

After the event, parents reached out thanking the Jewish Silicon Valley team for hosting such an amazing event that their kids loved – many of them asking “When is the next one?”

[Read more](#) ➔



**The September 2023 Challah Bake burst with energy from over 150 multi-generational bakers.**

One of the first large-scale in-person events since the pandemic. Joyful laughter and flour smudges on aprons and faces were positive signs of the energy and community to come from Jewish Silicon Valley throughout the year. [Read more](#) ➔



**“I am in Poland. Working with Ukrainian children. It’s very difficult work. Not because I worked with children for 8.5 hours nonstop, but because the stories of those children are heart touching...”**

Rabbi Ilana Baird, Director of Jewish Silicon Valley’s Russian Speaking Jewish community, sharing her experiences in Poland as a volunteer to families who were victims of the war. [Read more](#) ➤



### **Healthy Aging: New Friendships & Strong Connections**

“I have made new friends and feel much more connected to our community. We have enjoyed luncheons together, seen a couple of us through surgeries and provided support. A couple of us meet for a walk or other activities.

It’s a real mitzvah for all of us. Thank you for organizing all these programs!” [Read more](#) ➤

**“While reflecting on one of humanity’s greatest atrocities, we recognize Jewish Silicon Valley as a vibrant organization whose programs, initiatives, and events create a powerful community connection.”**

Words from State Assembly Member, Gail Pellerin at a multi-day event consisting of two city and county proclamations centering around the voices of Holocaust Survivors. Efforts included a successful first-ever live press event at San Jose City Hall hosted by Council Member David Cohen. [Read more](#) ➤







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## Values in Action: By the Numbers

We build community, lean into learning, and advocate for a just world. The numbers indicate some of the ways we put our values into action.

# Values in Action: Community

*Celebrating, honoring,  
and remembering - together.*



**4,000**

guests participated in Life & Culture Programs & Holiday Celebrations throughout the year.

**OVER 350**

new swimmers joined our pool community.



**92 FITNESS MEMBERSHIPS**

were given, providing access to a healthier lifestyle for those in need.



**200**

Teens across different community groups gathered at a Teen party with a local teen band.



**\$28,000**

was given to 15 campers for Camp Shalom scholarship.

**OVER 100 FAMILIES** visited the JSV Family Center & **OVER 1,000 PJ LIBRARY BOOKS**

were distributed and funded by Jewish Silicon Valley throughout the year.



Jewish Silicon Valley provided **FREE & SIGNIFICANTLY DISCOUNTED SPACE** to communal organizations to feed refugees, provide classes, bring people together, & strengthen our community.



Healthy Aging participants created

**10+**

specialized community circles, combating elderly isolation.





## Values in Action: Wisdom

*Supporting a culture of lifelong learning and belonging.*

700

multi-generational attendees enjoyed our Hebrew Speaking Programs: From Begeg Kefet, to our new Hebrew Chit Chat.

25

managers participated in the Community Leadership Cohort - a collaboration with Oshman Family JCC & Jewish Silicon Valley.

15

former Heder students joined as volunteers to support new generations of Russian Speaking Jewish children at RSJ events.



**\$70,000**  
was given to families in need to support their child's education at APJCC Preschool.

### Jewish Community Study of Santa Clara County



53

organizations submitted inventories in support of the study.

1,214

individuals responded to the community study survey.

5

community engagement sessions with key stakeholders were held to develop the study's overall plan.



APJCC preschool welcomed  
**118 Children**  
through their doors & in their classrooms.

# Values in Action: Social Justice

*Advocating for Jewish awareness, support, and inclusion.*



**275 PARTICIPANTS, 30 VOLUNTEERS** participated in our day of play for special needs children and their families.



**11 SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPERS SUPPORTED** through Camp Shalom's Chaverim program

**250 HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

supported & over \$200,000 raised for Operation Dignity in partnership with Jewish Family Services, up from \$80,000 the previous year.



**2 SPECIAL NEEDS Fitness Trainers** brought on board to help support bringing fitness to all

**75**

community attendees participated in a trilingual Interfaith Seder focused on women's empowerment.



**2 PROCLAMATIONS GIVEN FROM THE CITY** of San Jose and Santa Clara County in support of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.





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## Supporting Community Partners

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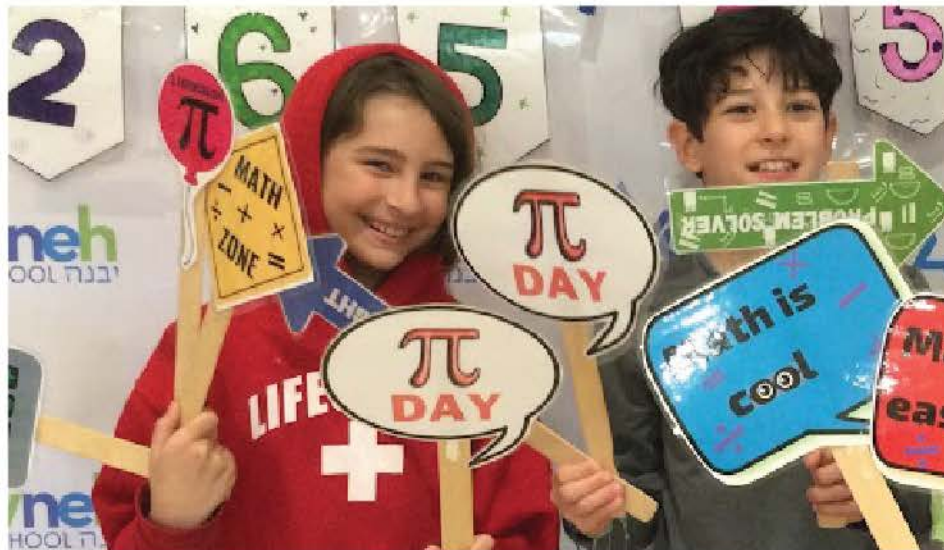
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**\$293,000**  
allocated to Jewish  
community partners.



**\$45,000**  
in funds awarded to Jewish  
educational institutions



### **Supporting Lifelong Learning and the next generation of Jewish leaders**

BBYO • Chabad of San Jose - CTeens • J Leaders  
Chabad of Santa Clara - Young Professionals Group  
Chabad of Downtown San Jose - ECE Scholarships  
Yavneh Day School

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### **Creating a more vibrant Jewish community & culture**

Chabad of Santa Clara - Hebrew After School  
Hillel of Silicon Valley • Santa Cruz Hillel  
SJSU Jewish Studies - Lecture Series • Temple Emanu-El

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### **Supporting those in need**

Jewish Family Services • Repair the World  
Shalom Bayit, A Project of the Tides Center



## Shalom Bayit

*“Over 20 women in need of domestic violence support were supported in part, thanks to Jewish Silicon Valley’s support. 60% of those clients are Russian-speaking, demonstrating the critical importance of our Svoboda program. We especially appreciate being able to work with Rabbi Ilana Baird, a member of our Rabbinic Advisory Council, to ensure that our outreach to the Russian-speaking Jewish community is effective and strong.”*



## BBYO

*“With gratitude for support from Jewish Silicon Valley, BBYO has spent the last 6 months providing teens with opportunities for peer connection, leadership skills development, and supporting holistic wellbeing for the hundreds of teens who engage in regular programming.”*



## Chabad of Santa Clara

*“We are grateful to report on the incredible success and progress that we have made in the past half year made possible by our partnership. We have faced challenges and heartbreak, but we have come together as a community with incredible strength, determination, and unity.”*



## Repair the World

*“Through Jewish Silicon Valley’s support, Bay Area Repair mobilized 4,438 acts of service and learning from 2,227 participants, Volunteers contributed 7,948 hours of service to our service partners, Increased partnerships with nonprofits and Jewish communal organizations by 37% Engaged 227% more participants from across Silicon Valley and the Bay.”*

# SUPPORTING JEWISH JOURNEYS



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