



BRAWERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



MESSAGE FROM

The Head of School Cabinet Chair

The theme for the 2022-2023 school year was *keshet* (connection), and it was truly a comfort to reconnect with our community in a large way. Led by our Head of School Brandon Cohen, the Cabinet serves as a resource supporting the schools' missions and the needs of the community. Last year the Cabinet worked together with the community to provide input and feedback on student and community affairs.

Brandon, with the support of administrators and teachers, has continued to motivate and push our students to an even higher level. Each part of the curriculum is viewed as an opportunity for students to discover something new and exciting with their peers, and then strive to make it even better. Brawerman continually finds innovative ways to provide our children with a higher-level education while still implementing core Jewish values. It is not surprising that we remain a competitive independent school, and we proudly watch our children matriculate into the best secondary schools across Los Angeles.

The connection between the administrators and this amazing group of lay leaders from both our campuses provides the fundamentals to navigate the needs and practical experiences surrounding this exceptional educational program. As Brawerman is in the early stages of implementing a Strategic Plan, the input of the Cabinet bridges the communities from both campuses creating a Jewish environment in which everyone feels they belong to and can thrive in. Thank you to the Cabinet, and this wonderful community, for your ongoing determination, vision, and collaboration which has helped to launch the exciting changes that will only help our schools to excel and thrive in years to come.

JESSICA LEWENSZTAIN, Chair, Head of School Cabinet

BRAWERMAN HEAD OF SCHOOL CABINET

Jessica Lewensztain, Chair
Alex Berman
Brad Conroy
Nahal Danesh
Craig Gerber

Dorit Haroni
Avi Klein
Jessica Mackenzie
Carrie Rifkin
Jessica Rosenberg

Carrie Scott
Steven Taylor

BRAWERMAN

Parent Association

Our Parent Association was so pleased to carry out many meaningful and community-building events during the 2022-2023 school year, enhancing our theme of *keshet* - connection.

Throughout the year, the **Brawerman West** PA Hospitality Committee supported our PA meetings, and worked hand in hand with other committees to yield beautiful events. Our Room and Mitzvah Representatives helped to make our community members feel included and cared for in times of need, while our *Tikkun Olam* Committee carried out various drives to give back to those in need around us. Through various holidays, our Jewish Celebrations Committee (JCC) provided the community with the Jewish traditions and events that are unique to only Brawerman. From a *Rosh HaShana* apple and honey taste test contest to decorating beautiful *sukkot*, and supporting *Chanukah* latke making and providing candles and *gelt* helped make the year unforgettable. Passover model *sedarim* were a great way for students to gain more meaning with the holiday, and the clergy had help from the JCC to make it a success. All year long we had a variety of snacks and lunches organized by our Teacher Appreciation Committee - from a taco truck to grilled hamburgers on our courtyard, which showed immense love for our teachers. Our year wouldn't have been the same without the eventful parties that our Party Book Committee helped bring to life. In November, our Boutique Committee executed an amazing holiday boutique with many returning vendors and a buzzing chapel full of shoppers. In March, our Book Fair Committee collaborated with Mann Family ECC to organize an exciting book fair featuring numerous new titles. The week culminated with Grandparents & Special Friends Day, which included the Book Fair and *Shabbat*. In May, our Santa Monica Pier event was full of current students, teachers, and alumni who went on all the rides and played games until the very end of the event. Finally, we ended the year off right with an action-packed Sports Day carried out by the committee to further our *keshet* and bring us closer together.

This year's apt theme truly exemplifies what it means to be a member of our very special community. As we looked forward to a year once again full of in-person events, the **Brawerman East** PA was truly reminded that although the events were something we eagerly anticipated, it was the joy of being together that was most meaningful. We had more first time volunteers than in years past, not only from new families, but also families that have long been a part of East, which was a testament to the partnership between parents, students, faculty, and administrators. The values of our PA are rooted in connection, with parents volunteering countless hours to support our school and community. Annual favorites including Beach Meet Up, *Sukkot* Family Picnic, and our beloved Parent Social, started the year off. With Thanksgiving and *Chanukah* Centers, VIP Day, and our year long *Tikkun Olam* partnership with The Karsh Center taking us through the winter months. Our *keshet* continued when, for the first time in three years, we welcomed Brawerman West to our campus for our highly anticipated *Purim* Carnival. Our entire day was spent in celebration, parent engagement, and limitless fun. We once said that "Brawerman is more than a building." Its energy, mission, and spirit reach far beyond its beautiful walls. Now, more than ever, we can appreciate how these same walls serve not only as our anchor, but our fundamental reason on why this campus was built in the first place: to build community and create *keshet*.

The Brawerman PA is so grateful to enhance the community-building aspects of our school, and look forward to including new parents in our endeavors each year. Stay *mensch!*



Nahal Danesh
PA Co-President,
Brawerman West



Carrie Rifkin
PA Co-President,
Brawerman West



Carrie Scott
PA President,
Brawerman East



MESSAGE FROM The Head of School

Brawerman is a community of friendship, respect, love, shared Jewish values, and learning. Bruce Feiler in his book *The Secrets of Happy Families* writes, “Study after study confirms that the number one predictor of life satisfaction comes from spending time with the people you care about and who also care about you. Simply put, happiness is other people.” For us, the other people are our Brawerman community, where we are surrounded by those who share a collective passion around a common purpose. At Brawerman, our *keshet*, our connection, is at the heart of who we are. We are a community of learners focused on academic excellence and joyful Judaism in a caring, compassionate, and safe environment. And Brawerman’s existence has never been more important in its history than it is today.

We live in a time when antisemitism is in the news on a daily basis. Antisemitic tropes are used by mainstream public figures and politicians as part of their everyday rhetoric. When highly regarded author and speaker Ben Freeman visited the Temple to give a talk early in the school year, he was clear about how we can combat Jew hatred. He said we must arm ourselves with Jewish knowledge and pride. At Brawerman, we do just that. Our students graduate with deep knowledge of their Jewish roots, our Jewish history, and their connection with Israel. They are proud of who they are, as Jews, as good people, as stellar students. This is why Brawerman is so critical in the fight against antisemitism.

It is of course not enough that Brawerman be a safe place that builds a strong Jewish identity. We have to be an outstanding school, and the state of the Brawerman educational program is as strong as it has ever been. We have an exceptional faculty of passionate, dedicated, and experienced educators. Every lead teacher across the grade levels last year was a returning Brawerman teacher from the year prior, and this kind of stability is rarely seen among schools especially during a year when schools nationally saw unprecedented attrition in the teaching profession. This faculty is stellar. They work tirelessly to get to know your children, challenge and support them, make them feel seen and heard, and help them build the skills to navigate the social and emotional hurdles that are part of growing up. And under the leadership of our administrative team, we continue to lean into our mantra of “no limit to better” – for our faculty and our students.

I am frequently asked about what kind of school we are... Are we progressive? Are we traditional? Truthfully, it would be easier to define ourselves if we were all one

or all the other. Brawerman is a school that is focused on being just right for each student. We do what will most effectively intellectually engage our students and teach them the skills necessary for their learning journey. Sometimes that may look non-traditional, where students work on projects in groups, problem solve solutions that can be presented through a choice of modalities, and it can look quite messy in the process. Sometimes that learning may look more traditional, where students receive direct instruction, take notes, annotate text, create flash cards, and prepare for a multiple choice test, and it can look quite formal in the process. They will also experience everything in between, and that is what is powerful for our students. They know how to learn differently according to the situation in front of them, and this prepares them for what lies ahead for them in middle school, where they go on to thrive. They are prepared academically, they have the social and emotional skills to navigate the complexities of adolescence, and they have a strong Jewish identity. When they leave middle and high school, they continue to do great things.

Being a part of Brawerman is being part of so much more. Part of Brawerman’s strength comes from being a part of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, which provides us the leadership and resources to perform at the highest levels. I have the pleasure of working closely with the Temple leadership team that includes Senior Rabbi Steve Leder, Executive Director of Education Naomi Reem, Executive Director Donna Nadel, Associate Executive Directors Doug Lynn and Jodi Berman, Wilshire Boulevard Temple Board President Scott Edelman, Chair of the Education and School Governance Committee Claire Goldsmith, and the chair of our Brawerman Head of School Cabinet Jessica Lewenzstain. Their leadership not only serves our school and Temple well, it also pushes me and the Brawerman administrators to be better leaders, and I am grateful to be part of such a powerhouse team.

Part of that Temple strength is the clergy who are involved in the schools. In our clergy in residence program led by our Rabbis and Cantors, students are provided an opportunity to not only connect with a clergy member, but also connect with *Torah* and text study in a powerful manner. This is where those Jewish roots are being grown, where the knowledge is being expanded, and where the pride is blossoming. This is the work at the core of what it takes to fight against antisemitism. When you think about sharing your family’s history, the story of *Torah*, and the stories in *Torah*, are a part of it. For us at Brawerman, these stories are what give our students a strong, clear, confident core Jewish identity. They know who they are, as Jews, and they are proud of it.

Brawerman’s existence has never been more important in its history than it is today, and I am deeply grateful for your support and belief in our community. In the pages of this Annual Report you will see the excellence of our school. I am proud of what we are doing to make sure your children, and their children, live in a world where Jews can be safe, can be successful, and can be proud.

BRANDON COHEN



ATHLETICS

The 2022-2023 school year was a huge success for Brawerman Blaze athletics. Our fall, winter, and spring seasons had over 200 student athletes representing Brawerman. Our athletics philosophy fostering good sportsmanship, skill development, and fun shined throughout all seasons. The fall season had our Grades 4, 5, and 6 co-ed flag football teams go a combined 25-3. The winter season saw our three basketball teams go a combined 28-5. Lastly, our two co-ed soccer teams had a combined record of 15-4. Coach Barry, Coach Kamer, and Coach Levenson were proud to coach our athletes as their actions embodied respect for teammates, opponents, and officials.

DEBATE

The 2022-2023 school year saw the addition of the Brawerman Debate team! Students from grades 4-6 met weekly after school to learn the nuances of debate such as learning to state your assertion, reasons, and evidence for both the proposition and opposition side. Led by Coach Courtney Edson and Assistant Coaches Sapir Riskovich and Anna Hugo, our debate team ended the year with an internal debate where students argued their side, while simultaneously working together to create strong rebuttals. It was amazing to see how poised, confident and incredible our debaters were! We look forward to competing against other schools next year.



MATHLETES

We also saw the addition of the Brawerman Mathletes! These 24 students from grades 4-6 met once a week after school to practice problem solving, explore logic puzzles, and learn advanced mathematics concepts and skills. Led by their Math Coach Oriana Horowitz and Assistant Coach Rozita Farahdel, the Mathletes competed in both individual and team contests. Many of our students qualified for the Math League Southern California state championships!



Brawerman WEST Spotlights

STEAM NIGHT

The 2022-2023 Steam Night featured Brawerman teachers, UCLA's Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor's Society students, Bubble Mania and Co., and Parker Anderson. The courtyard was filled with short burst science activities while the chapel displayed creation stations with bubbles, light sabers, hexbugs, and more. The music room was transformed into a light and glow party. Students also got to participate in a *tikkun olam* project making bracelets for children in the Ukraine. While Grades 5 and 6 were on their overnight trips, Grades K-4 and their families got to discover the wonders of science, technology, engineering, art, and math.





MAKERS FAIR

Brawerman East rolled out the robots and the red carpet for the 5th annual Makers Fair. This year's fair was bigger and better than ever, housed in the new Audrey Irmas Pavilion. Families strapped on virtual reality goggles, explored electric currents, and sipped mocktails, but only after understanding the chemical and physical properties of the ingredients. With a wide variety of student projects and exhibits on display as well as hands-on activities, visitors were immersed in the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). Whether a Brawerman student, parent, alumni, or ECC family, Brawerman East's Makers Fair let everyone celebrate the power of creativity and imagination.



Brawerman EAST Spotlights

HONORING ISAI GERMAN

This year, Brawerman East was selected to partner with Honored to celebrate outstanding teachers. Honored is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring teachers and elevating the teaching profession. Honored invited current and alumni students and families to visit Honored.org/nominate to share the story of teacher impact. Innovation and Science Teacher, Isai German was selected as the January 2023 Honoree. The Honored National Teacher Award included a \$5,000 prize, a profile by LA Times writer Jorge Castillio, and national recognition.

Grade 5 student Malin Scott was also featured in the article. Malin nominated Isai to celebrate his impact on students in the field of technology and for amplifying one of Brawerman's core values: to build bridges throughout the community. Malin said Mr. German inspired her through his involvement with The Karsh Center. As Malin wrote, "For me inspiration isn't from heroes with special powers. The people that inspire me are real heroes not because they fight bad guys, but because they are always finding new ways for us to change the world. Thank you, Mr. German, for always believing in me."





Grade
4

SACRAMENTO

Grade 4 had an exciting time watching history leap from their textbook to real life with a trip to Sacramento. Students donned their hard hats and explored the mines of the Mother Lode in the Gold Bug Mine, watched the hammer hit the anvil at a blacksmith shop, panned for gold, and learned that gold was extracted from quartz. Students explored Old Town Sacramento, including an underground archaeological site that showed how the streets were raised to protect the city from devastating flooding. The Sacramento trip is the first overnight trip at Brawerman, which marks a critical turning point in students' development, maturity, and independence.



Grade
5

BOSTON

Grade 5 spent five fulfilling days learning, growing, and exploring the historic city of Boston. One of the trip's highlights was visiting Plymouth to explore the Plimoth Patuxet Museum. These spaces are a living museum of colonial times. Another student favorite was our visit to Salem! We visited the Gallows Hill Museum, where students were transported back in time for a theater performance inspired by the Salem Witch Trials.

Other experiences included walking up to the Bunker Hill Memorial, visiting Paul Revere's house, Quincy Market, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, and the USS Constitution. We even got to experience a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park! We ended our jam-packed week with an emotional class *Kaddish* at the New England Holocaust Memorial. The Grade 5 Boston trip was an incredibly memorable experience for all who participated.

Israel turned 75 this year and our Grade 6 students traveled on their capstone trip to see and feel our Jewish homeland. We extended our learning in the classroom as we explored the archaeological discoveries at The City of David and entered the deepest excavated tunnels along the Temple Mount. Hikes and jeep rides through the Golan Heights taught us about Israel's strategic importance, canoeing down the Jordan river and floating in the Dead Sea with mud spread on our skin felt like the pictures we have seen for so many years finally coming to life, and *Shabbat* at the *Kotel* and in Herzliya showed us the traditional and modern embrace of Judaism. The newly remodeled Museum of the Jewish People concretized many lessons we have learned since Kindergarten. This trip deepened our sense of pride in Israel's history and strengthened the Jewish identity of each participant.

Grade
6

ISRAEL TRIP



Grade 8
Alumni

ISRAEL TRIP

When the Class of 2021's Grade 6 trip was canceled two years ago due to COVID-19, Brawerman's Director of Jewish Life and Learning Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim made it her mission to one day make it up to these kids by giving them the trip they deserved. Well, mission accomplished! From the music festival that kicked off with the headliner leading the entire arena in *Chanukah* blessings as he lit the *chanukiah* to training in F-16 flight simulators with former members of the Israeli Air Force, this trip was filled with once-in-a-lifetime experiences. And yet, if you ask the 32 students about the trip, most of them will say their favorite part was picking up right where they left off with their old Brawerman classmates.

Everywhere we went, from the *Kotel* to the Bedouin tents to the *Hapoel* Jerusalem basketball game, our alumni had their arms around each other like they were singing the last *Hashkiveinu* of the school year. Watching our alumni interact with the same seamless familiarity they first learned on our campuses was a special reminder that even when they graduate, they never really stop being Brawerman students. No matter where they go, they still bring their warmth, curiosity, and *menshiness* to everything they do. The values they learn at Brawerman are like a *menorah* that never goes out. When we made it to Jerusalem, Rabbi Ben-Naim reminded our alumni, "Our people have been coming here to pray for thousands of years, and now, after a great deal of patience and faith, you are taking your rightful place as the next link in the long chain of our tradition."



Brawerman Leadership



Brandon Cohen
Head of School



Nadine Zysman
Assistant Head
of School &
Principal, East



Gillian Feldman
Interim Principal,
West



Rabbi Elissa
Ben-Naim
Director of Jewish
Life and Learning



Jenn Palmer
Assistant
Principal, West



Michelle Handzo
Assistant
Principal, West



Danielle Sebring
Assistant
Principal, East



Lindy Goldberg
Director of
Admissions, West



Chris Donohoe
Director of
Admissions, East



Rebecca Spain
Director of
Advancement



Erin Jacobs
Director of
Operations



Gilad Weisner
Director of Special
Programming, West



Noa Grant
Director of School
Communication



Andrea Weinstein
Chief of Staff



Naomi Reem
Wilshire Boulevard
Temple's Executive
Director of
Education

The theme of keshet was particularly apt for a year of establishing new connections and rekindling old ones. Students and parents rejoiced in being together and in strengthening the special bond we all share as part of Brawerman and the entire Temple community. Thank you for a remarkable year!

Wilshire Boulevard Temple Clergy



Rabbi Steven Z.
Leder



Cantor Don
Gurney



Rabbi Elissa
Ben-Naim



Rabbi David
Eshel



Rabbi M. Beaumont
Shapiro



Rabbi Susan
Nanus



Rabbi Joel
Nickerson



Cantor Lisa
Peicott



Cantor Kerith
Spencer-Shapiro



Rabbi Joel
Simonds



MESSAGE FROM

Betty Winn

**WBT Board Member
and BES Grandparent**

As a member of the WBT Board of Trustees, I had an opportunity to tour both Brawerman West and East. As both a Brawerman grandparent and a former Jewish Day School Head, I took everything in. I have to say, I was blown away! I was impressed with the artwork on the walls, the intentional teaching going on in every classroom we visited, the commitment of the faculty, and the engagement of the students. I saw the wide array of opportunities not only in general and Judaic studies, but in music, art, innovation, science, and physical education. The absolute proof was when we heard from several graduating sixth graders who spoke with us about what they love most about Brawerman and how it has prepared them for their next educational journey.

The theme for Brawerman this past year was *keshet*—connection and belonging. I truly feel connected to this community and my family feels a genuine sense of belonging. As one of the newest members to the WBT Board, everyone has made me feel welcome and valued and the teachers and staff do the same. Where else do you go where you are welcomed so warmly by the security guards and facilities team members? Everyone matters here! At the end of the day after my tour, I picked up my grandchildren. They shared the highlights of their day with me; what they had learned and the friends they had played with. In turn, I shared with them the teachers I met and how lucky they are to be part of such a vibrant, inclusive community. I am so proud of Brawerman and feel incredibly fortunate to be part of it. I know they love it as much as I do. *L'dor v'dor.*

MATRICULATION

OUR ALUMNI
HAVE ATTENDED **MORE THAN 75** DIFFERENT COLLEGES ✓

American University
Art Center College of Design
Bard College
Barnard College
Belmont University
Boston College
Boston University
Boulder Business School
Brown University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
California State University, Northridge
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
Colgate University
Colorado College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Elon University
Emory University
Eugene Lang College
FIDM

George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Kenyon College
Lehigh University
Lewis and Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Parsons School of Design
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rhode Island School of Design
Rutgers University
San Jose State University
Scripps College
Southern Methodist University

Stanford University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Denver
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of Texas at Austin
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University

Brawerman students matriculate to top-tier independent schools in Los Angeles.

Secondary Schools	2021-2023
The Archer School for Girls	3
Brentwood School	20
Campbell Hall	5
Crossroads School	11
Geffen Academy	4
Harvard-Westlake School	16
Milken Community School	33
Wildwood School	3
Windward School	26
Public	4
Other*	9
TOTAL	134

*1-2 student(s) between 2021-2023 has matriculated to the following schools:

The Buckley School, The Episcopal School of Los Angeles, Marlborough School, Topanga Mountain School, Tree Academy, Valley Preparatory School (Redlands, CA), Viewpoint School, and Westridge School.

MAZAL TOV to the Brawerman Alumni Class of 2017!



THEY ARE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
California State University, Northridge
Colgate University
Columbia University
Dartmouth College
Emory University
George Washington University

Lehigh University
New York University
Santa Monica College
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Tulane University
University of Chicago

University of Denver
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Oregon
University of Southern California
University of Wisconsin
Washington University in St. Louis

Alumni Sushi and Shmooze



BRAWERMAN

GRANDparents

We are thrilled to thank our Brawerman GRANDparents* for their generous support of our 2022-2023 Annual Giving Campaign. Purposeful connections with grandparents enrich our school community. By connecting *l'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation, we make personal meaning of the world we live in. We look forward to the expansion of this valuable program as it furthers the reach and scope of our school experience while providing additional layers of love and joy to our Brawerman extended family members.

Halina and Alan Alter (*Sam Kleinman, '27*)
Lynette and Derek Brown (*Liv Altshule, '25; Winston Altshule, '27*)
Susan and Michael Castle (*Madeleine Ross, '26*)
Betty Cota (*Levi Teitelbaum, '27; Eli and Ezra Teitelbaum, '28*)
Janet and Bill Glucksman (*Sam Glucksman, '22; Henry Glucksman, '24; Grace Glucksman, '26*)
Michal and Zvi Cutentag (*Benjamin Hynick, '26; Jake Hynick, '29*)
Debbie and Jimmy Lustig (*Grayson Gardner, '28*)
Linda F. Lynn (*Eden Lynn, '20; Talia Lynn, '24*)
Adrian and Larry Miller (*Julia Miller, '27; Charlie Miller, '29*)
Judith Miller (*Julia Miller, '27; Charlie Miller, '29*)
Cathy and Steve Needleman (*Charlie Lewensztain, '24; Mila Lewensztain, '26*)
Fran and Joel Parker (*Bernie Zysman, '23; Taryn Zysman, '25; Jac Zysman, '29*)
Helen and Robert Rosenberg (*Gavin Rosenberg, '21; Jemma and Zoe Rosenberg, '24*)
Janet and Lenny Rosenblatt (*Chloe Conroy, '21; Teddy Conroy, '26; Courtney Conroy, '28; Nathan Labranche, '24; Sophia Labranche, '26; Brody Labranche, '29*)
Linda and Bill Rouse (*Hudson Messinger, '25; Aiden Messinger, '29*)
Corrine and Lenny Sands (*Isabel Sands, '27; Noa Sands, '29*)
Anna (z"l) and Leonard Shabason (*Aiden Shabason, '26; Zachary Shabason, '28*)
Gerry Teitelbaum (*Levi Teitelbaum, '27; Eli and Ezra Teitelbaum, '28*)
Penny and John Wallerstein (*Jaxon Silverstein, '28*)
Betty and Ross Winn (*Brodie Dorfman, '28*)



*Brawerman GRANDparents donated a minimum of \$1,800 to this year's Annual Giving Campaign.

Fundraising & Engagement

REBECCA SPAIN DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT



The 2022-2023 school year felt like we were back in the “good old days.” We saw students close to one another and smiling from ear to ear, grandparents and alumni at campus events, and committed parents volunteering daily whether it was serving hot lunch or coordinating a variety of events. *Kesher*, connection, was the perfect theme for the school year as everyone was able to fully come back together as a cohesive community.

We reached unprecedented numbers for both our Annual Giving Campaign and for Brawerman’s endowment. This is a true testament to the strength and dedication of our community. Thank you to the East and West Annual Giving Co-Chairs, as well as the members of our Endowment Committee. Your support, along with the support of the entire Brawerman community including current parents, alumni parents and former students, grandparents, faculty, and even current students, allowed us to bridge the budget gap, engage in additional programming and trips throughout the school year, and ensure that Brawerman will continue to be here for decades to come.



MORE THAN
\$365,000
in **NEW** endowment gifts
and pledges.

68 Families
joined the Brawerman Giving
Circle by donating gifts of

\$10,000+
to Brawerman’s Annual
Giving Campaign.

MORE THAN
\$65,000
from Brawerman grandparents
and alumni families.

RAISED MORE THAN
\$1.64 Million
for our Annual Giving Campaign

to help pay operational costs, update the school’s facilities, enhance programming, provide professional development opportunities for our staff, and help cover significant COVID-19 related expenses.

MORE THAN
\$115,000 
from Endowment Fund
interest applied toward unprecedented
salary increases for teachers



HOSTED AN
**Alumni Sushi
and Shmooze**
for the Brawerman
Class of 2017 Graduates.

HOSTED
**Brunch and
Learn event
for grandparents** 
celebrating *Tu BiSh’vat* with
Brawerman’s Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim.

Endowment

Brawerman currently has more than \$9.6 million in cash and legacy pledges.

A robust endowment is an essential component for independent schools in a landscape of rising tuition costs and scholarship requests. It also allows us to support families and areas of need for Brawerman during times of crisis. This fund is a source of long-term support for the school. The principal is invested, and the yearly interest may be used to:

- Provide financial assistance
- Stabilize tuition
- Retain and recruit faculty
- Fund programs

Both Annual Giving and Endowment are critical to Brawerman's success:

- Annual Giving raises funds from all school families every year for current use
- Endowment provides for the future

Endowment gifts of \$25,000 and above will be recognized on our legacy walls on both campuses as well as in Brawerman and Wilshire Boulevard Temple publications. Opportunities are also available to endow special programs at the school.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE



Joli Altshule



Margo Freedman



Rochelle Glucksman



Kara and Brad Slater



Lauryn Harris



Gretchen Klein



Jessica Rosenberg

Not Pictured: Marsha Levin

This is a school we love.
Let's ensure its future.

CHAMPION

\$1,000,000+

Geri and Richard (z"l) Brawerman
Dana and Richard Pachulski
Talia and Jason Rimokh
The Shirken Family

LEADER

\$500,000 - \$999,999

Goldhirsh-Yellin Foundation,
in Memory of Bernard and
Wendy Goldhirsh

BUILDER

\$100,000 - \$249,999

Joli, Andrew, Liv, and Winston Altshule
Nadine Breuer Retirement Event
de Toledo Family Scholarship Fund
Rochelle and Jacob Glucksman
Goldstein Family Fund
Gretchen and Jon Klein
The Silber Family Foundation
The Sklaver Family

BENEFACTOR

\$50,000 - \$99,999

The Joseph Alexander Foundation
Brodyn, Skylar, and Georgia Bana
The Heald Family
The Samuel Family
Payam, Pegah, Kyle, Leah, and
Jaden Shahian
The Ullendorff Family

SUPPORTER

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Abrams Family Foundation
The Alpern Family
Allison and Larry Berg
The Berman Family
Brawerman Alumni Association Fund
Brawerman Parent Association
Nadine and Steve Breuer
Robin and Elliott Broidy
Lynette and Derek Brown
Shelly and Mike Cohen and
Fran and Joel Parker, in Memory
of Sylvia and Mayer Gutman
The Essey Family
Sherri and John Fogelman
Julie Monkarsh Gadinsky
Suzanne and Jacob Gehl
Margo E. Freedman and
David B. Goldman
Opal and David Judaken
Marsha and Fredrick Levin
Marcia and Doug Mankoff
Lauryn Harris and Greg Pimstone
Orit and Nadav Ravid
Michelle and Marc Rosenbach
Caleb Rosenblum '16 and
Micah Rosenblum '21
The Rosman Family, in Memory
of Lily and Don Rosman
The Sabet Family
Lauren and Anton Schiff
Kara and Brad Slater
Caroline and Robby Soofer
Amy and Jeffrey P. Straus
The Waters Family

MORE THAN

\$9.6 Million in cash and legacy pledges

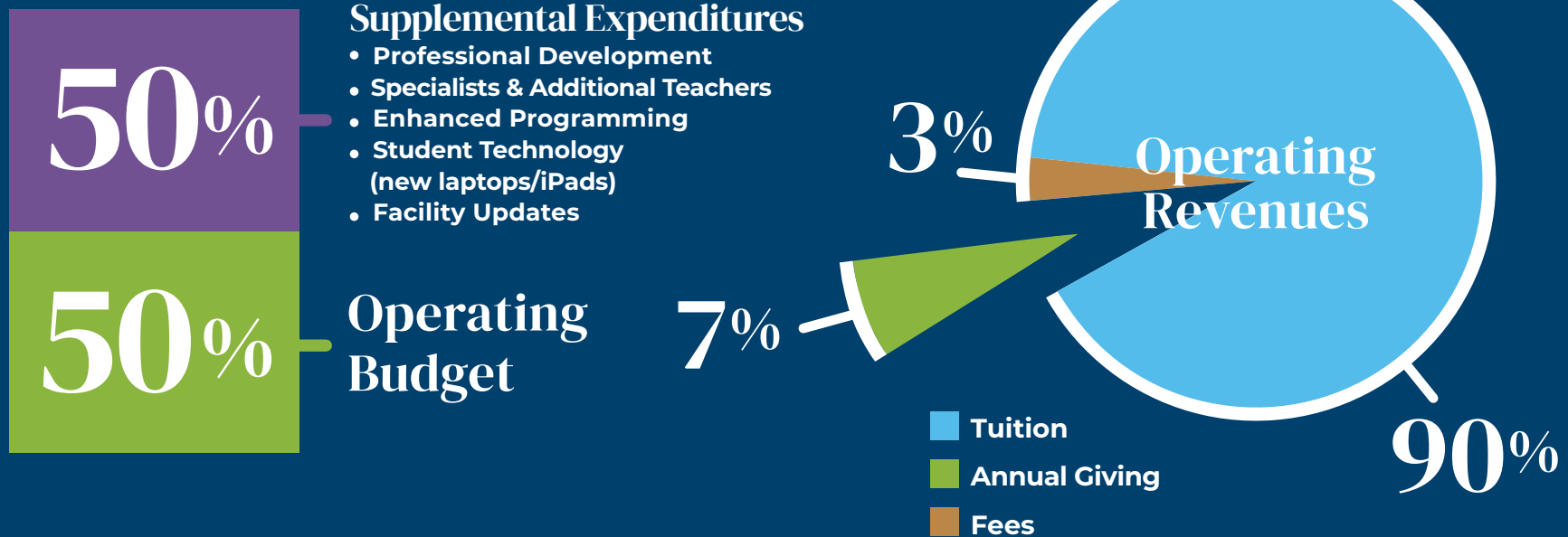
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Annual Giving Campaign

Raised \$1,645,303

Brawerman's Annual Giving Campaign raised more than \$1,600,000, exceeding our goal of \$1,400,000. \$800,000 went toward Brawerman's operating budget, while the remaining \$800,000 donated was used for supplemental expenditures.

The funds raised during the Annual Giving Campaign are vital to every part of the annual operating budget and enable Brawerman to continue growing and making investments in our facilities, education specialists, new teachers and administrators, and ongoing, enhanced programs for our students.





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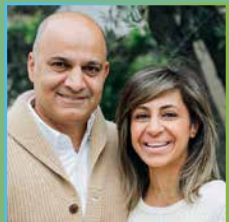
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Brawerman reached 92% participation from East families and 95% participation from West families, and we surpassed 100% of our financial goal!

We raised **\$1,645,303** to help pay operational costs, update the school's facilities, provide professional development opportunities for our staff, and so much more.



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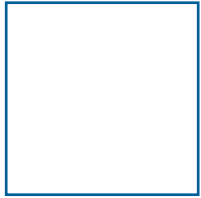
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