# 2023-24 Donor Report













# A Message from Gary Weisserman, Head of School

Dear Bernard Zell Community,

As we enter our 78th year, I can't help but look back on the 2023-24 school year with pride and gratitude. My pride stems from the extraordinary experience we provided for our students: a world-class Jewish education punctuated with memorable and often transformational moments. I find great nachas in the remarkable work of our faculty and staff in further extending our programmatic and curricular excellence.

Our theme for the year was *Chesed v'Ometz* (kindness and courage), and our teachers ensured our students engaged with both. From long-standing programs such as the Hanukkah Music Festival and *Tiyul* and *Mifgash*, to innovative curricular offerings such as our *Nesharim* Jewish studies program in Middle School and our piloting of the groundbreaking *Wit and Wisdom* curriculum in Lower School, our teachers impacted our students in so many ways.

I am grateful to our educators for their tremendous work, but none of it would be possible without the incredible generosity of our community. With your heartfelt support, we were able to thrive, innovate, grow, and to continue to develop engaged and confident Jewish leaders. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and leadership of Bernard Zell, we thank you for your support and wish you and your family a healthy, happy and fulfilling year.

We enter the 2024-25 school year with immense gratitude for all of our donors, and with great excitement for all that lies ahead. I hope that you feel the pride and joy that I do in supporting our mission.

B'Shalom,



Gary Weisserman Head of School

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