



2025

IMPACT REPORT



JEWISH
**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**
OF LOS ANGELES

BY THE NUMBERS

THE RESEARCH IS CLEAR: **Mentorship Changes Lives.**

New national research confirms what we see every day at JBBBSLA.

81%

agree that having a Big makes them feel more confident in their decisions



20%

More likely to attend college



84%

say mentorship opens doors to possibilities

Mentored youth also show lower substance use and improved emotional resilience.

DID YOU KNOW?



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**Big Brothers
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Matched 180 Littles with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, providing steady guidance during a time when Jewish youth face growing challenges.



**CAMP
BOB WALDORF**

Welcomed more than 1,000 campers to Camp Bob Waldorf, where they explored, learned, & built friendships rooted in belonging.



COLLEGE
access + success

Provided scholarships and college advising to over 100 students, opening doors to education & opportunity.



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WAS PROUD TO RECEIVE THE
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA
2025 PLATINUM AWARD
FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

When **Max Boigon** was seven years old, his mother made a thoughtful decision that would shape the rest of his life.

A single mom and elementary school teacher, she believed deeply in the value of mentorship. Wanting Max to have a consistent adult male role model, she reached out to Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles.

Soon after, Max was matched with Loren Funk.

At the time, Loren was in his twenties, newly married, and just beginning to build his career. What started as mentorship quickly became something much deeper. From the beginning, Loren showed up with intention. Week after week, they spent time together attending UCLA basketball games and Dodger games, visiting arcades and mini golf courses, and cheering Max on at his games and practices.

Max remembers how thoughtfully those early outings were planned. “He really understood the assignment,” Max says.

As Max grew older, the relationship naturally evolved. Their time together became less structured and more integrated into everyday life. They went to movies, spent time with family, and celebrated holidays together. Loren and his wife became part of Max’s extended family, even celebrating Hanukkah together.



Loren also helped Max see what adulthood could look like by inviting him to complete a summer internship at his business. The experience gave Max early exposure to the working world.

Over time, the mentorship became something neither of them could have fully predicted. It became a lifelong relationship.

Max describes Loren as “the menschiest mensch of all mensches.” Loren was an outlet for fun, a steady role model, and a shoulder to lean on during difficult moments. He stood beside Max through milestones both joyful and challenging.

Max was at the hospital when Loren’s first child, Jonah, was born. Jonah is now 27. Loren later had twins, and Max attended their karate ceremonies and gymnastics events as if they were his own family.

Max is now married with two young children of his own. At his wedding, Loren was there and even signed his ketubah. Max's children know Loren and Loren's wife, Stacie, and the connection between their families continues to grow across generations.

What began as a Big/Little match through Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters has become something truly enduring. It is a relationship that has lasted decades and continues to shape both of their lives.

For Max, the experience represents the very best of what mentorship can be.

In his words, it was “the dream.”



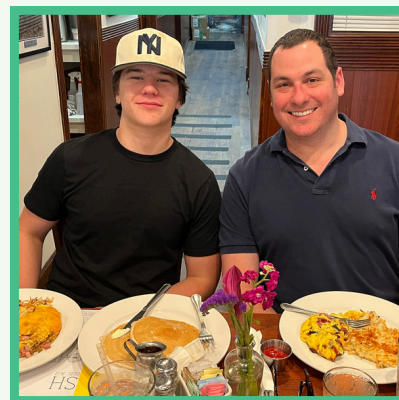
Max’s story is a powerful reminder that mentorship does not end when a match closes. It can shape lives for decades. Today, many young people are still waiting for a Big to begin a story like this one.

Visit jbbbsla.org to learn more about becoming a Big and how you can make a lasting difference in a young person’s life.

2025 IN ACTION

DELI DAYS

Thanks to the generosity of the Wallensky family, Deli Days brought Bigs and Littles together in a group setting to explore Jewish history, culture, and connection through the classic Jewish deli. Over shared meals, matches bonded alongside one another while tasting favorites like matzah brei, matzah ball soup, and Dr. Brown's soda, often for the first time.



CAMP 2025

In 2025, Camp Bob Waldorf welcomed more than a thousand youth into a vibrant, inclusive community. Through outdoor adventure, creative exploration, and meaningful connection, campers built confidence, independence, and lasting friendships. For many, camp offered a rare opportunity to unplug, try something new, and return home with a stronger sense of self and belonging.



SCHOLARSHIP 2025

In 2025, the JBBBSLA Scholarship Program provided critical support to 73 young people pursuing higher education and career pathways. Beyond financial assistance, students gained encouragement, guidance, and a sense of community as they began to navigate life after high school, building confidence in their next steps and a clearer vision for their future.

