Fall Snapshot
2017
Thoughts from Thought Leaders

“He changed my life.”

As a Rabbi I have heard that countless times. People will tell me about someone who is being honored, or passed away, or someone who simply comes up in conversation. Often the phrase is accompanied by tears. When you are hurting or yearning or alone, the warmth and wisdom of another human being can shape your soul and stay with you forever.

To be a big sister or a big brother is to fill a hole in another’s heart. The mentor is a guide through the maze. A younger brother or sister is going places you have already been - a big test in school or a first relationship or a moment of rejection or a chance to share a triumph. And the blessing of being there for that moment stays forever.

We all fill our lives with things that do not last. We post pictures that people will like and forget. We worry about ‘crises’ that never come to pass or that we will one day realize were insignificant. But now and again we get the chance to do something that does not fade and is not forgotten. To mentor another human being is an act of loving permanence. It marks the heart forever. Years from now, that boy or girl will say, “She changed my life.”

So for all who become big brothers and big sisters, God bless you.

Rabbi David Wolpe
The Max Webb Senior Rabbi of Sinai Temple

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The Gift of Camp

“You have given me and my children so much,” Maggie, a parent of two campers, says. As tears fill her eyes, Maggie recalls her children’s many positive experiences at Camp Bob Waldorf. Both her daughter, Sarah, age 16, and her son, Tom, age 15, have attended camp for six years. When Maggie first heard about Camp Bob Waldorf, she was a single mom, had just lost her job, and was homeless. Her life was filled with challenges, but sending her children to camp for FREE was a gift that she is forever grateful to have received. Maggie dreamed of attending camp as a child, but she never had the chance. She wanted to play outdoors, ride horses, and learn to swim – but these were opportunities she was never given. She is thrilled to give her children the camp experiences she never had.

Sarah and Tom love all the new activities they get to try at camp. This summer, Sarah loved making mosaics, swimming, and singing. Tom loved archery and horseback riding. Maggie shares that camp is a place where her children feel safe, well cared for, and happy. Camp is where Tom and Sarah began to feel okay about their parent’s divorce and the fact that they were homeless. Meeting campers from diverse cultures and backgrounds has shown Tom and Sarah that everyone has their own unique story, and helped them appreciate their own family’s story.

“I couldn’t ask for a better camp,” Maggie says. “It’s a blessing.” ♦
Dear Kaliyn -

Thank you so much for all you've done for me. Sometimes when you come I'm in a mood and when you bring me back to my house, I have a big smile on my face. My favorite place you and I went to was the golfing place because I got to know what you know and what you don't know. My favorite part of being with you is because I know that I can tell you things that I don't want to tell others.

Your friend,
Liam ❤️
Dear Gary,

I haven’t known you for that long yet but I have learned you are a great role model. You have taught me how to drive, we went bike riding, I went to my first Dodger game, and we went to the beach. I am 16 years old and I always thought I was too old for this program but I realized it’s not just for younger kids. I learned there is no height limit or age limit to compassion. I myself cannot wait to become a big brother and make another’s life happy.

Sincerely,

Jonathan
JBBBSLA College Scholarships

JBBBSLA offers assistance to motivated, accomplished mentees pursuing post-secondary education through three scholarship programs. The Arnold S. Nelson Scholarship Program benefits graduates of the Witherbee Wilderness Backpacking Program. The JBBBSLA Scholarship Program offers financial assistance to former mentees. The newly established Rising Leaders Scholarship Program supports former CITs and teen campers. Rewards are based on an extensive application and interview process. Students are eligible to reapply each year of their college education.

Number of kids who have received JBBBSLA scholarships: 348 since 1990

Total amount of money distributed: approximately $2 Million

Recipients attend top universities including: USC, UCLA, Harvard Law, MIT, NYU, Berkeley

100% of our students show financial need.

College Guidance

JBBBSLA believes that higher education is a fundamental component of career readiness, personal development, and financial stability. Our College Guidance Program partners with College Fit 360 to offer professional support to high school age mentees and campers. This program ensures that they are truly prepared to succeed in the college application process and beyond.

115 hours of one-on-one counseling meetings in 2017

Number of program participants

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

UCLA LUSKIN CONFERENCE CENTER
Los Angeles, CA

6:00 PM Dinner and Cocktails
7:30 PM Program
9:00 PM Dessert Reception

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