



WISESCHOOL

2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Vision

The vision of Wise School is to inspire and empower our students and their families to learn deeply about our world and Jewish heritage, to be creative, and to experience wholeness so that we can make great happen in our community, our nation, Israel, and the world.

Our Mission

At Wise School, through depth, complexity and differentiation, our students learn how to learn. Children build knowledge as they ask questions, research, solve problems, and add layers to their understanding.

Through the application of creativity, children voice their independence, expand their minds, and work towards achieving their greatest potential. Students become creators instead of consumers; they focus more on the process than the product. Students maximize their opportunity to stand out in a competitive world by looking at life through innovative lenses.

Our students experience wholeness (שלימות - shleimut), by making interdisciplinary connections through development of mind, body, and soul. We acknowledge and appreciate moments of Shalom. We recognize each student's strengths and contributions as we build an inclusive community. We honor our Jewish faith as a living heritage, begin to develop a deep understanding of and commitment to Israel, and develop proficiency in and appreciation of the Hebrew language.

At Wise School, thoughtful people inspire meaningful actions in order to make great happen through acts of Tikkun Olam (תיקון עולם - repair of the world).

STAFF LEADERSHIP *(as of July 2016)*

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Head of School

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Tami Weiser
HEAD OF SCHOOL



he Other is Me, our theme for this past year at Wise School, proved to be more meaningful than we could have imagined. Put into practice every day, students of all ages demonstrated an empathy and appreciation for working together.

Through critical thinking, we learned how to compare and contrast our similarities, and how to apply important concepts from one another across disciplines. By integrating content through our STEAM initiative, teachers created experiential learning opportunities. For example, our 4th grade students were given the task to create a prosthetic limb using math, engineering, design principles and technology. Their finished products were functional and something to behold!

It was also a year of meaningful celebrations at Wise School. We welcomed our grandparents and special guests at Midor L'dor; we welcomed our new partners and friends from our twinning school, El Harizi, in Tel Aviv; we welcomed our founding families to celebrate Founders' Day; and we welcomed our donors for an exciting groundbreaking ceremony of the Katz Family Pavilion. Off campus, Odyssey of the Mind, Debate and Lego Robotics teams celebrated successes at tournaments in Los Angeles and across the country. Even more successes were championed on the sports fields and courts. We watched with great pride as our student musicians and actors shone on the stage of "The Sound of Music" and our Winter and Spring Music Concerts, as well as at our Pre-Kindergarten Celebration. Learning deeply and being creative is a natural and integral part of our vision at Wise.

We further realized our vision this year by experiencing wholeness. Mindfulness was fully integrated into student, parent, teacher, administration, and Temple practices. Wise is more than a mindful school; Wise is a mindful community. We actively engaged in social justice, giving both time and money to support many important causes, including Beit Issie Shapiro and building a well for the Thirst Project.

Finally, this year Wise School began its first ever endowment where we raised over \$600,000 to ensure the sustainability of an exceptional Jewish education for future generations.

I have truly enjoyed my first year as Head of School. Thank you to our entire community for partnering with me in making great happen here at Wise.

Warmly,

Tami Weiser



he great Hassidic master, Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav, once taught: “It is a great mitzvah (obligation) always to live in joy!” What did he mean by this? That we should always be happy? Certainly not—he knew as well as we do that life is filled with joy and sadness, hardship and exultation.

Living in joy, however, is not about always being happy. It’s about living a life of meaning and purpose. It’s about being part of something much bigger than yourself. It’s about connecting to a heritage that is millennia old. And it’s about being part of a community that provides support, friendship, and love.

It’s what our School and our Temple are all about. Deep learning, creative thinking, mindful moments of wholeness—shalom—all for a higher purpose: making ourselves the best people we can be so we can make our community stronger and our world better.

But Rabbi Nahman taught something else about joy. The continuation of his proverb reminds us that it is “a great joy always to live a life of mitzvah!” What did he mean by this? That great satisfaction and true happiness are only possible when we commit ourselves to embracing our responsibility to bring goodness, healing, light, wisdom, and love into the world. And this is also who we are: a community that takes responsibility for one another, for our neighbors, for Israel and for all humanity.

It is a special joy—a great *simcha*—to be a part of this extraordinary place and to be your partner in providing a world-class education for our children so that they, and we, might live lives of joy, meaning, wholeness, and fulfillment.

L’shalom,



Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback
SENIOR RABBI

STEAM



What makes STEAM different from STEM? The A for ART!

At Wise School, Art is interwoven throughout all disciplines, especially in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The enthusiasm of our students, faculty and parents has led STEAM to become an important focus in Wise School's curriculum. Over the last year, Wise School's science program has continued to inspire scientific thinking amongst our young Wise scientists. We gained another experienced science specialist, Ally Coatney, and our returning science specialist, Mandy Bolkin, completed her Master's Degree in STEAM Education. Together, they worked hard to continue to align the curriculum with the Next Generation Science Standards.

A large part of this alignment was the implementation of various engineering design challenges across the grade levels that tied into the physical, earth, and life sciences. Project Studio supports the engineering component of our program. With the guidance of Mr. Meth, an ever-expanding library of building materials and an expansive workshop, this one-of-a-kind Maker Space facilitated amazing student work. Additionally, Jan Navah, our Art Specialist, was always available to teachers and students to provide materials (often recycled), suggestions for their appropriate use in a given project, and help planning ideas and challenges. The new Tyberg Arts and Innovation Lab serves as a state of the art learning space with the flexibility to open a folding wall to accommodate an entire grade to collaborate and create with Technology and Art at the same time.

In April, we hosted our 2nd Annual Family STEAM Night, where families participated in fun Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math activities. During Open House, our 6th grade students successfully presented their science fair projects, showcasing their research skills and ability to use the scientific method.



This was another exciting year for performing arts. We saw profound artistic achievements with our spring musical, "The Sound of Music". Our Spring and Winter Music Festivals included stellar performances by our students in our Primary Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Rock Band. The Introduction to Orchestra program for our younger students demonstrated the clear benefits of starting our children studying music at an early age. Our private instrumental instruction program continued to deliver expert tutelage in violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, piano, percussion and guitar.

This year, our students made bold strides in their weekly Music Innovation Lab classes. As Pre-K through 6th grade students continue their music theory education using the computer-based Music Ace Maestro program, each grade level was also introduced to our music appreciation unit giving detailed and diverse exposure to the vast history of music, the great composers of old and artists of the present day. Our 4th through 6th graders began their exposure to the guitar education unit, Rock Prodigy, an online study program each student can also access at home.



PERFORMING ARTS



LEGO ROBOTICS



Robotics, along with programming, design software and enriched curriculum, are changing the way students learn about the world around them, especially in the Tyberg Arts and Innovation Lab. In the classroom, robotics is a useful way for young learners to grapple with engineering concepts and make real world connections. Math concepts, computational thinking and engineering converge in the classroom when children are solving design and activity challenges. Wise School students use block commands to move motors and deploy sensors to solve problems and design solutions.

Wise School students proudly participate in FIRST LEGO League Robotics teams after school. Our FIRST LEGO League Team, for fourth to sixth graders, and FIRST LEGO League Jr. Team, for first to third graders, participated in regional, state and world championship competitions. This spring they brought home the Master Programmer trophy from the FIRST LEGO World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri.

PROJECT

STUDIO

Project Studio has its roots in a project-based social studies curriculum. This past year the 6th graders culminated their social studies unit in ancient Sumerian civilization by building arches that tested the architecture of the time and traveling the Silk Road in a strategic and collaborative game. Additionally, Project Studio provided enrichment to our math program with STEAM based classes, including challenging 2nd graders to think as entrepreneurs, adapt to market conditions and launch a business. From this, Wise Cacti was born. Project Studio is also home to Wise School's Odyssey of the Mind program. This past year we celebrated Odyssey of the Mind's 10th anniversary with over 100 alumni and parents, many of whom have placed very highly at the state level and some as high as third in the world!





ATHLETICS



Our Wildcat athletes completed another successful year.

We celebrated two San Fernando Valley League championships along with five finalist teams! We are also proud of the 142 4th-6th grade students who demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship while competing for the Wildcats against our independent school rivals. 94% of our 4th-6th grade students participated on at least one of our 36 teams in our competitive athletic program, which contributed to their development of mind, body and soul. We continue to expand our aquatics program by offering after school swim lessons for kindergarten through 6th grade students. Our 3rd-6th grade students had the opportunity to swim as part of their PE instructional day. Additionally, we had a new after school swim team program led by Israeli Olympian, Max Jaben.



WISE LEARNING PROCESS

In recognition of our cutting-edge instructional approach that brings gifted educational standards to every student in every subject, we were awarded the coveted 5-Star Award by the independent California Association for the Gifted. Our Wise Learning Process, developed through our partnership with USC's Rossier School of Education, is at the core of our academic excellence and continues to develop in its sixth year. Our teachers receive high-level professional development while incorporating the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) standards as defined by the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC). We believe that learning the skills of critical and creative thinking and applying them across the disciplines is essential to succeed in the unknown jobs of the future. Our students learn to identify discrepancies, problems, and ethical dilemmas as they build confidence in these fundamental skills. We organize units and lessons around big ideas in order to provide a more global perspective on the content and to allow for interdisciplinary connections. Students are encouraged to prove big ideas with examples from their own lives, current events and core content.

COMMUNITY

Our strong sense of community is the heart of our school, and the connections formed at an early age last a lifetime. Through Shabbat dinners, grade-level coffees and socials, and party book events, our families have opportunities to come together both on and off campus. These connections go deep, including multigenerational programs such as M'dor L'dor, where grandparents and family members share our sense of community. Our dedicated parent body, teachers, and administrators form the bonds that make great happen. These connections to community and Judaism, formed at an early age in our Parenting Center and Early Childhood classes, and deepened through shared experiences in the upper grades, truly enrich our families' lives.





EARLY CHILDHOOD



Wise School's Early Childhood center provides children from birth through five years with an innovative, educational experience tailored to the needs and expression of the whole child in an inclusive Jewish community. Partnered with USC's Rossier School of Education in a ground-breaking curriculum written exclusively for Wise that brings developmentally appropriate critical and creative thinking skills to the forefront, we strengthen the educational bridge to kindergarten with sound social, emotional, and academic foundations for confidence and success. In each class and at every age, our approach to education is through the lens of a constructivist philosophy, focusing on hands-on, experiential learning that sparks curiosity, fosters creativity and encourages children to think deeply, imaginatively and critically as they explore their classroom environment and unravel the challenges that arise through their work and their play.

HEBREW IMMERSION



Wise School Early Childhood Center continued our unique Hebrew Immersion program in both the Explorer and Pre-K classes this year. Scientific research in early childhood brain development indicates that children who are exposed to learning a second language between the ages of three to five are more successful in learning and internalizing that language, as well as other languages, mathematics, and music. Students enrolled in this program attend five days per week for a five-hour day. To maintain the integrity of the program, all content is taught exclusively in Hebrew by native, Hebrew speaking, Early Childhood teachers. We continue to enjoy their progress with two full classes for the 2016-2017 school year.

WPA BOARD

The Wise Parents Association Executive Board kicked off the 2015-2016 school year with one objective in mind: to make every event, whether for the students, parents, administration or extended Temple community, filled with warmth and hospitality. This is what defines a Wise School event.

With the help of dedicated committee chairs and countless committee members, time after time the WPA brought new and returning families together not simply at events, but at celebrations of our community.

This year parents attended the Havana Nights Gala, the Wise School Book Fair, the Holiday Boutique, grade level socials and party book events in numbers that far exceeded our expectations. The Executive Board continued creating special events for our parent body by organizing a guest speaker series which included lectures by Dr. Robin Berman on the "Permission to Parent", Dr. Bette Alkazian on "Raising Grateful Kids in an Over-Indulgent World", and author Amelia Saltsman of "The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen" and "The Santa Monica Farmers' Market Cookbook".

The success of all of our events not only strengthened the bond of our community, but also led to record numbers of sign-ups to chair and be members of 2016-17 WPA committees. Moreover, in May the WPA was thrilled to present Wise School with a gift of \$300,000, far exceeding our goal of \$180,000. Our gift was allocated to multiple school departments, including athletics, arts, science, and technology. We are most proud of the gifts to the Wise School Generations Endowment and the Katz Family Pavilion, reinforcing the WPA's commitment not only to the present, but also to our future.

None of our objectives could have been accomplished without the tremendous support of the Wise School administration and operations staff. We are grateful for their partnership and look forward to making great happen for many more years to come.



Evelyn Shooshani

WPA PRESIDENT 2014-2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn".



6th GRADE GRADUATES

We are so proud of our 6th grade graduates who will be attending the following schools in the fall of 2016:

- Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School
- Brentwood School
- Buckley School
- Campbell Hall
- Harvard-Westlake School
- Milken Community Schools
- Oakwood School
- Windward School



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1 At the Heroes Museum, 2nd graders celebrate the culmination of studying their heroes' special contributions to society.

2 The Debate Team had a very successful year, taking home individual and school awards at all three tournaments they participated in.



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WISE SCHOOL YEAR IN REVIEW

3 At Open House, kindergarteners impress parents and teachers as they explain and show a deep understanding of the photosynthesis process.

4 First Graders celebrating Read Across America. Every day is a great day to build a reading fort!

5 Team First Grade celebrating after the obstacle course at the Maccabi Games.

6 With the help of Mrs. Navah, the 6th graders created four wood panels with paintings of children with mirrored faces. Future kindergartners can look into the mirrors and understand our school's theme—Ha'acher Hu Ani—The Other Is Me.

7 One of our Odyssey of the Mind Teams competing at the 2016 State Tournament, on their way to an amazing fourth place finish.

8 First graders enjoying their Thanksgiving Day feast.

9 Havana Nights, Wise School's gala.

10 Our Wise School community experiences wholeness on the High Holy Days.

WISE SCHOOL ALUMNI UPDATES

Class of 1985

LEANDRO TYBERG '85 (7th) writes, "Still working in the real estate development and management field. I love working on Wise Building Committee projects. I sometimes even get to see my kids, Francesca (11) and Roan (8), playing during recess, which brings up lots of great memories. Happily married to my wife, Lori, who is also a volunteer at Wise."

Class of 1987

MICHAEL WEINER '87 (6th) is a writer/composer whose work has been on Broadway and television. He lives in New York with his wife, Wendi, and their newborn baby girl, Nora.

Class of 1988

RABBI MELISSA (FOGEL) BUYER '88 (9th) is the Director of Lifelong Learning at Temple Israel of the City of New York. She has served on numerous committees and boards in the field of Jewish education but is most proud of her newest project, serving as the editor for the CCAR's new Mishkan HaNefesh for Youth - a High Holy Day Machzor for children and their families. She lives in New York City with her fiancé, Michael Witman (Director of Family Life and Learning at B'nai Jeshurun), and her two daughters Lily (grade 7 attending the Clinton School for Writers and Artists) and Josie (Grade 3 attending PS 290).

Class of 1989

MARC ENTOUS '89 (8th) has a long history with Wise, beginning with his parents Karen and Allan Entous, who were founding members of Stephen Wise Temple. After graduating from Wise he went on to Birmingham High School and then to USC, where he graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture. Marc has been working full time at Wise for 15 years and is now the Director of Information Technology at Stephen Wise Temple. He is married to Tonia and they have three boys, Jonah, Jordan, and Jayden, who are all continuing the legacy by attending Wise School.

DANA (LIPSIC) GARFIN '89 (6th) has been married to her husband, David, since 2003. They live in Encino with their two daughters, Emma (9½) and Mia (7), and their beautiful Labrador retriever, Charlie.

ASHLEY (DANESHGAR) JOSEPHSON '89 (6th) writes "I am a talent manager representing actors and actresses at Mosaic Media Group in Los Angeles. I just celebrated my 11th wedding anniversary! Any spare time I have is spent with my two amazing kids Taylor (7.5) and Noah (6)."

Class of 1990

LISA (WEINER) FELDMAN '90 (6th) is a Psychotherapist. She lives in Encino with her husband, Josh Feldman, and their two boys, Cody (3) and Zachary (2 weeks).

Class of 1991

NICOLE (KOSASKY) MEVORAKH '91 (8th) and her husband, Etay, are proud parents to Sophia and Elijah, who are in 4th and 1st grade, respectively, at Wise School. Nicole has also returned to Wise, where she is the Parenting Center Coordinator at Wise School Early Childhood.

Class of 1992

MICHAEL KOSASKY '92 (6th) works for *The New York Times* and lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Sarah, and their daughter, Jordan (2). Jordan will be starting Wise School Early Childhood this September.

Class of 1993

JENNIFER (BERNSTEIN) SMITH '93 (6th) has been busy working at Stephen Wise Temple for the last 8 ½ years in various capacities, including B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator and Membership Director. She is currently in the role of Programming and Social Justice. For the last 5 summers she has worked closely with Rabbi Stern to help run the Stephen Wise Temple Freedom School. She also works closely with the Wise School WPA Social Action Committee in their Tikkun Olam efforts, including Mitzvah Day, the largest event of the year. Jennifer has three children attending Wise School: Avery (2nd grade) and twins, Gavin and Harper (kindergarten).

Class of 1996

LAUREN (FREEMAN) FELDER '96 (6th) most recently taught high school English at Animo Pat Brown Charter High School in South Los Angeles for six years. She is now starting a tutoring business after she and husband Andrew Felder welcomed their son, Sam, on February 19, 2015.

DAVID GUCCIONE '96 (6th) is a Sponsorship and Events Manager at PRISM (Public Relations and International Sports Marketing), a brand activation agency helping Fortune 500 companies reach their consumers through sports. David is an active participant in the Jewish Federation, attending and helping to plan various young adult focused events. He was recently awarded the 2015 Young Leadership Award for work with the Jewish Federation Valley Alliance. David is currently serving on the planning committee for the 2nd Annual Main Stage event happening later in 2016.

STEPHANIE (LIEBERT) HEYMAN '96 (6th) recently celebrated her fifth anniversary with husband, Danny. They live in Los Angeles where she is kept constantly on her toes by their two young boys, Ben and Max, playing basketball and building rocket ships.

Class of 1999

JENNA (LAM) PITSON '99 (6th) lives in Sherman Oaks with her husband, Joey. They just welcomed their third daughter, Emma, who joined big sisters Lyla (6) and Olivia (4). Lyla and Olivia both attend Wise School, and Jenna and Joey love watching their girls grow up at the Temple and School.

Class of 2000

JESSICA (LIEBERT) FRANK '00 (6th) and Adam Frank '00 (6th) got married in July 2014. Jessica graduated from Southern Methodist University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Psychology, and from the University of Southern California in 2013 with a Master of Postsecondary Administration and Student Affairs. Adam graduated from the University of Illinois in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in media studies. They are living in Encino, CA where Jessica is the Director of Student Support and Advocacy at USC and Adam is the Vice President of Digital and On Demand Sales at Lionsgate Entertainment. They are expecting their first child this November.

BRIAN FREEMAN '00 (6th) recently finished working on the second season of Hulu's "Casual," and is currently traveling the world for the next four months shooting original content for Red Bull.

ARI VOLTERRA '00 (6th) attended Wise from Mommy & Me through graduation, and then graduated from Milken Community Schools. She has returned to Wise as a teacher at Wise School Early Childhood. Ari has been teaching for six years, following in her mother's footsteps (also a teacher at Wise School). Ari lives in Reseda and loves playing music, especially guitar, which she weaves into her teaching whenever possible!

Class of 2001

IAN ANDERSON '01 (6th) went on to attend Milken Community Schools. He currently works for Assemblymember Matt Dababneh and is attending USC for a graduate degree in public policy.

MICHAEL BERNS '01 (6th) graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2011 with a B.A. in English. He will mark his 5th year in Chicago this November where he is the Editor-in-Chief of Endzonescore.com, an online football publication.

MICHELLE KOLODNY GREENBERG '01 (6th) writes, "I am currently living in Scottsdale, Arizona with my husband, Zach, who I met at Washington University in St. Louis. Since receiving a Master of Human Resources Management, I have been focused on HR and organizational development. I am currently a Global Human Resource Business Partner with Experian PLC. I love developing talent and building culture within organizations. Always open to networking and staying in touch with friends from Wise & Milken!"

NOAH STERN '01 (6th) graduated from UC Berkeley in 2012 and went on to work for Bain & Company in San Francisco and for the Office of the Quartet Representative in Jerusalem. He is now living in Cambridge, MA and is enrolled in a dual master's program at Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School.

Class of 2003

JOEY FREEMAN '03 (6th) lives in San Francisco where he works as the Chief Policy Consultant for Education and Workforce Development for California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom.

MARI KLEIN '03 (6th) writes, "I am a teacher at Wise School Early Childhood and absolutely love being back on campus. This fall I will begin my Master of Clinical Psychology at Pepperdine University."

DAVID KOLODNY '03 (6th) writes, "I am currently living in San Francisco. I attended Michigan University and graduated from the Ross School of Business in 2013. I then moved to San Francisco to work for Google. I recently left Google to launch a start-up studio named Wilbur Labs."

CARLY RADIST '03 (6th) graduated from the University of Michigan in 2013 with a degree in psychology. She lives in Chicago and has been working in the Ad Tech industry for over three years. She is recently engaged and getting married in Santa Monica in April 2017.

CAREY SCHWARTZ '03 (6th) graduated from USC in 2007 and married Courtney Ross in October 2014. Carey is an agent at Creative Artists Agency specializing in Branded Content.

Class of 2004

SARA ANDERSON '04 (6th) attended Milken's middle school after Wise. She then went on to the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. She received her undergraduate degree from UCLA and her Master of Music from the Mannes Conservatory. Sara will be singing at High Holy Days at Wise.

ELLIE STERN '04 (6th) graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (go Badgers!) in 2014. She moved to New York to attend Columbia University and graduated in 2016 with a Master of Clinical Social Work. Ellie is excited to return home to Los Angeles to begin her career.

Class of 2006

ALEX AKHTARZAD '06 (6th) graduated in 2016 from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. He currently works at Colony Capital as an Analyst.

JOSHUA WOZNICA '06 (6th) is entering his senior year at U.C. Berkeley and is enjoying all that college has to offer! He remains active in Jewish life on campus - currently serving as the president of the campus's Jewish Student Union.

Class of 2007

SAMI BERGER '07 (6th) graduated from Milken Community Schools in 2013. She is beginning her senior year at The George Washington University where she is majoring in psychology and minoring in organizational studies. She has spent this past summer as an intern for the Zoe Media Group in Los Angeles.

CASEY SCHWARTZ '07 (6th) graduated from the University of Michigan in 2011 and is an investment banker in Los Angeles.

Class of 2009

ELIJAH AKHTARZAD '09 (6th) is a rising sophomore at the University of Michigan and was just admitted to the Ross School of Business. He currently works at Fortus Properties, a real estate development firm.

DARCI ANDERSON '09 (6th) attended Millikan Middle School and then the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. She is currently at UCLA pursuing a degree in music education. She spent this past summer as a Servant Leader Intern at Wise's Freedom School, and then went to Edinburgh, where she performed in the role of "Mikaela" in Opera Posse's Carmen High.

CARLY BERGER '09 (6th) graduated from Harvard-Westlake School in 2015 and is a rising sophomore at the University of Michigan. She has spent this past summer as a Servant Leader Intern at the Stephen Wise Temple Freedom School.

Are you a Wise or Stephen S. Wise alum? Are you a parent or grandparent of an alum? Connect and tell us what you, your child or grandchild has been up to.

Kvell to us here:
Alumni@Wise-School.org

CELINE SHOOSHANI '09 (6th) graduated from Brentwood School and is a rising sophomore at USC. She is majoring in business administration and minoring in computer programming. Celine is active in various communities on campus: she is the Director of Marketing for TAMID, a consulting club for startups in Israel; an active member of Kappa Alpha Theta; and a member of the Marshall Women's Leadership Board. She worked this past summer as a marketing and product development intern at StartEngine, an equity based crowdfunding platform in Santa Monica, and looks forward to her journeys to come!

Class of 2011

JUSTIN LEFF '11 (6th) is a rising senior at Milken Community Schools where he has been very busy. In addition to being President of the Student Body, he plays varsity tennis and is the team captain. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper and he has been on the high honor roll for the past two years. Justin is on the board of Stephen Wise Temple Freedom School where he has worked for the last four summers. He is looking forward to an exciting senior year at Milken.

DANIEL WOZNICA '11 (6th) will be entering his senior year at Milken Community Schools and is taking advantage of its many wonderful offerings. He is currently serving as a first year counselor at Camp Ramah for the summer.

Class of 2012

OLIVER AKHTARZAD '12 (6th) is a rising junior at Harvard Westlake School. He has spent this past summer at the Wharton Sports Business Academy at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Class of 2014

JAKE DANESHGAR '14 (6th) is entering his freshman year at Milken Community Schools. While at Milken Middle School, Jake was nominated to participate in a national STEM leadership program. Jake is a scholar athlete and during his two years of middle school he was recognized as an exceptional athlete and leader in football, basketball and volleyball. He was awarded Milken Athlete of the year in 2016 while maintaining a strong GPA.

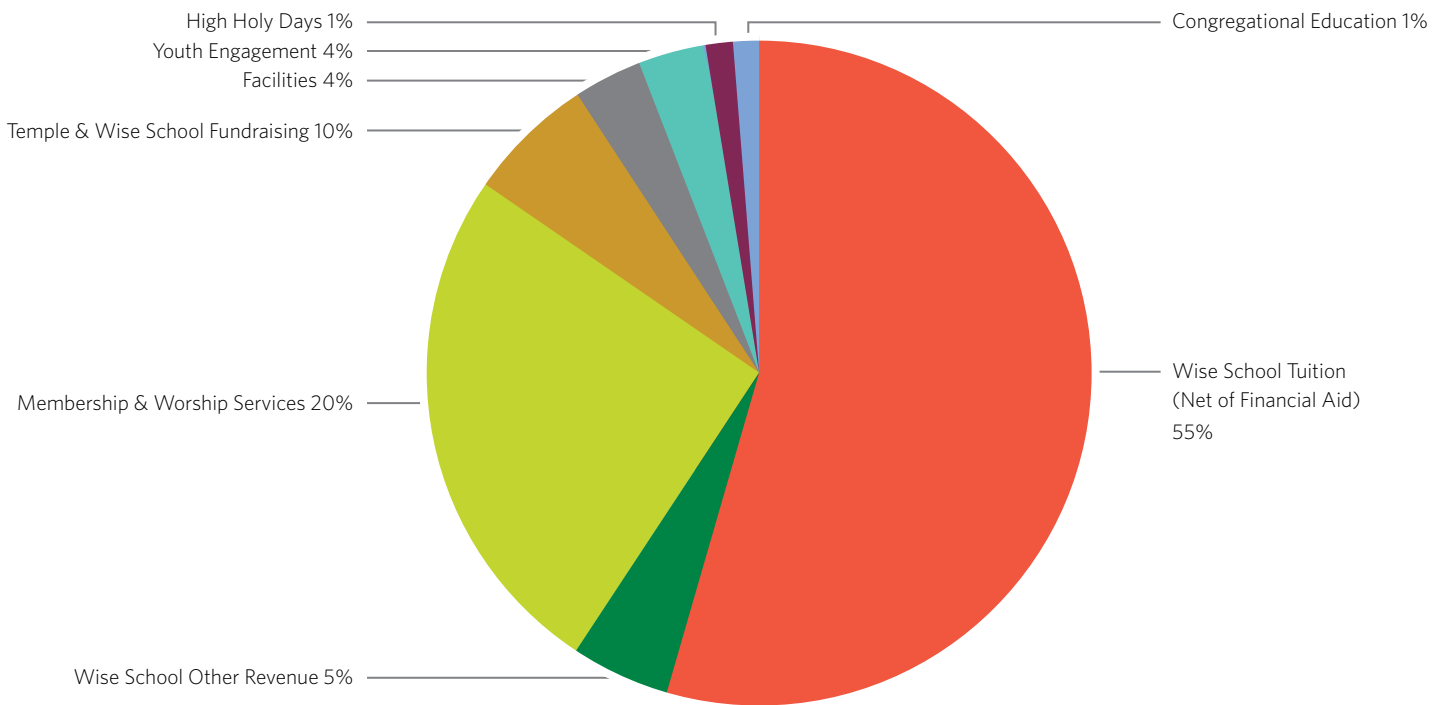
ARIELA ZWEIBACK '14 (6th) attended Milken Community Schools for 7th and 8th grade and is now a rising 9th grader at de Toledo High School. She plays club volleyball and is excited to play volleyball for de Toledo as well!

Class of 2015

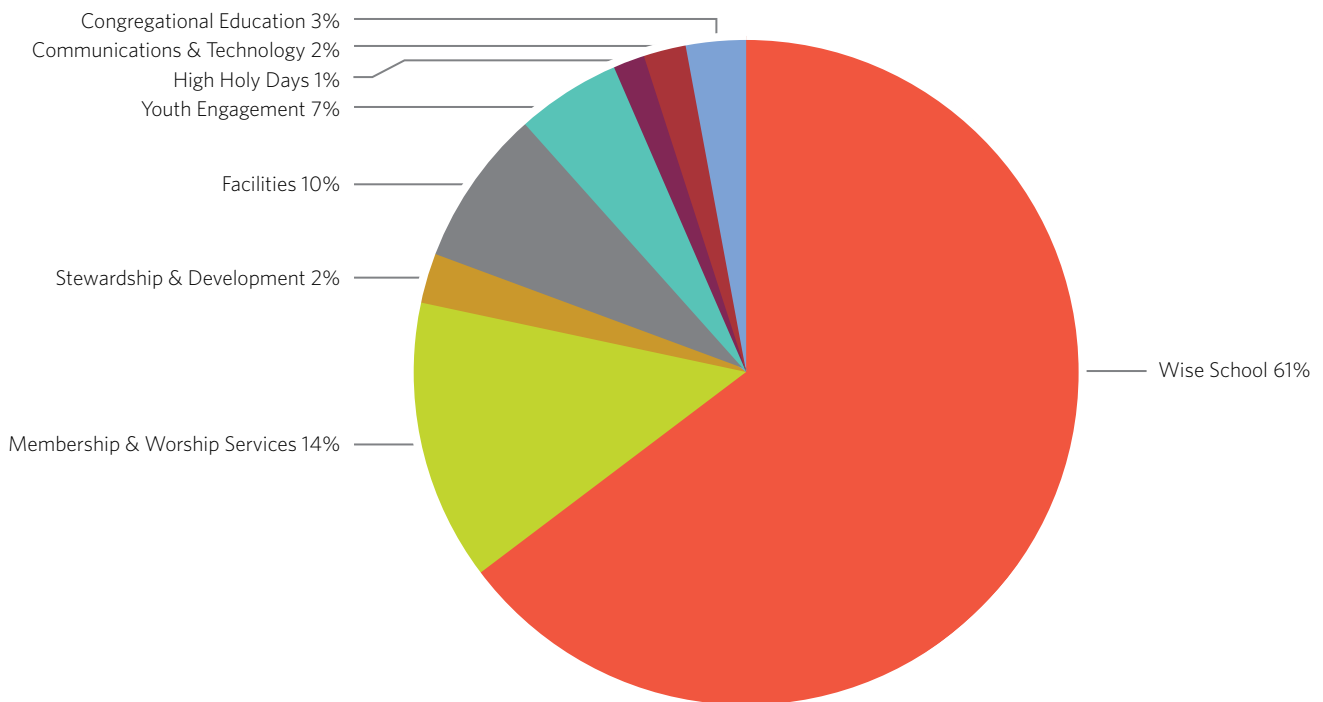
JOSHUA EHRLICH '15 (6th) is now an 8th grader at Milken Community Schools. As a 7th grader he was cast as Young Simba in Milken's performance of "Lion King Jr." Josh loves the stage and credits catching the acting bug to his experiences at Wise: Odyssey of the Mind in 3rd and 4th grades; playing the Rabbi in "Fiddler on the Roof" in 5th grade; and playing the role of Artful Dodger in "Oliver" in 6th grade.

2015/2016 Stephen Wise Temple

SOURCES OF REVENUE - \$17 MILLION



EXPENSES - \$17 MILLION



WISE SCHOOL 2015-2016 ANNUAL GIVING DONORS

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91% Parent Participation in our
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Over **1,000** books purchased
for students in Guatemala through our
Light up Literacy donations

62

trophies put in our case
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tournaments

16

students
participated in
FIRST LEGO
League competition

WISE SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

2.4 children to
each iPad in grades
K-4 (in grades 5
and 6 students have
their own laptops)

Over **800**
party book spots sold

Averaging **37.5** points
per game in an 8-game
season (including the Play-
offs and Championships),
the 6th Grade Boys
Basketball team scored
300 points total.
120 of those points were
scored on 3-pointers alone!

6 new digital microscopes in the science
lab connect to the students' laptops and
allow them to capture images for future study.

Wise Robot Count: **24** Spheros
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