



# THE HERZLIA FOUNDATION TRUST

SECURING JEWISH EDUCATION



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## MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE

### STORIES FROM HERZLIA ALUMNI

BY AMANDA ZAR

**The Herzlia Foundation Trust's vision, is to future-proof United Herzlia Schools by building the Endowment Fund to ensure that no Jewish child will be denied a Jewish education for genuine financial reasons, and that Herzlia remains an affordable Jewish community school providing educational excellence with world-class facilities. Last year, the Foundation's Endowment allocated just over R11 million to providing financial support for over 265 Jewish families. Through the work that we do at the Foundation, in meeting with prospective donors, I have come to realise that for many, donating to our Endowment Fund often feels like your generosity is going to a faceless entity.**

Many of our alumni, in appreciation of the financial support they received during their years at Herzlia, have come forward to share their personal stories, bravely articulating and extending their appreciation to the many donors for the opportunity they received to be schooled at Herzlia. Through their personal stories you will truly understand the critical importance and great need for your support of the Endowment. Each one of you has the opportunity to make a real difference in the life of a Jewish child. The impact is tangible and much appreciated.

## A BURSARY STORY

"I was both fortunate and privileged to be a recipient of a bursary from The Herzlia Foundation Trust throughout my 12 years of schooling at Herzlia. Based on my experiences at Herzlia, I really believe that receiving a Herzlia education is par excellence in so many aspects

– be it in academics, sports, religion etc. The superior method of teaching at Herzlia, together with the extra nurturing and care shown by the Herzlia staff, enabled me to achieve exceptionally high marks in matric. This allowed me to gain easy access to an Actuarial Science degree at UCT (despite it being usually so difficult – particularly in the early 1990's where South Africa was experiencing so many economic and political changes due to the transformation from Apartheid).

I really believe that the stability, comfort and challenges that I experience working as an actuary today is a direct result of the education that I received at Herzlia. Furthermore, the Jewish education that I received at Herzlia really gave me a strong sense of Jewish identity. It sparked in me the interest and love of and for the Jewish religion. It was the catalyst for my going on to pursue many years of further religious studies which I continued to pursue right up until today particularly in Gemarah (the analytical section of study of Talmud).

A Herzlia education has enabled me to integrate socially with other Jews which I think is so important. When one enters university or the workplace one is exposed to people from so many different backgrounds and religions. If one doesn't have the experience of growing up within one's cultural environment, then it's so easy to get lost within the wider community. So many times I have seen people who were not fortunate enough to receive a Herzlia education forsake their Judaism and love of Israel.

I often wonder where I would have landed up without an education at Herzlia – I doubt I would have been as successful professionally, nor as connected to my Judaism as intensely as I am or as emotionally equipped to handle the challenges of parenting without the solid and well-rounded education that I received at Herzlia.

The Herzlia Foundation Trust is really such a wonderful, worthy and commendable organisation to contribute to. It's really life changing and life enriching to all the hundreds of pupils that have benefited from it in the past and certainly for all of those pupils who will benefit from it in the future as well."

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