



THE HERZLIA FOUNDATION TRUST

SECURING JEWISH EDUCATION



Celebrating 80 years of Excellence

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Education is evolving at an astonishing rate. Geoff Cohen in his speech at Herzlia's recent AGM pointed out that the world a matriculant enters in 2031 will be very different from the world we live and work in today. Herzlia has to constantly move with the changing needs of society and this all comes at a cost. We, at the Herzlia Foundation Trust, are very aware that a Herzlia education is a privilege that not everyone can afford. We know that so many of you give so generously of your time and money to ensure that the hundreds of children requiring financial assistance can attend Herzlia.

learning challenges. We interrogate curricula from all over the world in an attempt to provide a well-balanced, stimulating and up to date educational offering. This ensures that Herzlia continues to provide a world class education and equip our pupils to be global citizens.

We have generous donors who sponsor programmes like Encounter, Sports Tours, Cultural opportunities, our Academic Extension Programmes and most recently Herzlia's fifth pillar *Menschlichkeit*. The Herzlia philosophy of not denying a Jewish Child a Jewish education for genuine financial reasons extends to all aspects of school life up to and including support for uniforms and kit.

Late last year, the Herzlia Vocal Ensemble toured Israel with the Mambazo African Male Choir, this incredible initiative was partly funded by a generous donor and the tour was an incredible success on so many levels; alumni who loved reminiscing about their days on stage at Herzlia, ex-South Africans living in Israel wanting to hear songs from Africa and of course our pupils who had the opportunity to perform on an international stage. There are so many areas where funding from our donors has

2020 marks Herzlia's 80th birthday where Herzlia will celebrate 80 years of excellence. You, our donors, need to take credit for your contribution to this astonishing achievement. As education constantly evolves, so our donors step up to ensure that Herzlia remains at the cutting edge of education.

Through the generosity of donors we built a state of the art music house with its own in-house recording and mixing studio. Donor money is also used to fund extension programmes in the classrooms and pay for staff training and development sessions on differentiation, extension and pupil support. We receive funding to boost our learning support centres whether it's for time management and planning or learning support for individual subjects.

As a proudly inclusive school, approximately 20-25% of Primary school learners across our three schools access this support, in the Middle School roughly 25%, and in High School about 40-50%, they work on a drop in system. Educational tools and programmes are developed literally on a weekly basis and Herzlia ensures that we purchase the most relevant and beneficial learning materials to ensure that our pupils can meet their

impacted on all Herzlia pupils. Capital projects like the new Gan Aviv Playground, the new play areas at Weizmann and Kerem, and during the water crisis money was used from donations to ensure that Herzlia would continue to operate regardless of Day Zero.

As a Jewish Community school, we are very much like a *shtetl*. Learning and education were the ultimate measures of worth in the eyes of the community. The *shtetl* had a consistent work ethic which valued hard work and frowned upon laziness. Studying of course was the hardest work of all. An African proverb says it takes a village to raise a child. In Herzlia's case, it takes a Community to sustain our school. As we begin preparations for our 80th birthday, we acknowledge with gratitude, the generosity and vision of our donors who continue to ensure that we have a world class Jewish Day School at the southern tip of Africa.

