



Dear Friends,

Shana Tova, happy new year to you and yours.

This time of year, is natural for reflection and we are grateful and astounded by the resiliency and accomplishments of the Jewish community locally and globally. Despite the many challenges brought on by the pandemic, our grantee partners in Jewish day schools, camps, youth programs, and communal organizations continue to serve their constituents with passion and grace. Their dedication to providing the highest quality education and programs has not faltered amidst the turbulent and often unpredictable times. We extend our gratitude and honor/kavod to the youth educators, camp directors, heads of schools and teachers for their fortitude and efforts to lead our community's youth forward.

We are proud of the progress Samis has made towards actualizing our [strategic plan](#) through key grantmaking initiatives in support of day school education and youth enrichment and engagement programs. Last Spring, Samis launched the [Day School Affordability Initiative](#) to make Jewish day schools in the Seattle area more affordable. The program ensures that families who earn up to \$350,000, K-12 tuition will not exceed \$15,000/year per child or 15% of their adjusted gross income, whichever is lower. To achieve Samis' goal of increasing accessibility and participation in high quality experiential education, the Foundation awarded more than [\\$1 million dollars in new youth enrichment and engagement grants](#) over three years, to 25 different programs across Washington State. We are honored to support these programs on behalf of Samuel Israel z'l, and in fulfillment of our vision for a thriving Jewish community.

We wish you a safe and sweet new year.

Shana Tova u'Metuka,

Eli Genauer, Board Chair

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