

When Sheri Robbins was a teenager in Palo Alto, her father suggested she join Congregation Kol Emeth's United Synagogue Youth (USY). He joked that there were "nice Jewish boys there — like Paul Robbins." Little did he know that Paul and Sheri would hit it off so spectacularly, marry (some years later!), and raise three children who are following in their footsteps, not only as leaders at Kol Emeth and USY, but also in Jewish organizations locally and nationally.

Paul and Sheri Robbins believe passionately that Jewish education is essential to the future of the Jewish people. Both of them were deeply impacted as kids by their experiences at synagogue, youth groups and summer camps. Their experiences epitomize the "ripple effect" that we so strongly believe in — Sheri's positive, formative experience at day school was a gift that she and Paul wanted to give their kids. And they did. Now their grandson is in preschool at South Peninsula Hebrew Day School, starting the same journey as his parents and grandparents.

Paul and Sheri's belief in the power of a Jewish education is not limited to a few organizations. "The more kids who get a Jewish education, the better it is for the Jewish people overall," is one of the Robbins family mantras. To that end, they are leaders in and supporters of several day schools, Hillels, and Jewish camps like Ramah. Sheri was on the founding advisory committee for Peninsula Havurah High, and Paul, while serving on several BJE committees, also served on the Jewish Community Federation's Education and Engagement Commission.



For nearly two decades, they have been dedicated leaders at the Bureau of Jewish Education. They invested in BJE's Jewish Teen Alliance when it was just a visionary start-up, and are advocates for BJE's work to re-invent Israel education in Bay Area day schools and in the community at large. In addition, they are firmly committed to making sure that Jewish learning is accessible and welcoming to students of all learning abilities, and wonderfully supportive of BJE's groundbreaking special needs Initiatives.

Anchoring their enthusiasm for Jewish life and learning is a passion for the State of Israel. Like everything else they do, they are able to articulate the big picture view — that Israel, and learning about Israel's history, culture, and language connects all of us as a people, and gives context to Jewish education.

As anyone who knows them will tell you, they are incredibly thoughtful Jewish leaders who have a big presence in some of the Bay Area's most successful educational initiatives and organizations. "Paul and Sheri make the organizations they are involved in shine more brightly thanks to their commitment, support, and willingness to lend a hand in whatever way is most needed," says longtime friend Kathy Reback.

**BJE is incredibly grateful for Paul and Sheri Robbins'
visionary commitment and support.**

**They are two of the most modest people we know, and we are honored to appreciate
their heartfelt, deep dedication to Jewish education across boundaries.**

Please join us in honoring their work and supporting the Bureau of Jewish Education.