



## PHILANTHROPY AT SAR

The Guardian Circle, SAR's major donor program, provides critical funds for delivering on the mission of SAR and enables every child to have a place at school. This group of committed families, have made Jewish education-- an SAR education-- a priority in their charitable giving.

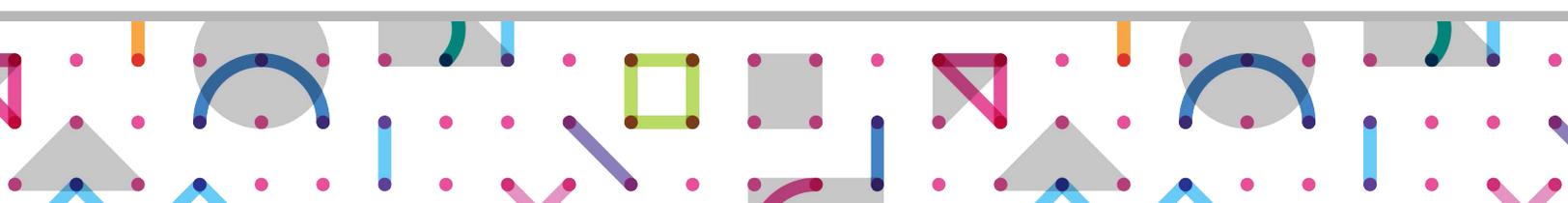
**It is the commitment and support of the Guardian Circle that has empowered SAR to move forward through this pandemic, to ensure that our children are given the best education and growth experiences possible, regardless of delivery platform, physical distancing requirements, or other guidelines that are imposed as the pandemic evolves.**

With your partnership SAR remains committed to the core values that have been the hallmark of an SAR education through five decades, nurturing the passion of each student; treating each other with respect and sensitivity; inspiring our students to become committed, concerned and responsible Jews and citizens of the world; and instilling a love for and a special connection with Medinat Yisrael.

### ONE GIFT THAT IMPACTS EVERYTHING

We ask that you **consider a gift this year that takes into consideration the surge in operating needs** of the school community due to the pandemic.

**JEWISH EDUCATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INVESTMENT WE CAN MAKE FOR OUR FAMILY--** For all the reasons you have made Jewish education and SAR a priority, we ask that you consider the urgency of this moment when deciding on your gift.



# GUARDIAN CIRCLE PARTICIPATION

**GOAL:**  
\$3 Million

## ONE ANNUAL GIFT

Your participation in the Guardian Circle gift represents your annual philanthropic contribution to SAR.

- With a gift to the Guardian Circle, your family is included in all SAR annual appeals during the current academic year.
- This includes grade level sponsorships (you just let us know where to include you!), the Anniversary Celebration, BEE4SAR Shavuot Appeal and more.
- In recognition of the investment and partnership of our donors we recognize families publicly in our printed and online GRATITUDE scroll by their level of participation. This list is published at the time of our Anniversary Celebration and in the SAR Annual Report.

### GUARDIAN CIRCLE LEVELS

KETER - CROWN	\$180,000
YAHALOM - DIAMOND	\$100,000
ODEM - RUBY	\$50,000
SAPIR - SAPPHIRE	\$36,000
BAREKET - EMERALD	\$25,000
PENINA - PEARL	\$18,000
PLATINA - PLATINUM	\$10,000

**THE NEED FOR OPERATING FUNDS is at an all time high** because of the increased costs involved in reopening-- this is our primary funding need. Gifts that support the school's infrastructure (capital) and long-term sustainability (endowment) are also appreciated. We welcome a conversation about the school's needs and your personal preferences.

## THE SAR BUDGET

**This academic year, SAR's annual operating budget is \$37 million.**

There is a significant gap between income and expenses that is atypical of our traditional balanced budget approach.

School operating revenue traditionally flows from three areas: tuition, fundraising, government service income, and endowment. The main reasons for the gap this academic year are:

- **escalating tuition assistance requests** are projected to bring the Scholarship Fund to over \$9.0 million in awards for this academic year-- a \$2.0 million increase from 2019/2020 school year.
- **transition expenses to bring students safely into our buildings** are anticipated to reach \$1.2 million-- this is inclusive of construction, HVAC modifications, health monitoring costs, and more.
- **we rolled back a planned 2% tuition increase**
- **endowment income** this past academic year was just under \$500k, the volatility of the capital markets, might cause this income to fall.

# REOPENING SAR MID-PANDEMIC:

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**SAR established the following priorities to guide the design and planning process for the return to the school buildings.**

## 1. SAFETY AND HEALTH

SAR's most important responsibility is to protect the safety and health of our students, faculty, staff, parents and its larger community. We are guided by our medical committee and the halachic principles **ונשמרתם מאד לנפשותיכם** (Be very careful about your lives, Devarim 4:15).

## 2. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

SAR seeks to utilize every tool at the school's disposal to promote excellent teaching and learning, including a mix of in-person and remote teaching.

## 3. SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH

"It's not just what you learn. It's who you become." SAR's motto reflects a commitment to the social and emotional strength of its students and to their learning experience.

## 4. SCHOOL AS COMMUNITY

While SAR cannot predict all upcoming guidelines and regulations, it is our goal to bring our community together, whether virtually or in person, as appropriate during the coming academic year.

## 5. MEETING STUDENTS' NEEDS

SAR will customize plans to meet the needs of students in different age groups. Smaller, insular groups is an important part of that strategy. SAR will take specific steps to maintain diversity of classes.

The coronavirus pandemic has put tremendous financial strain on institutions and families. SAR is mindful of costs and will pursue solutions and proposals that will not burden the school with unnecessary spending. This said, SAR believes that some changes, particularly in the areas of construction, PPE, HVAC systems, and restrooms, are both responsible expenditures and valuable long-term improvements.

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*Partner with us so that together we guard and protect what matters to us most.*



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