IBP IS A LIFESAVER FOR CALGARY JEWISH FAMILIES – A MESSAGE FROM BETH

A single mom working at a minimum wage job. A family of four newly arrived in Canada who are looking for work. A two-income couple with their children earning just enough to cover the necessities of life. What do all these people have in common? They are all determined to raise their children proud, educated Jews. However, they don’t have the resources to afford Jewish day school or camp. These three families are among those who received subsidies through Calgary Jewish Federation’s Integrated Bursary Program last year. As a result, over 100 children enjoyed significant Jewish experiences that otherwise would have been denied them.

Some needed only a bit of help; some were able to pay less than $100 for school tuition and camp. All were guided through a process that was designed to be discreet, personalized, sensitive to each family’s needs and dignity.

As IBP enters its seventh year, it is worthwhile to review how it all began and what it has accomplished.

To participate fully in our community.

Money grows on trees. Doesn’t it?

In the United Jewish Appeal campaign (UJA) to IBP, last year, the total amount available for allocation was $425,000, significantly lower than the total requested.

The adjudication committee has the very difficult job of allocating those funds in the most equitable, compassionate, and responsible way. The goal is to maximize participation in Jewish life, to stretch the limited dollars as far as possible, and to offer the applicants the most dignified process possible.

As we all know, it is expensive to be Jewish. For middle-class families, even those with a reasonable income, finding close to $10,000 per child for Jewish day school education is a struggle. In an ideal world, we would be able to support everyone who applies. But we are limited by the funds allocated to IBP – and that is determined by the success of the UJA campaign. To do more, we need to raise more.

So I ask – next year, when you are considering your UJA donation, please consider how you can help more families receive IBP.

I hope you will join me in donating and in asking others to support the United Jewish Appeal. The date of the UJA campaign is March 15th.

Beth Price, Chair, Integrated Bursary Program

THE LIBERTINE

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30PM

On February 6, Hillel hosted 65 guests at Avi Shabbat at the Carriage House. This annual event throughout North America that brings together people of different faiths to share a meal and have a dialogue on faith.

Named after Avi Schaefer, this is an intimate, respectful program, which we believe is unique in North America.

So I ask – next year, when you are considering your UJA donation – remember the 75 families whose children are being brought up as Jews because of your generous support.

As the chair of IBP I am very proud of this innovative and important program, which we believe is unique in North America.

If you or anyone you know is in need of the support IBP applications can be found on the Federation website at iufa.ca. For more information contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org.
Words to Live By

"In Israel, in order to be a realist you need wait a single moment before starting to dream." — David Ben-Gurion
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