

A number of special named gift opportunities are made available for specific projects or opportunities that either ensure access to or enhance the educational experience of students at JPPS-Bialik. Whether it involves facility enhancements or investments in scholarships, bursaries or awards, or technological upgrades to keep JPPS-Bialik up to speed, the focus is



always on the students and providing them with opportunities to help them reach their full potential. We know well that the physical environment has a direct impact on the educational experience. A well-designed environment can help stimulate and support teaching, whereas a poorly designed or shabby school can inhibit learning.

JPPS-Bialik Named Special Gift Opportunities



Endowed Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Donors may elect to name scholarships, bursaries, or awards after themselves; celebrate the achievements of a friend, colleague, and teacher; or remember a loved one by naming a scholarship, bursary, or award in his or her honour. While the intentions of all past naming agreements will be honoured, from now on, the minimum required for naming endowed scholarships, bursaries and awards are outlined below:

- A minimum gift of \$10,000 is required to endow a named prize or award,
- \$25,000 for a named bursary, and
- \$40,000 for a named scholarship.

An endowment is perpetual, and only a portion of the growth will be used to ensure the present value of the capital in the future. Bursaries and scholarships provide important financial aid to help offset tuition costs for those students who might otherwise not be able to attend JPPS-Bialik. This ensures that JPPS-Bialik remains inclusive and accessible to as diverse a student population as possible, as it has in the past, in spite of rising costs. The founders of JPPS-Bialik believed in the right of every Jewish child to receive a Jewish education. It's all about our heritage.

Named Endowment Funds are recorded in the "Book of Honour" that is displayed in the lobby of our JPPS campus, in the annual Concert Gala program book, on our website, and in the annual report.

Mi-Dor Le-Dor

As many of those who came before us have done, you can set up an endowed scholarship, bursary, or award that will be in effect only upon your passing. You can do so by taking out a life insurance policy and donating it to JPPS-Bialik (the premiums are eligible for charitable tax receipts); you can make a provision for JPPS-Bialik in your will and have your estate receive some tax benefits. Each year, legacy gifts allow more students to attend and succeed at JPPS-Bialik. When you inform JPPS-Bialik of your intentions, you provide the school with the opportunity to recognize your generous support, ensure that your wishes are honoured and plan for our financial future. Also, as of now, you will be joining others who have made provisions for the future of JPPS-Bialik in the prestigious Midor L'dor Society and receive a certificate of membership as well as having your name inscribed in the "Book of Honour."

JPPS



GYMNASIUM AND RECEPTION AREA

These two adjacent spaces have been recently refurbished. A fresh coat of paint as well as new doors, storage, and lighting upgrades have transformed the area. The stage is now equipped with extension platforms and a separation curtain. The spaces serve multiple purposes, including physical education, drama, extracurricular activities, chagigot, and a meeting place for the Home & School Association, Town Hall, and staff—and the list goes on. Situated adjacent to the front main lobby, the gymnasium is a focal point of attraction for JPPS, as it should be for any educational facility. It

speaks to the quality of all of its facilities and the importance allocated to a healthy body, healthy mind. From an early age, a comprehensive physical education program helps our students develop the skills and attitudes they need for a life-long commitment to making educated choices for healthy living. A visually appealing and safe environment for physical education is the starting point for any physical education program. Student participation in the physical education and other extracurricular leadership team-building activities taking place in the gymnasium ensure from the outset the development of a student's committed participatory role in the life of JPPS. In other words, it translates into strong academic performance! Naming of these two spaces will be available for an investment of \$150,000. The donor's name will be incorporated above the two new doors to the gymnasium in the lobby.

MUSIC PROGRAM

JPPS's choir has grown, wowing audiences at the Zimria, JPPS' Bertha and Nathan Gillman Music Festival, and the annual Concert Gala, not to mention the JPPS graduation ceremony. It is from this strong foundation that a full-fledged music program must grow. Let's introduce our children to the world of music and expose them to instruments they may never have touched, beginning with recorders, xylophones, and a variety of percussion instruments. The smiles on their faces are reason enough, along with the well-known fact that students involved in music at an early age excel at all other subjects, especially mathematics. With a modest \$35,000 investment, JPPS students will be equipped for a small band. The timing is right as it coincides with an increase in the program from 30 to 60 minutes per week. Support of the Music Program at JPPS will be recognized on a plaque in the music classroom.

LOCKERS BY THE DOZEN

Beginning with grades 4, 5 and 6, on the top floor, followed by grades 1, 2 and 3 on the main floor, all 60 or so lockers on each floor are in dire need of being replaced. These lockers shared by the students and some dedicated for teachers' use near their classroom are both practical and critical to students' learning to take responsibility for their personal belongings. To replace a floor of lockers the cost is \$10,000, for which we are prepared to offer the naming, with a wall-mounted plaque recognizing the donor on that floor.

A KOZY CORNER

How can we deny a child the reward of reading? At JPPS, students win their "down time" in the library, where they sit on the floor or at a table, poring over their favourite books—in four languages, English, French, Hebrew, and Yiddish. The least we can do is to provide them with comfortable setting, new carpeting, comfy furnishings, and a pleasing-to-the-eye décor. The librarian has set aside a 7 x 9' area for the cozy corner, which is just waiting for a donor to make it a reality. A wall-mounted plaque will recognize a donor at the \$5,000 level.

LAPTOPS FOR GRADES 4, 5 & 6

Three lockers, each holding approximately 20 to 25 laptops, are strategically located close to the Grade 4, 5 and 6 classrooms, equipped with special alarm codes and accessible to all teachers who reserve them! By the time students reach Bialik's Cycle 2, they will have their own laptops; in the meantime, a measured introduction to using the laptop begins at the earliest levels. Unlike the static, cumbersome desktops located in dedicated classrooms, laptops travel to the classrooms where and when needed. A continual program of renewal, and therefore, the purchase of replacement laptops, is planned, which for 20

laptops can cost upwards of \$40,000. Nevertheless, a naming opportunity of a laptop locker (which will also be refurbished in the process) will be made available for \$10,000 and remain there for at least three to five years, after which the donor's name will move to a wall-mounted plaque in an appropriate school location.



ADOPT A JPPS CLASSROOM!

Equipped across the board with new whiteboards, desks, and chairs, a number of our classrooms are just waiting for a patron! In fact, once adopted, we will bring the classroom up to the 21st century by adding new cork flooring (good for our greening campaign, since it is a renewable resource), replacing the 1950s linoleum, and adding new cupboards, shelving, and blinds, fitting, as we already have, the SMARTBoard and LCD projector in place! Memorializing a loved one or a former teacher is within reach, at \$100,000. There are a limited number of these classrooms available.

JPPS TILES AVAILABLE

An opportunity to commemorate a loved one who has passed away or pay tribute to a special person is available, as it has been in the past. As you descend the staircase to the gymnasium lobby at JPPS, look up! Each tile is available at a cost of \$1,800, or half a tile for \$1,000. This is a tangible way to carry on the legacy of a loved one and also a significant source of support for JPPS.

Bialik High School



TEAM BUS

Bialik Bulldog team athletes who compete in the JISA (Jewish Interscholastic Sports Association) and GMAA (Greater Montreal Athletic Association) circuits have demonstrated that they are worthy of our support. Basketball is fast becoming a core sport, with teams at all levels winning medals. Just as uniforms help to engender that team spirit that leads them to the championship games, a bus with a capacity to get a team to an outside game and carry their equipment is essential. The outlay of small change on an ongoing basis for taxis (not to mention the risk of students going astray) cries for investment in a vehicle for Bialik. It makes “cents!” After all, you see other smaller

independent school buses proudly carrying the schools’ names, and more often than not, the donor’s name. It’s high time for Bialik to have one to call its own, and to have a team travel as a team. This opportunity that offers significant visibility in the Montreal area for both Bialik and the donor is available for \$50,000.

LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTRE

A centrally located state-of-the-art library/media centre is an essential resource for any school. While Bialik’s Leo Roskies Library benefited from some refurbishment in the course of the school’s recent expansion, including new paint and carpeting, more is needed to ensure that it is a key resource for students. For a relatively modest investment of \$50,000, Bialik’s library will be updated to reflect the increase in on-line reference and research resources. Bialik’s librarian therefore envisions flexible study areas to facilitate both group and individual study, with new furnishings for computers, storage and displays. Recognition of the donor’s support will be made on a plaque prominently displayed inside the entrance of the library.

E-LIBRARY COLLECTION

While books are still essential to a library, students now find the answers they need online from more than 2,000 full-text magazines, newspapers, reference books, and transcripts, plus thousands of pictures, maps, web links, and other audio/video resources. Bialik’s Leo Roskies Library subscribes annually to this database costing more than \$2,500 per year. For \$10,000, recognition of a donor’s support of this incredible resource will be made on the library website, for a five-year period at which time, the donor’s name will move to a wall-mounted plaque recognizing donors’ cumulative support of the library.

ADOPT A BIALIK CLASSROOM!

Equipped across the board with new whiteboards, desks, and chairs, a number of our classrooms are just waiting for a patron! In fact, once the classroom has been adopted, we will make it truly state-of-the-art with the addition of a SMARTBoard and an LCD projector. Memorializing a loved one or a former teacher is within reach, at \$100,000. There are a limited number of classrooms like this available.

LAPTOP CARTS

Three mobile laptop carts carrying 20 laptops each are dedicated to serve Bialik’s Cycle 1, that is, 250 students in grades seven and eight. By Grade nine, each student will have his/her own. Grades seven and eight students and teachers have the opportunity to reserve their laptop for a classroom activity as required. As with any new technology, a continual program of renewal is planned, and therefore the purchase of replacement laptops, for 20 can cost upwards of \$40,000. Nevertheless, a naming opportunity of the laptop cart will be made available for \$30,000 and remain on the cart for at least three to five years, at which time, the donor’s name will move to a wall-mounted plaque in an appropriate school location.

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SMARTBoards

Six of the 22 SMARTBoards already in place at Bialik have been named thanks to the hard work of the 2004-2005 Bialik Fundraising Committee, the Class of 1995 and the Class of 1981. We need sixteen more SMARTBoards. Capturing the computer screen on a white-surfaced board, SMART Boards respond to the touch of a finger as well as to digital ink markers. And, any notes written on the boards can be saved for later use. Combining the simplicity of a whiteboard with the power of a computer, they are fast becoming an indispensable tool for teachers to engage students in the classroom. For students, it literally means “learning at their fingertips.” Interactivity is taking on a whole new meaning!



The SMARTBoards will carry signage along the bottom edge to clearly recognize the donors. This “engaging” opportunity will be made available for the actual cost of the purchase and installation of a SMARTBoard, that is, \$6,000.

A JEWISH LEARNING LAB

What every pluralistic quadrilingual school needs—a Jewish Learning Lab! Multi-purpose and technologically state-of-the-art, the space (a renovated classroom) would be dedicated to students’ experimental, hands-on learning of all things Jewish. It would provide a much needed home for our Sefer Torah, which is requiring new “clothes,” a cabinet or ark for its safe-keeping and a readers’ table (both with artistic design input from our students). We would also have dedicated cabinets for the students’ Siddurim. As such, synagogue (both “about” and “how to”) learning comes on-site. Together with a SMARTBoard and language lab facilities with laptop hook-ups, key activities of Jewish world exploration like video conferencing and “skyping” with schools in Israel will be a piece of cake. It will be a venue where minyan of every variety will take place and even Karaoke in Yiddish. As such, it will be in high demand when Tanach, Hebrew, Jewish History, and Yiddish are being taught. A specialized dedicated space, Bialik’s Jewish Learning Lab will be available for naming at \$150,000.

NEW BIALIK INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NERVE CENTRE

Students and teachers do most of their work on laptops, using the wireless network that covers the entire building. Technology is truly any time and anywhere. When they require technical assistance, scans, colour printing, video editing, and other audiovisual needs met, students come to a classroom that has been converted into a computer lab. Long overdue renovations are required to better accommodate both the students’ and the teachers’ needs in terms of adequate work and office space; computer stations; secure and cooled storage areas, especially for our servers; a sound booth; and improved ventilation and lighting so that the IT Nerve Centre can be truly a state-of-the-art “pedagogical environment” where students and teachers are learning to use high-end equipment for specialized tasks and troubleshooting and problem solving with the help of technical support personnel.

This support is not only to fix problems but also to educate the student-teacher clients on responsible use and problem solving so that problems do not recur. There is also interest in setting up a student technician program, something that the space does not allow for currently. JPPS-Bialik is renowned for its use of state-of-the-art computer technology, and yet, Bialik, where the wireless network is administered and confidential data stored, is clearly lacking this technical support facility. Serving more than 600 students, faculty, and staff, it is in great need of being renovated. Naming of this facility, Bialik’s New It Nerve Centre, is available for the projected cost of renovation, \$150,000.

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BIALIK'S FIELD OF DREAMS

Bialik's existing field now pales in comparison to Bialik's new Athletics and Performing Arts Complex. In need of an overhaul and updating, the field has been neglected to the point where safety is becoming a concern, and it no longer corresponds to the athletics program requirements. A track in disrepair will be removed to allow for either a regulation-sized soccer or football field. The space available will be maximized with installation of a new fence, and a wireless scoreboard, stands or bleachers, and lighting will all be part of the package. Recognition of the donor, together with the JPPS-Bialik crest, on the scoreboard will be available for \$250,000.

PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS

Bialik's original gymnasium also needs to keep up with the professionalism of our new Helen and Sam Steinberg Gymnasium where the basketball backstops are concerned. These would consist of four glass, ceiling-mounted backstops that can be winched away when the gymnasium is used for other events, a far cry from the antiquated wooden backstops being used today. With the development of basketball as a core sport, it is important that we provide the necessary equipment. Available for naming at the cost of acquisition and installation, \$35,000, recognition of the donor's support will be made on a plaque prominently displayed inside the gymnasium.

A NEW ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTRE FOR BIALIK HIGH SCHOOL

"All students can learn and succeed but not on the same day in the same way." *William G. Spady*

At JPPS-Bialik, we appreciate that every student learns differently. At the same time, we are keenly aware that catering to students' individualized needs through an academic support program requires allocation of a great number of resources at substantial costs. These costs are partially borne by the parents of the users. Together with community support, including that from the Bronfman Jewish Education Centre, we absorb the entire cost into the operating budget of the school. What is well beyond the capacity of our operating budget is investment in our facilities. They are in dire need of renovation and updating in order to support additional programs and enhanced instruction. These will include acquisition and installation of:

- a SMARTBoard
- 10 new computer work stations
- furniture, desks, chairs, tables, lighting
- Kurzweil 3000 educational systems software and licenses for struggling readers
- a general refurbishment of the area

By contributing \$150,000 for the Centre's naming, you are in essence helping underwrite the transformation of Bialik's Academic Support Program for the direct benefit of students experiencing difficulties – ranging from cognitive delays, anxiety disorders, Tourette's syndrome, hearing and speech impairments, attention deficit disorders and dyslexia – each requiring more individualized attention in order to succeed academically at Bialik.

LEADERSHIP COUNTS

A number of naming opportunities remain available from Bialik's Expansion Campaign. They include:

The Athletics and Performing Arts Complex	\$750,000
"Our space" student lounge adjacent to cafeteria	\$125,000
Fourth floor student lounge.....	\$125,000
State-of-the-art stage facilities	\$125,000
Fourth floor state-of-the-art classroom (room 404).....	\$100,000
Mezuzot in honour of/in memory of ____, starting at	\$ 1,800