
YALDEINU ANNOUNCES 2012 SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO GREEK AND TURKISH STUDENTS, CAMPERSHIP GRANTS TO ISRAELI CHILDREN

TORONTO – October 30, 2012 – Yaldeinu, a charitable organization dedicated to providing formal and informal Jewish education to children and young adults in the Diaspora and Israel recently announced its 2012 scholarship and campership grants programs.

Working in partnership with the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), Yaldeinu has provided scholarships for children whose families are unable to attend due to the rising cost of Hebrew day school tuition in Athens and Istanbul. “Through continuous consultation with our JDC partners, we came to realize that these communities would benefit from our assistance and that they are closely aligned with our mandate to provide high-quality Jewish and secular education in struggling communities abroad” said Michael Etedgui, Yaldeinu’s Founding Director.

“The news that funding from Yaldeinu will provide scholarships for students at Ulus Ozel Musevi Lisesi in Istanbul during the current school year was warmly received by the Jewish community,” said Robert Filiba, the school’s Executive Director. “The School Board expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Yaldeinu for providing such critical support to needy students,” added Filiba.

“Once again, Yaldeinu has provided funding which will allow students to attend Hebrew day school. This year funding was urgently required for the Athens Jewish Community School and Yaldeinu was more than willing to help,” said Solly Kaplinski of the JDC in Jerusalem. “Yaldeinu’s funding is used for the sole and direct purpose of providing financial aid to send children to school in our communities,” added Kaplinski.

In addition to its scholarship grants, Yaldeinu invited a group of children from southern towns in Israel to Camp Geshet in Ontario. The campers were chosen from a large pool of applicants because of their achievements at school and community involvement. The program was partially funded by the Canadian office of the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem (ICEJ). “We are proud to be a long-time funder of this program. These children deserve the wonderful experience they have at camp and their Canadian brothers and sisters deserve to learn about Israel through them,” said Donna Holbrook, ICEJ’s Executive Director.

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About Yaldeinu

Yaldeinu (Our Children) is a grassroots charitable organization dedicated to preserving the traditions and ideals of Judaism by providing formal and informal education to a myriad of Jewish children in various parts of the world. Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, Yaldeinu’s activities are divided into two categories: Jewish day school education and Jewish camping.