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JYL PROGRAMS

Westboro Jewish Montessori Preschool

This past year has been an amazing year of growth for the WJMP. The school is operating at full licenced capacity and maintains a waitlist for acceptance into the school. The school received a grant from the City of Ottawa to provide professional development opportunities for our staff, such as Standard First Aid and CPR-C training.

Camp Gan Israel

Our registration (number of weeks registered) increased 18% from 2014. From professional swimming lessons to art and sailing to dance, there is always something fun going on at CGI. Wood-working, sewing and Rock the Arts' puppet show were popular activities.

NEW JYL PROGRAMS: LOOK AT WHAT'S NEW!

Seniors' Health and Wellness Conference

The JYL received the 2015 Seniors Community Grant from the Ontario Senior's Secretariat to implement a conference on seniors' health and wellness for the Ottawa community. The conference, which took place on November 18, 2015, featured keynote speaker Norene Gilletz. 82 seniors were in attendance and directly benefitted from the conference.

Inter-ACTIVE Girls!

The JYL was approved for a grant for the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund 2015-2016 from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. The Inter-ACTIVE Girls! program offers weekly yoga, summer swimming classes and open swim and monthly recreational activities to women and girls in the Ottawa community. The grant was received in June 2015 and will continue to December 2016.

Friendship Circle: Sibshops of Ottawa

Through a partial grant from the Community Foundation of Ottawa, the JYL was able to start Sibshops of Ottawa. Sibshops is a patented program that provides support for siblings of children with special needs in a recreational and fun environment. Sibshops runs monthly on Sundays and began in April 2015.

Rosh Chodesh Society: Art & Soul

Art & Soul was the second course in an annual lecture series offered by the JYL. The first course was Soulmates, which ran from November 2014 to May 2015. Art & Soul explored the connection between the soul and art using Jewish teachings. Participants could attend a Wednesday evening or Thursday morning class during this seven part course, which ran from November 2015 to May 2016.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Available under Charitable Listing on the Canada Revenue Agency's Website:
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/lstngs/menu-eng.html>