

What a Difference a Jewish Day School Makes

Prospective parents as all the time,

“What difference does a day school make?” Studies show that:

#1 Jewish day school graduates express an extraordinary sense of responsibility towards helping those in need and affecting social change. They know from experience that social action is easy, it's possible and it's Jewish*

#2 Jewish day school graduates are more resistant to social pressures that lead to risky behaviors than their public and private school peers. They develop a moral compass, a sense of integrity, and the confidence to make personal decisions about what is right and what is not.*

#3 Neuro-scientific research shows that learning a second language supports academic achievement, problem solving and increased cognitive abilities. Friedel's students study Hebrew in an immersion setting, and are able to read, write and speak it by graduation.**

#4 Studies also show that people who speak two languages often outperform monolinguals on tasks that tap into executive function. Bilinguals can pay focused attention without being distracted also improve in the ability to switch from one task to another.***

*<http://bir.brandeis.edu/handle/10192/22975>

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***<http://npr.org/sections/ed/2016>; <http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22464592>